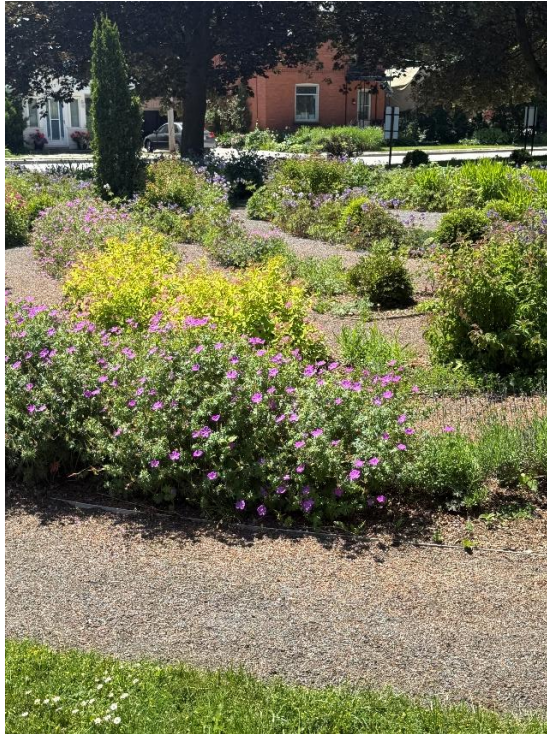




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MEAFORD

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Christ Church Meaford Labyrinth - photo by Dennis Knight

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost **July 12, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: John Howard
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Sarah Howard
Cantor: John Howard
Reader: Gail Latour
Greeter: Francis Richardson



Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

Prelude Hymn Medley – Arr: Ashton Dunk

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #381 Praise, My Soul blue hymn book

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: and also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest)

(#702 blue hymn book)

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34

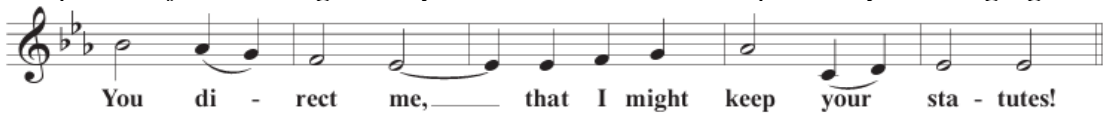
Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:105-112

The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.



- (1) Your word is a lantern to my feet
- (2) and a light upon my path.
- (3) I have sworn and am determined
- (4) to keep your righteous judgments. **R.**

- (1) I am deeply troubled;
- (2) preserve my life, O God, according to your word.
- (3) Accept, O God, the willing tribute of my lips,
- (4) and teach me your judgments. **R.**

- (1) My life is always in my hand,
- (2) yet I do not forget your law.
- (3) The wicked have set a trap for me,
- (4) but I have not strayed from your commandments. **R.**

- (1) Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
- (2) truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- (3) I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes
- (4) for ever and to the end. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Sing a New Creation)

Sung 3x or until procession stops mid-aisle.

190 Alleluia

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia 190. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is D major (two sharps). The first system has a treble staff with notes and a bass staff with whole notes. The second system is identical. Above the treble staff, the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written. Above the bass staff, the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written. The music is in a simple, homophonic style.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the reading:

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)

repeated by congregation.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Priest & Rector

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit, kneel or stand, as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Howard

Lay Reader

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

Remain standing, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: #646 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 1– BAS page 193

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things

.....
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #212 Sing a New Creation

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

BAS pg 194

Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

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Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory,
.....
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung) #684 blue hymn book

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE) sung
Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God’s altar. If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten free hosts are available at the altar rail upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN #84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour
blue hymn book
Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY (Sung)

All: **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord
blue hymn book

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

THE POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude – Paul Fey

Psalm from George Black Psalter;

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This Week’s Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of St. Andrew’s, LaSalle; St. John the Evangelist, Leamington; Church of the Redeemer, Colchester North; St. Stephen’s Oldcastle; St. Mary’s/Calvary, Pelee Island.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Gladys Williams, Simy Wilton, Mary Wyville and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

The Wider Church: We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bev & family, Carole, Charlie, Dave, Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted, Tim and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

For the Souls of the Departed: Joan Randle, Larry Gardhouse.



Our Prayer List. Please let Fr. Brendon know if there is anyone who continues to need our prayers and whose name will continue on the prayer list into the next month.

Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of past members of the Chancel Guild.



If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, July 19, 2026, Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

The readings are: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the service, please join us for refreshments and fellowship under the canopy outdoors (if poor weather, in the Parish Hall).

Meaford Longterm Care service will be held at 10:15am on Tuesday, July 14th.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

The Wednesday BCP (Said) Eucharist at 12noon and Study Group at 1pm continue Wednesdays with the Book of Genesis.

A Farewell to Fr. Brendon! Join us to bid farewell to Fr. Brendon, Ashley, Lillian and Roy with a Potluck Pool Party on Sunday, August 9th, after the service. It will be hosted by Victoria and Bill at 246013 22nd Sideroad, Meaford. (see posters). Please bring your own cutlery, plate, folding chair and a bathing suit and towel. Coffee, iced tea and lemonade will be provided.

Art in the Pews – Our church is reserved on **Thursday, August 13th** for a special art show, put on by the Meaford art group, Seasaw. Several artists will be present displaying their works of art **from 3pm to 7pm here at Christ Church**. Come out to support our local artists.

Save the Date: **Saturday, August 15, 2026** join us for the **80th Anniversary of the Dedication of the WWII Memorial War Windows & more** – service at 2pm. Details in eblasts.

We invite each to bring a non-perishable item on Sundays for the Little Free Pantry (LFP) in order to keep it stocked over the summer. Items in need are on the sheet at the back of the church – soap and dish soap are especially wanted.

Caring for our Neighbours It has been suggested that if we notice someone from the congregation who has not been attending for a time, that we contact them, or let the church office know so that a pastoral call can be made. Similarly, please let Fr. Brendon know if the name of someone should be added to those we pray for each week.

For Pastoral Care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at brendonbedford@diohuron.org or 226-974-5060. For all other questions, concerns or ministries, please contact office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330.