

The Canticle

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

June 2020



Gathering Safely at Christ the King

The Vestry is in the process of finalizing plans for when we can gather at the church. Surveys were mailed out to each household—many thanks to those who have already responded. We do need to hear from as many people as possible so that we can

make good decisions about how and when we can open the building once again.

One reality has become abundantly clear: worship will not look, or feel, or sound the same when we first return—and it will likely be many months before this is true. We will all need to be wearing masks, all the time, along with consistently maintaining a minimum of 8 feet between household groups. There will be no congregational singing, no exchange of the peace, no communion, no coffee hour and only a limited number of people at one time.

I also invite you to think about gathering for something other than Sunday morning worship. We could start with a series of small (up to 10 people), socially-distanced picnics (sorry, no potlucks), an evening midweek prayer service outdoors, an outreach project, or a study group. For even though worship is at the center of our life together, it is not the only way that we are called to be the body of Christ in the world.

Parish Surveys Due Date Extended to June 8

As we continue our planning for how we reopen our building, please return your survey to us by June 8. Thanks for your help!!!

Statement from Bishops in Colorado

Bishop Kym Lucas, together with Lutheran Bishop James Gonia and United Methodist Bishop Karen Olivetti join their voices to mourn and grieve with those who have experienced the trauma of persecution, violence, suffering, and death. You can view the video [Together We Join Our Voices](#) here.



Follow Up Conversations

During and after our service on Sunday, May 31, a number of people expressed concern about the ongoing events that have followed George Floyd's death on May 25, along with a desire to continue to talk about some of the issues that were raised. (A link to the video of that service will be emailed to our contact list.) As a beginning point, I invite you to listen to the following words from Dr. Otis Moss, III, Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. The first is a spe-

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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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cial message, offered on Sunday, May 31; the second is a sermon preached on Sunday, May 17 (sermon begins at 42:15).

[When Is Someday?](#)

[The Cross and the Lynching Tree: A Requiem for Ahmaud Arbery](#)

For those who are interested in beginning their study this month, you can join in a special two-part Master Class, The Call of This Moment: An Anti-Racism Workshop, led by the Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Pastor of the Middle Collegiate Church, New York City. This online class is offered Wednesday – Thursday, June 17 and 18, from 5:00 – 6:30pm; registration is \$20 ([click here to register](#)). Many thanks to Dan Mondragon for recommending the presentation and sermon from Dr. Moss and the workshop from Dr. Lewis.

There are, as it turns out, a lot of resources for us to use as we begin this conversation. Rev. Becky is looking for two to three people who would be willing to help review and recommend resources for us to use. In the meantime, please contact her with particular questions or concerns you would like to see us address. ([Rev. Becky](#); 303-424-5288).

***The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd**
Book Discussion Begins on Wednesday, June 3, 1:30pm

We'll be reading a novel this time, a story about two women, one a slave and the other the daughter of a plantation owner. This book explores the challenges both women face as they struggle to determine their own futures. We will meet next on Wednesday, June 17, and discuss Parts II and III. Please [contact the office](#) if you would like the Zoom link.

Bible Study on 1 and 2 Peter
Begins Tuesday, June 9, 2:00pm.

Although both of these letters bear the name of the apostle Peter, scholars debate who actually wrote these texts. They do provide, however, a picture of the challenges the early church was facing—and how people faced those challenges. For these studies, we read the text, learn a bit about the context in which it was written, and discuss how it helps us to better understand our Christian tradition.

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

Open Offering for June
Gifts for 2020 Arvada High School Graduates

Each year, a number of seniors who have completed their course requirements are unable to graduate because of unpaid fees. These may include fees for class items, athletic participation, lost library books, graduation, choir costumes, performing in the musical cast, or lost Chromebooks. (The cafeteria deficit was already covered by another donor.)

Uncollected balances are transferred as a student progresses through the school system. As many of these students have qualified for free or reduced lunches, it can be difficult for their families to cover the accumulated costs - especially this year. Thank you for assisting our 2020 high school graduates in this way.



June Collection for Volunteers of America

This month, we will be setting out bins to collect clothing for men, women, and children, along with toiletries and towels for distribution to families in shelters or transitioning into more permanent housing. Bins will be set out beginning June 8, from 9am to 1pm, Monday through Thursday. For more information about the work of VOA, please check [their website](#).

