Whether you are new or returning, welcome to Christ Church this morning! We are glad that you are with us, wherever you are on your spiritual journey. We invite you to participate fully in our worship and we hope that you will be enriched and refreshed through this experience.

As used in this bulletin, hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982 found in the pew rack in front of you, and BCP refers to the red Book of Common Prayer also found in the pew rack. All congregational responses to be read in unison are boldfaced.

And if you need anything, please see an usher in the back of the church. Welcome!

10AM Morning Prayer with hymns, soloist, and organ music. David Jones officiating.
No Sunday School: SUMMER BREAK | Lemonade in the Shade following service

PRELUDE: “Liebster Jesu” BWV 730 J.S. Bach

OPENING HYMN: #440 “Blessed Jesus, at thy word” Liebster Jesu

OPENING SENTENCES BCP pg. 75
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. Habakkuk 2:20

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION BCP pg. 79
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel, as able

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The people stand
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Come let us adore him.

VENITE Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

JUBILATE Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.
THE PSALM  65:9-14

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; 
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, 
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit* 
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The people sit

FIRST READING  Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, 
and do not return there until they have watered the earth, 
making it bring forth and sprout, 
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; 
it shall not return to me empty, 
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, 
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, 
and be led back in peace; 
the mountains and the hills before you 
shall burst into song, 
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; 
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; 
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, 
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

After the reading:  The Word of the Lord.       People:  Thanks be to God.
SECOND READING  Romans 8:1-11
There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

After the reading: The Word of the Lord.  People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: #678 “Surely it is God that saves me”  College of Preachers

THE GOSPEL  Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the
cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

_After the reading:_ The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.  
The people stand  

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

David Jones

**THE OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY SOLO:** “Simple Song”  
L. _Bernstein_

**DOXOLOGY:** #380 v. 3  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people stand or kneel  

**THE PRAYERS**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Let us say together:

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
THE SUFFRAGE  Set A
Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness; Let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth; Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God; And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY
O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE
O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR GRACE
Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE
Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF OUR PEOPLE

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially for: Marsha, Wayne Juniver, Nancy Cairns, Evelyn, Rula Burrow, Baby John Reuben, Henry, Shari, Josh L, Cynthia D, Brennie, Cindy T, Donna L, Jean M, Ken G, for the safety of the children and families of St. Luke’s Church & School in Haiti, for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and for all others for whom we pray, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray together for our Search Process: Dear Lord, in this season of change, we pray for our parish of Christ Church and our vestry. Guide us that we may be patient in our discernment, steadfast in our commitment, and imaginative about our future. We look to your wisdom and companionship in our journey to find a rector who will enlighten and inspire us through preaching, who will engage us through teaching, who will encourage us to serve others, and who will motivate us to celebrate the gospel in word and deed. All this we ask so that we may all come to know the love of Christ more deeply. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.
CLOSING HYMN: #302 “Father, we thank thee who hast planted” Rendez à Dieu

THE DISMISSAL
Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God. BPC pg. 102

POSTLUDE: “Voluntary VIII” W. Boyce

Participating In Today’s Worship:
David Jones, Officiant
Mark Sullivan, Music Director

Jen Huebner, 1st Reading & Psalm
Julie Harris, 2nd Reading
Laura Raymond, Gospel Reading & Prayers

Carol Iovanna, Usher
Julie Gibson & Gabrielle Johnson, Counters
Susan & Tony Leonard, Lemonade in the Shade

The Altar Flowers are given today in honor of the birthdays of
Jamie Egan and Cici Egan, and in memory of Ian A. Neilson, David J. Camilli (Poppy),
and Mary Modarelli De Simone (Nonnie) on their birthdays during Birthday Week.

Christ Episcopal Church, on the Guilford Green since 1744
Our Mission Statement: To welcome all, to provide hope, and express gratitude for God's love and
creation, while nurturing our community and celebrating our faith.
This Week at CEC

- **TODAY after church:** Stick around after church today for Lemonade in the Shade
- **Friday, July 7th from 12-12:30pm:** Music Meditations – Come quiet your mind and feed your spirit with lovely organ music played by Mark Sullivan!

