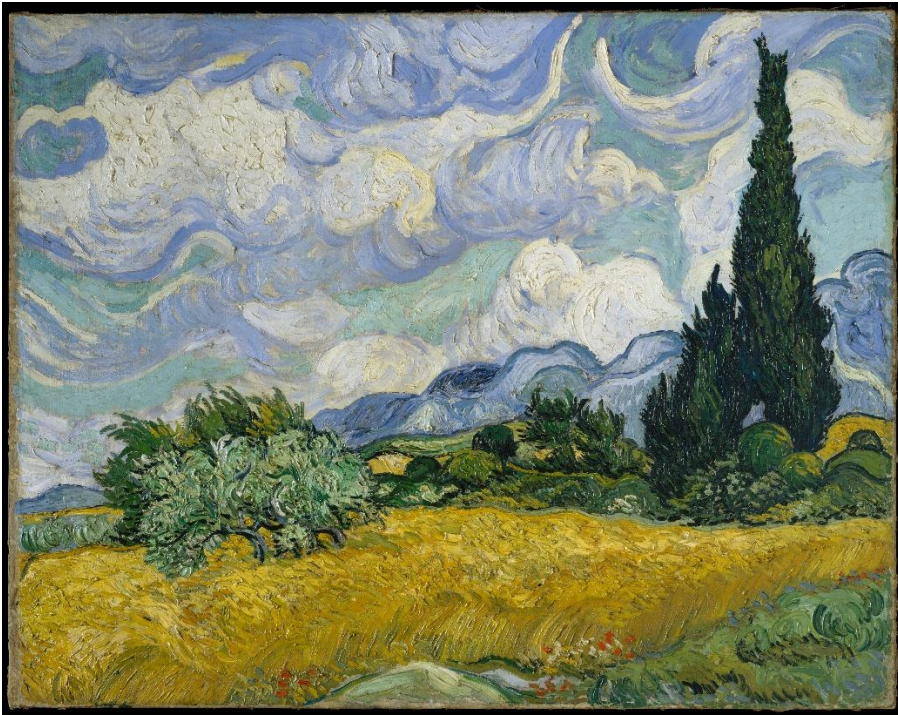




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Wheat Fields & Cypress, Van Gogh

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost **July 19, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Lay Reader: Francis Richardson
Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Sarah Howard
Cantor: Francis Richardson
Reader: Bill Alcock
Greeter: Bill Alcock



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: #328 Lo, God Is Here! Let Us Adore
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 28:10-19a

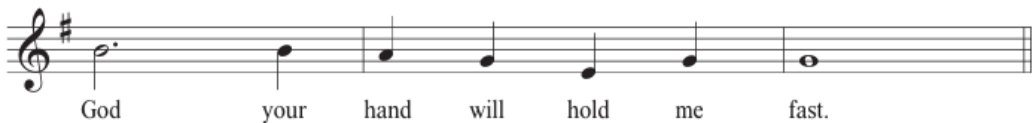
Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23

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



(1) God you have searched me out and known me;

(1) you know my sitting down and my rising up;

(2) you discern my thoughts from afar.

(1) You trace my journeys and my resting-places

(2) and are acquainted with all my ways.

(3) Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,

(4) but you, O God, know it altogether. **R.**

(1) You press upon me behind me and before

(2) and lay your hand upon me.

(3) Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

(4) it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **R.**

(1) Where can I go then from your Spirit?

(2) where can I flee from your presence?

(3) If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

(4) if I make the grave my bed you are there also. **R.**

(1) If I take the wings of the morning
(2) and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
(3) Even there your hand will lead me
(4) and your right hand hold me fast. **R.**

(1) If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
(2) and the light around me turn to night,"
(3) Darkness is not dark to you;
(3) the night is as bright as the day;
(4) darkness and light to you are both alike. **R.**

(1) Search me out, O god, and know my heart;
(2) try me and know my restless thoughts.
(3) Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
(4) and lead me in the way that is everlasting. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

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 musical score for 'Alleluia' is presented in two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, and D. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

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

Francis Richardson

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: #262 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
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!

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Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives
you praise.
.....
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 #59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

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 #434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

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

Blessed Assurance – Arr. Ashton Dunk

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 : Christ Church, Colchester; St. Andrew's, Harrow; St. Mark's-by-the-Lake, Tecumseh; All Saints', Windsor.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Carl & Mary Adams, Victoria & Bill Alcock Brandon & Lisa Almond 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.



Our Prayer List. Please let the wardens 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 of Mary W. Q. Alcock, and in celebration of our 23rd Wedding Anniversary, a gift of Bill and Victoria.



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 26, 2026, Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

The readings are: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45c Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please ensure you pick up an envelope addressed to you, from the back of the church.

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

A Farewell for Fr. Brendon & Family. Save the date, and plan to join us for this BBQ & pool party, graciously hosted by Victoria and Bill Alcock, **on Sunday, August 9th** (following the service) at their home. See insert for more info.

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 for the lovely exhibit. More info: <https://gumgallery.ca/2026/04/24/art-in-the-pews/>.

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. If you are not on the eblast list and would like to be, please see Chris in the office.

If any parishioners would like to offer a gift of thanks to Fr. Brendon and his family for their ministry with us, a gift to Christ Church's new *Bishop Appleyard Memorial Legacy Fund* would be deeply appreciated by him and Ashley. Please speak to one of the wardens or pick up a form from the office.

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 – snacks and hygiene items (soap) are especially preferred -- please no canned items during the heat of the summer.

For Pastoral Care, from July 20 – 26 inclusive, please contact the Ven. Judy Walton at revjudy@rogers.com or 705.444.0233. For all other questions, concerns or ministries, please contact office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330. Church office hours are; Tues., Wed and Thurs from 9am to 2pm (or by chance).