Memorial Garden Restoration Project

On Saturday, May 30, six members of the newly formed Climate Care Team completed their first project: restoring the



Memorial Garden just below the entrance to St. Nicholas Chapel. The team chose perennial plants that would attract pollinators and use a minimum of water. These plants will all spread over the next few years, filling in the space.



Team members (from left):

Molly Foley-Healy, Jessica Starbird, Jean Thayer, Jim Atkinson, and Larry Healy; Cathy Atkinson is not pictured. Special thanks to Molly and Larry for their generous donation of the plants. (Additional pictures are on page 7).

Clergy Letter

“Where Do We Go From Here?”

Dear people of God,

Only two weeks ago, the biggest concern that we had to address was when we might begin to reopen our church buildings. But the events of the past 10 days have brought into sharp focus the larger question of how our nation will respond to the death of George Floyd and the ongoing protests that have emerged all over the country.

We’ve known that the Covid 19 infection and death rates for communities of color are well above those of white communities, reflecting long-standing racial inequities in health care, housing, and employment. And in other times, the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery (February 23) and Breonna Taylor (March 13) might well have led to local protests. The videos documenting Floyd’s death, though, have sharpened our focus on the daily threats to the health and safety of those same people so devastated by the coronavirus pandemic.

Let me be clear. I am totally opposed to violence and supportive of peaceful protest, for as long as people feel it is necessary. But I also recognize the deep truth expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in remarks he offered following several summers of racial unrest in the 1960’s:

“I think America must see that riots do not develop out of thin air. Certain conditions continue to exist in our society, which must be condemned as vigorously as we condemn riots. But in the final analysis, a riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it that America has failed to hear? It has failed to hear that the plight of the Negro [sic] poor has worsened over the last few years. It has failed to hear that the promises of freedom and justice have not been met. And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice, equality and humanity. And so in a real sense our nation’s summers of riots are caused by our nation’s winters of delay. And as long as America postpones justice, we stand in the position of having these recurrences of violence and riots over and over again. Social justice and progress are the absolute guarantors of riot prevention.”

So the question before us is this: Where do we go from here? Where do we go as people of faith, who hear the words of the prophets telling us to "... let justice pour down like water and righteousness like an everflowing stream," who hear the words of Jesus telling us to "...love your neighbor as yourself"... who know that the Spirit is poured out upon *all* people? I wonder if we are willing to begin the hard work of healing the racial divide that has so devastated our communities, to hear the stories of fear and pain from those whose skin is different than our own?

I hope so. I hope that many of us will join in this work, learning how we can help to bring about the dream that God has for us all: to be members of a beloved community, beloved by God and loving one another. For it is only by learning to walk the way of love that we can reach this destination.

In God's peace,

Becky +

Worship and Music

Online Worship Continues through June Sunday Morning Prayer, 9:30 a.m.

We will continue to gather for Morning Prayer on Sundays through the month of June, even if we are able to offer a service here at Christ the King later this month. Many thanks to Andi Smith, who has—with the assistance of her son Jeff—been able to record hymns for our services. Please contact the church office if you need the "zoom" link.

As we learn more about what it takes for us to worship together remotely, we have discovered that speaking in unison presents some challenges. Remember grade school science? Sound travels more slowly than light, so we can see things before we can hear them. When we are reading a response, it helps to speak slowly and pause at the end of the sentence or phrase so everyone can catch up.

We have been asked to record the services and post them, so at times during the service, it will be necessary to mute all participants to improve the quality of the recording. Most services will be posted on our YouTube channel.

Thanks you for your presence and your patience as we learn something new. The Worship Team will be meeting this month to outline how we can worship together, once we have the go-ahead from Bishop Kym.

Faith Formation

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Wednesdays, June 3 and June 17, 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 8 and 9." 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 Study on 1 and 2 Peter Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m., beginning June 10

We begin our study of two short letters, written to the early church. While both are titled as "A Letter of Peter," the actual authorship is debated. 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 Study Group

We are currently reading *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17, 1:30 p.m.; we will be discussing Parts II and III. 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 is postponed until at least July. We’ll let you know when we can safely gather again.

