

The Canticle

Christ the King Episcopal Church, 6490 Carr Street, Arvada, CO 80004

July 2020

On-site Worship Begins Outdoors July 26, 9:00am

As we've watched the numbers of COVID 19 infections drop over the last two months, and the rate of infection stabilize, the Vestry has decided that we will try to bring worship on-site at the end of this month. We will have just one Morning Prayer service, with a maximum of probably 30 people present so that we can maintain adequate social distancing—and still be in the shade!



You will need to sign up to attend, either online or by calling the office (303-424-5288); an invitation will be sent out at least 10 days in advance. Masks will be required for the entire time that you are on the Christ the King grounds, and we also ask that you bring your own chairs. If the infection numbers change significantly in the next few weeks, we will postpone on-site worship.

Zoom Worship Time Changes to 10:15am Sunday, July 26

We will continue to offer worship on Zoom, so that those who would prefer to remain at home can do so. Updated links and phone numbers will be sent out as needed.



Open Offering for July The Community Table

The Community Table, formerly the Arvada Community Food Bank, provides more than just food for individuals and families—and it extends services beyond Arvada. The Bridges to Opportunity program offers support for people working toward self-sufficiency, and this assistance is available to people in parts of Westminster, Wheat Ridge and Golden. Families to

self-select the groceries they need, including fresh fruits and vegetables, and throughout the school year, volunteers prepare extra food for students in several area schools. Food is also being distributed through the schools this summer.

Interfaith Drive-Through Food Drive Saturday, July 25

The shelves are bare at The Community Table, due to increased demand during the COVID 19 pandemic. Church of the Latter Day Saints is sponsoring a drive-through food drive to help alleviate some of the shortages. Groceries will be re-

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CTK Vision Statement:

We believe that God is calling Christ the King to create a spiritual home where

- * *We center ourselves in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*
- * *We build connections among our members and our neighbors, and*
- * *We join with our neighbors in caring for our community and God's world.*

Worship Services

Sundays, Holy Eucharist
7:45 and 9:45 a.m.

Fridays, Morning Prayer
7:00 a.m.

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moved from your trunk by volunteers (all wearing masks), who will pack and deliver the food to The Community Table on July 27.

Information on drop off locations and times will be shared as soon as it is available.

Next Conversation on Racial Justice

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00pm (Zoom)

Over the past several weeks, a group of up to 20 people have decided that they want to gain a better understanding of both the impact of racial injustice in this country and how it is and has been sustained over time. Through our initial conversations on Zoom, we have begun to share how we have come to recognize racial injustice and how we have—or have not—responded.

In our ongoing efforts to educate ourselves and then identify the concrete actions we can take, we will begin by understanding how the language we use can either help or hinder us as we work toward racial justice. Study material for this meeting will be available on our website and will be included in the weekly eCanticle.

Observing St. Martha's Day

Wednesday, July 29, 5:30pm

Over the past 18 months, Christ the King, Arvada, and St. James, Wheat Ridge, have been blessed to welcome many of the members of St. Martha's Episcopal Church, Westminster, following the closing of their building in November, 2018. And while they have been a great gift for our congregations, we know that these fellow Christians continue to grieve the loss of their own community of faith.

As a way to honor their experience, we will be inviting the members of St. Martha's to come together for a picnic here at Christ the King, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We will need to observe appropriate safety measures—bringing our own food and chairs, wearing masks (except while eating), and staying at least six feet apart from other household groups. The Rev. Becky Jones will offer the opening prayer and Rev. Becky Brown will close with Compline.

Vigil for a Better Arvada

Mondays, 5:00 – 6:00pm, in front of City Hall

What started as an impromptu gathering of people from Arvada following the death of George Floyd, has now become a regular event. Each Monday, for one hour, folks are invited to share their support for a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive Arvada by standing in front of City Hall to greet motorists as they pass by. A variety of signs are available for participants to hold, including “Black Lives Matter,” “End Racism” and “No Justice No Peace/Know Justice, Know Peace.” Many thanks to Dan and Rachel Mondragon, for alerting us to this opportunity; you can keep up by joining the Facebook group, Arvadans for Equality and Social Advocacy.

Bible Study , Tuesday, July 7, 2:00pm

We will be concluding our study of 2 Peter. Next, we will read the book of Ruth, beginning on Tuesday, July 28. No preparation is necessary; we will read the text together when we meet.

Book Study Update

We will finish discussing *The Invention of Wings* on Wednesday, July 8, at 1:30pm.

Our next book will be *The Book of Longings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. Grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her.

