

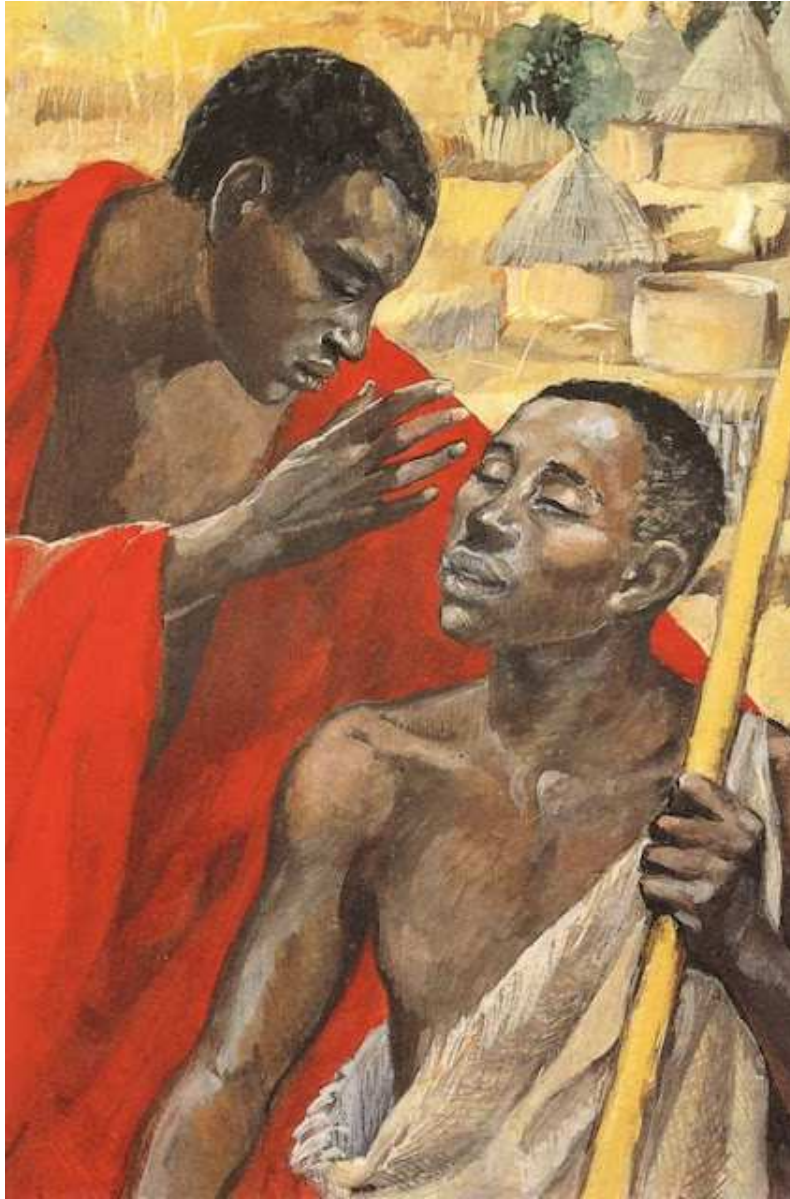
St. Columba's Episcopal Church

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The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 25
October 27, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” (B. Doerksen) – Jeffrey Chung,
ukulele

Welcome – The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Welcoming Prayer

C: Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at St. Columba’s. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the warmth of your love. Amen.

Opening Hymn – # 371 – “Thou, Whose Almighty Word”



1. Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2. Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3. Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4. Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, heal to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: MOSCOW (664.6664), Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796; harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916
based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

P: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

C: Glory to God forever and ever.

P: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise – “Glory to God” (Powell)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

First Lesson – Job 42:1-6, 10-17

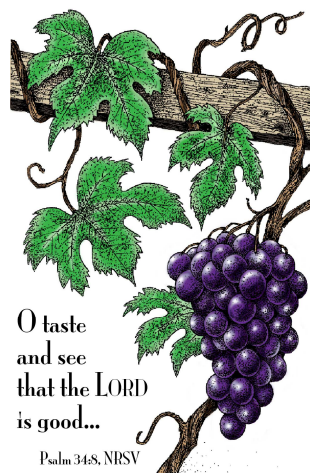
Job answered the LORD: “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.” And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!



Second Lesson – Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn – # 671 – “Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.; st. 5 from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broddus
 Music: NEW BRITAIN (CM), from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell, 1851-1921; harm. Austin Cole Lovelace, 1919-2010.

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark
 C: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily – Dr. Kevin O’Farrell

The Nicene Creed

**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 again 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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

LEM: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

C: That we all may be one.

LEM: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

C: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEM: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for our Bishops **Justin** (Archbishop of Canterbury), **Michael** (Presiding Bishop), **Sean** (Presiding Bishop-elect), and **John**; for our Clergy, Staff, and Vestry; and for all ministers and people;

C: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

LEM: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for those who serve our country and the world;

C: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

LEM: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

C: That our works may find favor in your sight.