Ladies’ Bunco

The Ladies’ Bunco is postponed until at least July. We’ll let you know when we can safely gather again.

Caring Connections

Crafters of the King

Mondays, June 1 and June 15, 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 June will be held by Zoom; please contact the [church office](#) if you need the link.

St. Clare’s Table

Tuesday, June 2 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.

Parish Life

Vestry Highlights

May, 2020

Reports received:

- ◆ *Finance Committee*: Bob DeLong reported that the audit committee is waiting to begin when it is safe to do so. The application for the Payroll Protection Program is still expected to be approved, although we are not sure of the timing of the approval process. The committee would also like the Vestry to appoint Steve Barritt and Rob Jones to serve.

- ◆ *Treasurer's Report:* Bob Delong reported that Unrestricted Pledges collected were above budget, and that the Unrestricted Giving is well below budget. This resulted in a net revenue over expenses of \$6,800. The coronavirus pandemic has negatively impacted the stock market and our Endowment Fund; some recovery is expected.
- ◆ Bob Mickelson noted that grass mowing has begun.
- ◆ Rev. Becky reported that a number of groups continue to meet regularly on line, and Martha Jones is working with Mike Orr to redesign our website. We recently received an unrestricted gift from the estate of Connie Fellers; she recommends moving this gift into the endowment fund. She also presented the guide from the diocese about how and when we might reopen our building.

Actions taken:

- ◆ Approved a motion to add \$2,000 gift from C. Fellers to the Endowment Fund.
- ◆ Approved appointing Rob Jones and Steve Barritt to the Finance Committee.
- ◆ Began reviewing plans for resuming worship services and other programs and decided to meet on June 9 to make more definite plans.

Next meeting: June 9, 7:00pm (on Zoom)

**Treasurer's Report
April 2020**

Total Ordinary Revenue (April 2020)	\$23,171	
Total Expense (April, 2020)	<u>\$14,329</u>	
Net Ordinary Income (April,2020)	\$ 6,899	
Total Year-to-Date Revenue	56,560*	*Reflects Endowment Fund loss of \$18,567)
Total Year-to-Date Expense	<u>70,033</u>	
Net Ordinary Income:	\$(13,473)	

**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; just 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. Even if you haven't signed up, you can adopt a plant and begin to clear out last year's foliage. And it's a chance to see what is blooming in our gardens. Just be sure to wear a face mask and maintain appropriate social distancing.



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

...."I am grateful for all who keep in touch with us, in a group or individually. I am grateful for this family."

.... To everyone who donated to Ralston House – our pinwheel garden is beautiful!

.... To Pat Barker, Michelle Bredine, Andi and Jeff Smith, for recording our worship music in May.

.... "Many thanks to Beth Hester for all her kindness. She has been picking up and delivering groceries to our home during this time of the corona virus. And thank you Linda Palmer for sending the wonderful card. "

(from Barbara Rhoades, Elizabeth Allan, and Grayson Snyder)

.... "A huge thank you to Jessica Starbird for solving my Zoom access problem!"

(from Jean Thayer)



“Thank you for your support of Ralston House. Your donation of \$754.00 is so appreciated, especially during these uncertain times. Ralston House remains open even amid the COVID-19 outbreak, using precautionary measures to see high-priority, time sensitive and emergent cases only. ... [It is] the start of our sixth week in quarantine, and we have interviewed 45 child victims... Thank you for being a part of our mission. Thank you for being part of our team.”

Don Moseley, Executive Director



“We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of \$240 to Mission Arvada of The Rising Church. This donation is a huge blessing as our ministry relies on outside donations to operate. Because of your donation we are able to [provide] Arvada’s most vulnerable citizens [with] food, [and] clothing, ... as well as connecting clients with services such as mental health, medical benefits, dental services, medical services, legal support and housing resources. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and ongoing support.

Karen Cowling, Director Stephen Byers, Pastor

Readings for June

June 7 – Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Psalm 8 Matthew 28:16-20

June 14 – Second Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 6)

Genesis 18:1-15 Romans 5:1-8
 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 21 – Third Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 7)

Genesis 21:8-21 Romans 6:1b-11
 Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17 Matthew 10:24-39

June 28 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 8)

Genesis 22:1-14 Romans 6:12-23
 Psalm 13 Mathew 10:40-42

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.