We will read this book during the month of July, and invite all who are interested to join us for our discussion, beginning Wednesday, August 5, 1:30pm. A Zoom link will be listed in the weekly update in late July

Memorial Garden Re-dedication Held on July 1

About 10 people gathered after our Bible Study and picnic to offer our prayers of re-dedication for the Memorial Garden, recently restored by the Climate Care Team. The garden was first planted in memory of Garry McGlaughlin, who died on May 31, 2003. After prayers for the soil and the water, we offered these words:

Gracious God of all creation, you made us in your image to take delight in the world you have made. You have given us grass and trees, flowers and plants, to brighten our lives, to soothe our minds, to restore our souls.

Today, we remember Garry McLaughlin, in whose memory this garden was first set aside and we rededicate this garden, that it may continue to be a place of serenity and peace. In your name we pray. Amen.

The tree that stands next to the garden was also planted in Garry's memory.

Many of our groups are currently meeting online; for a current list, please check the calendar on page 9. If you would like information about joining in on one of these groups, please contact the [church office](#).

Clergy Letter

“Living in the In-between”

Dear people of God,

At our most recent leadership update from Bishop Kym and her staff, these words were part of our opening prayer:

You are in this time of the in-between

Where everything seems withheld.

The path you took to get here has washed out;

The way forward is still concealed from you.

"The old is not old enough to have died away;

The new is still too young to be born."

It is getting harder to remember what “normal” life was like, just a few months ago, yet we are not yet clear about where the path forward leads. It is truly a walk in faith, unlike any I have ever been a part of.

Over the last few weeks, a number of people have been joining in the Bible studies we have offered, helping us to begin to think about what comes next. Several hard, important questions were raised:

From Isaiah 43:14-19:

What former things do you not need to remember? What do you need to not let go of to embrace God's new thing?

From Amos 8:1-6

How is your congregation serving those who are poor during this time? How is your congregation working to create a more just society during this time?

From Matthew 22:34-40

What does it mean to love your neighbor in our current context? Has it changed?

And as thoughtful as all of us were, we recognized that our answers could only be the first, tentative response in this process of adapting to the quickly changing reality in which we are now living. We've only just begun to recognize some of the steps we need to take to move into this new landscape; we haven't yet really begun to prepare ourselves for the journey.

There are, of course, many stories in scripture that describe how God's people have undertaken such journeys; probably the story of Moses leading the people through the wilderness is the most familiar. No one, including Moses, knew just how long that journey was going to take and yet, in God's time, they came to the river Jordan, ready to cross over into the promised land. And one thing we have learned in the past few months: we cannot rush forward, thinking that we know how and when we, too, will reach the river.

The story of Moses, though, also reminds us of God's providence during that time: water to drink, manna and quail to eat, and perhaps the most important gift of all, the gift of the Ten Commandments—a guide for living together as God's people. Even in this wilderness time, in-between the old and the new, there is much to be learned about how to live more faithfully as God's people. Please keep your eyes and ears open for what you see and hear; we will need everyone's wisdom as we envision our future together.

In God's peace,

Becky +

Worship and Music

**Outdoor Worship Begins
Sunday, July 26, 9:00am**

Although there are a lot of details to work out, the initial plan has us gathering in the main parking lot, where we have the most shade in the morning. This is what we can tell you now:

Yes, we will need to wear masks. No, we won't be able to sing together.

Yes, we will need to maintain social distancing. No, we will not have coffee hour.

Yes, we will be using Morning Prayer. No, we will not have communion.

Yes, you will have access to the bathrooms in the building. No, we can't have more than 30 people at a time.

Above all, we ask that you recognize your responsibility to help keep other members of our community safe when gathering for worship. We will need to record who is present, so that in case of an infection we can assist with contact tracing. If you are diagnosed with COVID 19, please let us know as soon as possible. And above all, if you are feeling sick, we ask that you stay home. As difficult as this seems, it is truly the only way we can safely begin to worship together again.

**Online Worship Continues
Sunday Morning Prayer, 10:15 a.m.**

We will continue to offer Morning Prayer through Zoom on Sundays for the foreseeable future, for we know that many folks will be hesitant to gather, even with our safety protocols in place. We will, though, need to change the time so we can hold our on-site service in the shade.

Many thanks to Andi and Jeff Smith and Michelle Bredine, who have provided music for the online service, which has added so much to our services. And remember, if you miss a service, we post these each week on YouTube, glitches and all. Please be sure to contact the [church office](#) if you need the "Zoom" link.

Handbell and Vocal Choir Hold Zoom Meetings

Keeping in touch with one another is hard during these times—and so is planning for what might come next! Members of our choirs are meeting every other week; please check the calendar on page 9 for dates and times.

