



**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 18, 2021**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brandon Batson

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ –
members of God's family,
brothers and sisters, all siblings together.
There are no outsiders among us who worship,
no one has special standing or bragging rights.
For we have been brought together
by the redeeming love of Jesus.
We now join hearts, minds and souls together
in praise and gratitude!

OPENING HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Refrain

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Roseann DeGenarro

Holy God of all creation,
you have built your Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself
being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit
by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple,
acceptable to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Reverend Nicole Armstrong

**Holy One, guide us by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 2:11-22

The Reverend Nicole Armstrong

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’ – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Bauman

MUSIC

Go Light Your World

Craig Hella Johnson

There is a candle in every soul,
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings fire;
Ignites a candle and makes His home.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness;
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle, and go light your world,
Take your candle, and go light your world.

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness;
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it;
Take your candle, and go light your world,
Take your candle, and go light your world.

INVITATION TO GIVE

Judy Diehl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ben Jordan, Nancy Deabler, Billy Taylor

Since God calls us to offer up the world's concerns
in petition for others,
we pray for the church, the world, and those in need.
Blessed are you, sovereign God:
you do not abandon what you have created
but continue to make your grace known among us.
We thank you for those you have chosen
to speak your reconciling word in this age,
and we pray for the faith to receive it.
You hear the cries of the poor,
you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn,
you know the pain of those in anguish,
and you come to the side of the lonely.
Call your church to compassion and service.
God of dreams and visions,
Make our hearts your home.

Blessed are you, God of peace:

you call us to make hostilities cease
and to place our trust
in the One who bears us up
in a spirit of peace.

Give comfort and courage to all refugees.

Raise up peacemakers among all peoples
and confound those who place their fortunes
only in violence.

You desire that all be one.

Erase prejudice and class divisions,
bring strength to those who are persecuted,
and heal those who believe that falsehood and destruction
is the path of righteousness.

God of dreams and visions,

Make our hearts your home.

Blessed are you, God of transforming love:

We pray for our nation,
our president, governor and mayor,
and all others who wear the mantle of public authority.

Grant them wisdom to know
that justice, mercy and humility
are the bywords of good government.

And may all citizens strive ever harder
--even ourselves--
for the sake of the common good of all.

Turn us to your ways.

Make us bold to love as you love.

Increase our passion for what is good and true.

Inspire us with the witness of those
who have gone before us,
especially those we now name in our hearts:

...Silence...

their faith shines through the ages
and illumines our forward path
to your embracing arms.

God of dreams and visions,

Make our hearts your home.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Bauman

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Bauman

And now friends,
go out among the outcast and the grieving,
and speak the word of life and hope.
Do not fear, but trust in God's word.
Watch for the Lord with eager expectation,
and be generous with all God has given you.

And may God respond to your every cry with mercy;
may Christ Jesus take you by the hand and lift you to life;
and may the Holy Spirit build you up in faith, in speech,
in knowledge, in passion and in love.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

CLOSING MUSIC

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

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UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

Remember to visit christchurchnyc.online/events for access links to all of our events & services.

IN PERSON SERVICES! Sundays at 10am. We are happy to announce that we are reopening for in person Sunday Services on July 18th. We will have one service at 10:00am that will feature music, communion, and a message. No reservations required. Masks recommended.

AFTERNOON IN THE PARK- Sunday, July 25th at 12:00pm. Everyone is invited to meetup in Central Park, **July 25th**, at noon after church! Children & Families Ministry will be hosting and there's a day full of fun, games, and crafts for all ages! **Join us from 12-2pm, in Sheep Meadow**, for fellowship and fun games for kids and adults! Bring your blankets, your snacks, and your joyful energy, and we will see you in the park! For more information or questions email Rev. [Nicole Armstrong](mailto:Nicole.Armstrong@christchurchnyc.org) at nicole@christchurchnyc.org

CHRIST CHURCH WASHINGTON HEIGHTS WORSHIP SERVICE - Sundays, 12:00pm. Join Pastor Mickey Correa for a live, bilingual, Zoom service every Sunday morning at 12 noon featuring scripture reading and an inspiring message.

SOCIAL WORKER NEEDED- Nido de Esperanza serves families in need in the Washington Heights community- meeting needs with food, support services, virtual ESL classes and much more. Currently Nido is looking to hire a great bi-lingual social worker as well as an early childhood coordinator? If anyone knows of a great candidate, please have them contact me at holly@nidodeesperanzanyc.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS - We have a Prayer Team praying over prayer requests each week. If you would like to join the Prayer Team or submit a prayer request, please email amelia@christchurchnyc.org.

MORNING PRAYER - Daily, Monday through Friday, 8:00am. Everyone is invited to join the Christ Church family for a short time of prayer and reflection each morning.

WEDNESDAY MEDITATION- Wednesdays, 12:00pm. Gather together for a mid-week, mid-day time of spiritual reflection and prayer.

SHARING TABLE OUTREACH - Our outreach meal program, Sharing Table, serves weekly on Sundays! If you are interested in helping with a range of tasks including sandwich prep, bag packing, distribution, line monitoring, and cleanup please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.