Upcoming Events

- **Friday, September 22nd:** Silent Auction & Tag Sale Preview *more details below*
- **Saturday, September 23rd:** Annual Tag Sale *more details below*

Announcements

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY:** Under the care of a cardiologist and an endocrinologist, Bishop Curry has followed orders to rest, and his medical team continues to closely monitor and treat his atrial fibrillation as well as an aortic aneurysm discovered June 16 during a transesophageal echocardiogram with cardioversion. His doctors are also conducting a variety of tests to diagnose and treat the cause of the original internal bleed. While Bishop Curry will continue to work from home in July on a reduced schedule, his doctors have approved some travel. He will continue to rest and engage in medical care during his usual August vacation. The Office of Public Affairs will share updates as they become available.

- **Newcomers:** If you are visiting Christ Church for the first time (or perhaps have been coming regularly) please fill out the Welcome form in the pew holder. We would also ask that you sign the guest book in the rear of the church before you leave.

- **Reminder:** Please wear your name tags during service. If you have lost yours and need a replacement or are a new parishioner please see Mardee Moore.

- **Home Communion:** We realize that not all of our church family is able to attend worship services in person. If you or someone you know would like to receive communion where you live, please contact the church office at 203-453-2279. Rev. Mary Anne will gladly bring communion to you.

- **Altar Flowers:** Vicky Reeve has kindly offered to help with altar flowers in Marsha’s absence. If you would like to offer flowers on a Sunday in memory/honor of someone, please email Vicky at vreeve@comcast.net. *Flowers are still needed for: July 9, 16, & 30.* You may purchase & bring them, have a local florist deliver, or offer flowers from your garden.

- **Lemonade in the Shade sign-ups:** We need volunteers each week to help serve in this fun ministry of fellowship that follows service each Sunday! We will begin hosting “Lemonade in the Shade” on Sunday mornings this summer. Just some light, yummy goodies to go with coffee. There’s a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.
SILENT AUCTION: Calling all parishioners to think about our silent auction that will happen during the Sept 22, 23 Tag Sale!! Do you have a vacation home that you could offer? Would you like to donate an evening cruise on your boat? Are you a fabulous chef that could give a cooking lesson? What about sporting tickets – do you have box seats that you aren’t using? Concert or museum tickets? Signed memorabilia or artwork? Can you provide one time landscaping services? Are you a wine collector – can you put together a wine basket? If you have something to contribute, please contact Julie Gibson or Rose Robinson or email us at churchtagsale@gmail.com.

TAG SALE – Sept. 22nd & 23rd: The Tag Sale will be here before we know it, and the committee is hard at work sorting, tagging and organizing all the items that have arrived so far. Please keep in mind that the more treasures we collect, the more we sell and the more we profit. The tag sale team will be making a large contribution to the work that is currently going on in the basement. But we want to keep our bank account healthy so that we can continue to contribute to the needs of Christ Church. So please, dig deep into your basements and reach high into your attics to find all those items that you forgot you have and thus no longer need! Please remember that we cannot accept books, electronic equipment, or upholstered furniture. Feel free to contact Rose, Elena, or any member of the team with questions. Contributions can be dropped off in the Nursery, which is accessible Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 2-6pm and Sunday mornings during church services.

CHANGE FOR CHARITY: You may now notice the big Blue Ball jar in the back of the church. We all have that bowl at home where we dump our loose change. It never gets spent or banked. Why not empty your change into that Ball jar where the money can be put to good use for the charities we all support? We will use those coins to help out our favorite charities!

FOOD BANK: Many thanks for your continued support. Gift cards to Big Y or Stop & Shop are needed to help feed those in need here in our own community. They can be dropped off at the Rectory Office or you can write a check to CEC with a note on the memo line: “Food Bank.” The Guilford Food Bank currently is in need of Tea, crackers, canned fruit (no added sugar), canned chicken, hot chocolate, 100% fruit juice, gluten free products, laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels, shampoo.

POSTCARDS: There are some lovely already-stamped postcards in the back of the church and also on the shelf at the Front Door of the Rectory. The idea for these postcards is to send a note to someone you are thinking about, praying for, and just want to say hello and “I’m thinking about you”. Please take 1, 2, or 22 and share some love with others!