Faith Formation

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Wednesdays, July 1 and July 15, 8:00 - 10:00am

We are currently reading from the book *Was God on Vacation?*, by Jack van der Geest. This month we will be discussing Chapter 10 We will be meeting through Zoom, and Tom Scholle will be sending out the link. The Zoom session will begin at 7:30am so you can get it set up if you have not used it before. Please [notify Tom](#) if you plan to attend.

Bible Studies 2 Peter - Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 p.m. Ruth - Begins Tuesday, July 28, 2:00pm

We will complete our study of 1 and 2 Peter on July 7. After a two week break, we'll begin to read and discuss the book of Ruth. Each week, we will read and discuss a portion of the text, noting what others have said about the text. No advance preparation is necessary.

Book Group

We will complete our discussion of *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd on Wednesday, July 8, 1:30 p.m. Our next book will be *The Book of Longings*, also by Sue Monk Kidd. Please see page 2 for a description of this book; we welcome those who would like to join us in our conversation.

Hospitality

Welcoming Visitors and Newcomers

As we plan to offer worship services again here at Christ the King, we will need to think about how we will welcome visitors—on Sunday morning and beyond. For the next couple of months, we will not be holding coffee hour, so other forms of “socially distanced contact” will be important. The Welcome Bags that Linda Palmer has been preparing also need to be updated and we will need help in doing so—both in deciding on the content and preparing those materials. Please contact [the church office](#) if you can assist with this work.

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch has been postponed until we can safely gather again.

Ladies' Bunco

The Ladies' Bunco is postponed until we can safely gather again.

Caring Connections

Crafters of the King Mondays, July 6 and July 20, 10:00am - 12:00noon

The Crafters of the King meet each month to share a time of supportive fellowship, while working on their individual

projects. These may be a personal project or something to be shared, such as prayer shawls for the church, or hats and scarves for the folks who come to The Rising Day Center. At a recent meeting, Crafters noted the need for more Prayer Shawls.

Our meetings in July will be held by Zoom; please contact the [church office](#) if you need the link.

St. Clare's Table
Tuesday, July 14 5:00 p.m.

Each month, the Church of Christ the King prepares and serves dinner for about 80 people at St. Clare's Table, located at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Mary in Denver. In June, we will be prepared food at CTK, putting it in plastic bags, and taking it to St. Clare's for distribution. To help, please contact [Mark Molello](#).

Breakfast at the Rising Day Center and the Neighborhood Dinner

During the ongoing health crisis, we will not be serving breakfast at the Rising or the Neighborhood Dinner.

Climate Care Team Invitation
Watch and Discuss "The Human Element"
August Dates and Times To Be Announced

Through the diocese, we have an opportunity to help us introduce you to some of the ways that humans affect our climate either the week of August 2 or August 9, the movie "The Human Element" will be available through a zoom link, at two different times. It's about 80 minutes long, so discussion groups are being organized for Wednesday night. You can either join in one of the larger groups or we will hold one within the CTK community. Here's a [link to the trailer](#).

The two movie showings will be scheduled either on Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday evenings of the designated weeks, but you can also view the movie on your own for modest rental fees. We'll make the zoom links available once the dates are confirmed.

Parish Life

Vestry Highlights
June, 2020

Reports received:

- ◆ *Finance Committee:* Bob DeLong reported that the audit committee has begun to work. The application for the Payroll Protection Program has been approved; we will still need to submit appropriate paperwork to convert the loan into a grant. The Finance Committee will meet later this week
- ◆ *Treasurer's Report:* Bob DeLong reported that both Unrestricted Pledges and Unrestricted giving were above budget, though some expenses may be underreported. This resulted in a net revenue over expenses of \$. The coronavirus pandemic has negatively impacted the stock market and our Endowment Fund; some recovery is expected by the end of the quarter (June 30).
- ◆ Bob Mickelson informed us that the water fountain began uncontrollably spraying water and the water needed to be turned off. After serving us for more than 60 years, it will need to be replaced. He and Dave Burry are looking at options for a new fountain, which will cost approximately \$1500, including installation.
- ◆ Rev. Becky reported that a number of groups continue to meet regularly on line. She has also received hand sanitizer and disposable face masks that will be available for use, once the building is open. Finally, she encouraged the Vestry to begin thinking long term of how we can adapt to living in this new environment.
- ◆ **Actions taken:**
- ◆ Approved a motion to purchase a new water fountain.
- ◆ Began reviewing plans for resuming worship services and other programs and decided to meet on July 7, at the

church, to finalize our plan for resuming worship outdoors on July 26. We will also continue to offer Morning Prayer online, though the time will change to 10:15am.