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| Jamie Webb | June 2 |
| Frank Hester | June 3 |
| Richard Potting | June 4 |
| George Baldini | June 5 |
| Zachary Elliott | June 6 |
| Lou Blair | June 9 |
| Allan Andrews | June 11 |
| Stephen Barritt | June 12 |
| Kathlynn Beamis | June 15 |
| Robert Ferris | June 18 |
| Susan Paugh | June 18 |
| Bruce Palmer | June 20 |
| Amanda Roberts | June 20 |
| Andy Fendel | June 24 |























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.

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| Smith, Bill and Andi | June 5 |
| Beamis, Dennis & Kathy | June 19 |
| Mondragon, Dan & Rachel | June 21 |
| Jones, Rob & Martha | June 29 |



June 2020

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

Easter Flower Deliveries
April 10 - 11



Many thanks to our "deliverers" - Jean Thayer, Lin-

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Palmer, Bob and Diane Mickelson, Rob and Martha Jones, Laura Babcock, Phil Goodman, Beth Hester, Jessica Starbird, and Kyle Babcock (not pictured). Special thanks to Missy Powell, who gave us the inspiration for this project, to Beth Hester, for organizing everyone, and to Jessica Starbird, for creating the cards. Two of our 25 recipients are pictured on the right.



Thank you very much for the beautiful plant delivered at Easter. I loved it, very much. I will keep it and cherish it every day as it reminds me your love and concern. I am eager to join the service and meet all beautiful people and thank them personally.

Love you all,

Dear Mr. Jim, Thank you very much for fresh, home-made and delicious loaf of bread. My daughter's family and I enjoyed it very much. Your note was a very kind gesture of welcoming me to your beautiful group of people. They all are precious to me. I am very happy to be a part of congregation. Rev. Becky and her husband were very helpful to make me feel comfortable. I appreciate every body's love and concern. My special thanks to Mary, who offered to give me ride to church and back home. I felt God's love and presence in your group. Love you all!

Joyce Anwar

Dear friends at CtK -

Thanks so much for the flowers. They were the perfect thing for my sacred space.

Jessica, the card is so beautiful. Thanks for making it.

Love and miss you all,

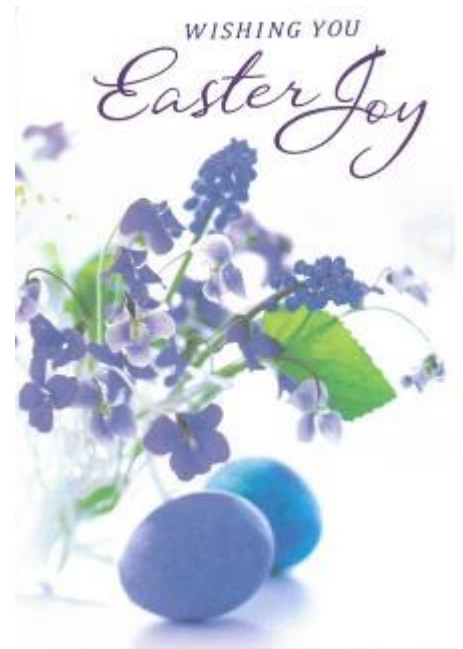
Norma Jean



Dear Friends,

Many thanks for the wondrous card and gift, Linda Palmer brought to me for Easter. The Easter card was exquisite! The design, the message, lettering, surpasses even "hallmark cards." I believe it was the most beautiful expression of God's love and grace, I have ever received. Magnificent! The lovely floral arrangement of Spring flowers, brought a welcoming presence of God's goodness in a challenging period of uncertainty. My heartfelt thanks for this extra-ordinary gift, of kindness, love and joy. Look forward to the time, I can "thank you" in person.

I will plant these bulbs in one of my flower beds, for many years of enjoyment.



To the "flower angels," Thank you for the beautiful blooming plant left on our step! Our thanks to the committee for such a thoughtful gift.

God Bless

Jim and Marilyn