LEM: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; we pray especially for Justin, Jerry, John, Ann, Jordan, Shelby, Wendie, Robb, Heather, Bruce, Keli, Jack, Chris, Gail, Cameron, Jenée, Maggie, Eileen, Declan, John, Emily, Bobbie, Alison, Chance, John, Linda, Mary, Lisa, and Ivan.

C: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEM: Give to the departed eternal rest.

C: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEM: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

C: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEM: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept.

[The people may add their own petitions.]

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

P: Almighty God, through your servant Jesus Christ, the righteous one, you have made many righteous, raising him from suffering into glory: Let your resurrection power be present to all in need as you strengthen us for the leadership of your service in your name, through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives in unity and love, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

(Our Prayers are from the Book of Common Prayer, Form III, and by David Adam, Traces of Glory: Prayers for the Church Year.)

Confession and Absolution

LEM: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**ALL: Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your *servants* as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory – “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me” (THOMAS MERTON, R. Urwin) – Brett Hanley, organ

Presentation Hymn – # 705 – “As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought”



1. As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
3. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble_ trust we bring our best to thee



to God, the giv - er of_ all good, the source of boun - teous yield;
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may live;
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i - ty.



so_ we to - day our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land,
the Church of Christ is call - ing_ us to make the dream come true:
O_ thou who gav - est us_ thy - self in Je - sus Christ thy Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart and land.
a world re - deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer A from *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 361)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[Here a proper preface is sung or said.]

P: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Robert Powell, 1932-

The people stand or kneel.

P: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

P: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

P: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

C: 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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

Fraction Anthem

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in-deed, and my blood is drink in-deed, says the Lord.

Setting: Ray W. Urwin.

The Invitation

P: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

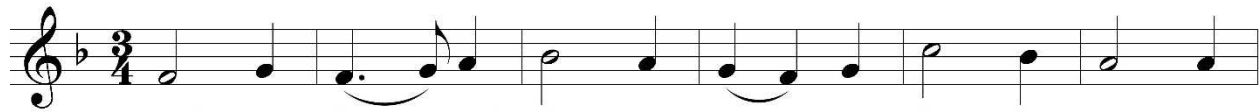
All are invited to come forward to the two stations for Communion at the direction of the ushers. Receive the wine by drinking from the chalice as it is offered to you, or by retaining the wafer, and a Lay Eucharistic Minister will dip it in the wine and place it back in your hand. If you are not receiving, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. If you are unable to physically come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like to receive Communion at your seat.

Post-Communion Prayer

C: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn – # 460 – “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” – Verses 1, 3-5



1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter,
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on earth our
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



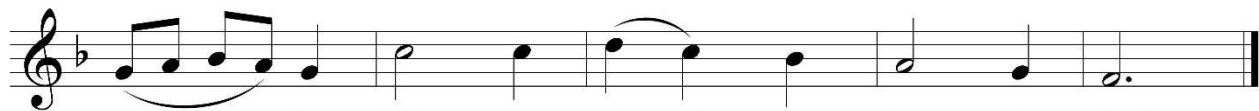
tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heav'n thy throne: thou with -
 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev' - ry



na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 sin - less sweep a - cross the cry - stal sea.
 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1837-1898.

Music: HYFRYDOL, 87 87 D; Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1811-1887.

Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude – “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” (T. Haweis) – Brett Hanley, organ

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***Rector**—Our rector is the **Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson**. If you need to reach him during the week, his email address is michael.anderson@stcolumbaca.com.*

***Coffee Hour**—All are welcome to enjoy Coffee Hour in our parish hall and on the patio after worship.*

***Morning Prayer**—Fr. Michael Anderson invites you to join him in the Chapel to start your day with Morning Prayer at **9:00 a.m.**, on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. All are welcome.*

***Stewardship Reflections**—Our annual Stewardship pledge campaign is “Walk in Love,” and includes weekly reflections printed on the last page of the bulletin. We invite you to study these reflections each week as you “walk in love.”*

***Rescheduled Adult Forum**—The St. Columba’s Health Ministry October 6 Adult Forum on POLST had to be canceled but will be presented **today, October 27, at 11:30 a.m.** What is the difference in a POLST and Advance Health Care directive. While everyone 18 and over should have an Advance Health Care directive, not everyone should have a POLST. Come and learn the difference.*

***Lunch Bunch**—Lunch Bunch is **this Wednesday, October 30, at Noon**. **Sign up** on the bulletin board in the narthex for this time of food and fellowship.*

Celtic Christmas Faire

*Our annual fundraiser, the Celtic Christmas Faire, is **next weekend, November 2, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and November 3, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Plan to come and do some Christmas shopping here. We are collecting book and puzzle donations to sell at the Faire, and these items can be dropped off in the parish hall. Questions, see Carol Rocco.*