Next meeting: July 7, 7:00pm, at Christ the King

Treasurer's Report

May 2020

Total Ordinary Revenue (May 2020)	\$21,389	
Total Expense (May, 2020)	<u>\$14,329</u>	
Net Ordinary Income (May, 2020)	\$ 5,112	
Total Year-to-Date Revenue	77,949*	*Reflects Endowment Fund loss of \$18,567)
Total Year-to-Date Expense	<u>86,310</u>	
Net Ordinary Income:	\$ (8,361)	

Property (Fixers and Tenders)

Saturday, June , 8:30am

Fixers and Tenders provide basic maintenance and repair to our building and grounds; extensive experience or expertise is not a prerequisite! Your help is very much appreciated. Weather permitting, we will be working out side; please be sure to wear your mask!

Adopt-A-Plot Is Here



Do you enjoy working outside and getting your hands a little dirty? Several people have already picked their plots, including Rob and Martha Jones, Bob and Diane Mickelson, Arras Martin and Jean Thayer.

Or bring together a "pop-up" gardening crew! That's what Jean Thayer, Nancy St. Pierre, and Chris Foster did. It's a great way to enjoy being outside safely with other members of CTK,, and our gardens and plants will thank you. Weeds can be tossed into the dumpster.

Thank You.... Thank You ... Thank You ...

- To Rob Jones, who officiated at Morning Prayer while Rev. Becky was visiting her mother.
- To everyone who donated clothing and other items for the Volunteers of America collection.
- To Diane Mickelson and Jessica Starbird, for hosting our worship services.
- To all of you who are making phone calls, sending cards, and otherwise keeping in touch with one another.
- To Linda Palmer, for preparing the signs and gathering cleaning supplies so that we could safely hold our picnic and Bible study gatherings in June.
- To all the readers, MC's, and intercessors who have help with our online worship services
- To everyone who attended our picnic and Bible study gatherings. Your presence and insights help all of us as we continue to grow into our new life together.
- To the members of the Climate Care Team who have continued to tend our restored memorial garden.



Socially distanced Bible study group

Readings for July

July 5 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9)

Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a
 Psalm 145:8-15 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)

Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11
 Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11)

Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25
 Psalm 86:11-17 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)

1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-39
 Psalm 119:129-136 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Yes, You Can Buy Gift Cards!



Even though we are not gathering, you can still order gift cards from Scrip and help the church. There are several ways to do this:

1. Open your own account by enrolling online; the process is simple. You can order cards and pay for them either with a charge card or a direct withdrawal from your bank. E-cards go directly to your email; physical cards can be picked up at the church on July 30. [Here's the link](#); use enrollment code 23D7D74L55288 to create an account and get started.
2. Cards can be order the "usual" way, with a check for payment, on Sunday, July 26, and picked up on July 30.

Want a quick overview of the online process? Check out the [Ordering Guide](#) today!

June Birthdays

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of life. And we thank you especially for bestowing this gift upon these, your people. Guard them, protect them, uphold them and strengthen them for your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Karen Pedersen	July 1
Luke Nashat Fahmy	July 2
Robert Mickelson	July 3
Jennifer Andrews	July 6
Jeff Smith	July 6
Leslie Murray	July 9
Diane Mickelson	July 14
Kama Linscome	July 18
Margaret Broderick	July 20
Dave Burry	July 20
Marjorie Riske	July 25
Chris Hatfield	July 26
Charles Johnson	July 26
Warren Broderick	July 27
Bernard Craig	July 27
Ken Amidon	July 30

June Anniversaries

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of love, especially the love that is shared between two people in marriage. Pour your grace upon them, O Lord, that they may be strengthened and sustained in the covenant they share. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sandi and Harvey Knight	July 1
Jim and Marilyn Savage	July 16
Dave and Leslie Murray	July 18
Bob and Diane Mickelson	July 23
Barb and Mike Winant	July 26
George Baldini and Ada Liu	July 28

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  8:00am Men's Bible Study	2	3	4 
5  9:30am Morning Prayer	6  10:00am Crafters of the King	7  2:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Vestry Mtg.	8  1:30pm Book Study  7:00pm Finance Mtg.	9  7:00pm Music Ministry	10	11 8:30 Fixers & Tenders
12  9:30am Morning Prayer	13  7:00pm Music Ministry	14  7:00pm Executive Committee	15  8:00am Men's Bible Study	16	17	18
19  9:30am Morning Prayer	20  10:00am Crafters of the King	21  7:00pm Vestry Mtg.	22	23  7:00pm Music Ministry	24	25
26 9:00am Outdoor Morning Prayer  10:15am Morning Prayer	27  7:00pm Music Ministry	28  2:00pm Bible Study	29	30	31	

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