***Daylight Saving Time**—Next **Sunday, November 3**, Daylight Saving Time ends so enjoy an extra hour of sleep as you “fall back.”*

***Oktoberfest**—Thank you to everyone for making the Oktoberfest fundraiser a success. A very special thank you to our amazing cooks: Jarrel, Jenne, Jeannette, and Beanie. Thank you to Gail and Maurice, Carlos, Jerry, Jeff, and all the volunteers who served, poured, sold tickets, set up, and cleaned up. We’re so thankful for our church family! Gail and Paul Amendt*

Three Congregations Taizé—If you're interested in a contemplative, meditative type of worship, the Three Congregations (Camarillo United Methodist, Mount Cross Lutheran, and St. Columba's Episcopal Churches) are offering in-person Taizé-style prayer, held in the intimate setting of the Mount Cross sanctuary (102 Camino Esplendido, 93010) on the 2nd Friday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.—**Friday, November 8** next month. If you are interested in participating as a musician, lector, or intercessor, please contact the Mount Cross office (office@mountcross.com or 805-482-3847).

Labyrinth Walk—Join us on **Saturday, November 16**, at **10:00 a.m.** for a Gratitude Labyrinth Walk, led by facilitator Linda Drevenstedt. The labyrinth is located behind the church and preschool. It is a wonderful way to focus spiritually within a walking prayerful meditation. Light refreshments and time for fellowship will be provided after the walk. We will also be collecting food for St. Columba's food pantry. Come celebrate all that you're thankful for. See Gail or Paul Amendt for more information.

Episcopal Relief & Development Donations Needed—Help is desperately needed by those affected by Hurricane Helene. Please give today to the Episcopal Relief & Development's **Hurricane Relief Fund** and help their partners and dioceses reach vulnerable communities devastated by hurricanes and other catastrophic storms. Your urgent gift will enable them to respond now—and in the long run to aid in recovery. Give online at <https://bit.ly/ERDHurricaneHeleneAid>.

VACCINATIONS FOR RESPIRATORY VIRUSES CUT HOSPITALIZATIONS BY 50%
Vaccines for respiratory viruses are proven to cut hospitalizations by up to 50%, which is particularly important for vulnerable populations like the elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions, and individuals with weakened immune systems. 21,000 people died and 369,000 individuals were hospitalized for the flu during the 2022-2023 influenza season. Please consider getting vaccinated.

Prayer Request Procedures—Prayer is integral to our community, and we would love to pray for you. To add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email the church office at office.manager@stcolumbaca.com or call 805-482-8831.

Food Ministries Help—We are grateful to serve over 60 families three times per month. As we continue to do so, we need the following items: **cereal, oatmeal, pasta sauce, pasta, canned soup, mac & cheese, canned tuna, canned chicken, fresh bread, toilet paper, paper towels, and Kleenex.** If you would like to donate any of these items, you can bring them on Sunday or drop them off at the parish hall during the week. Alternatively, you can donate to our Food ministry fund, by indicating "Food Ministry" in the memo of your check. Your support is so appreciated by our food clients who truly need our help!

Ministers serving today:

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Michael P. Anderson

Homilist: Dr. Kevin O'Farrell

Altar Guild: Gail Hill and Marianne Hyde

Ushers: Marjo Gardner and George Anderson

Lector: Paul Amendt

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Amendt and Kevin O'Farrell

Livestream Technicians: Tim Helton, Nancy Miller, Vinita Bhushan, Richard Stone, Carlos Barraza, Bill Hillbrant

Sound Engineer: Tim Brown

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for

those with immediate needs:

Justin Sandoval, Jerry Gillespie, John Barcroft, Ann Daniel, Jordan Hyde, Shelby Prather, Wendie Roberts, Robb, Heather, Bruce Anderson, Keli, Jack Shutt, Chris Russell, Gail Morrissette, Cameron Harrison, Jenée John, Maggie Lunsy, Eileen Ely, Declan, John Fredrick, Emily Bianco, Bobbie Shufani, Alison Hillbrant, Chance Kubinak, John Noonan, Linda Lowe, Mary Vasi, Lisa, Ivan

and those who need our continuing prayers:

Ann Radzienda, Richard Lappine

We pray for all those serving at home and abroad:

- **Jesse Meyer, Liam O'Brien, Matthew Bamberger, Matt Zelinskas, Nathan Halpin, Jonah Hershman, and Chris Heney.**

**The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God
with love by Gail Hill in honor of Maurice's birthday
and in thanksgiving for all he does for our parish.**



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Walk in Love

Perseverance



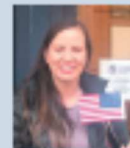
I came from Mexico in 1999, leaving behind all of my family and friends. My husband got a job at the dairy next door to The Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg California, so I walked over and asked for work. I had to repeat myself many times before they would consider me, because I didn't speak English, but I told the director that if they would give me a job I would learn English. Now I have three associates degrees, and I teach English, too. This is a way of walking in love for me. The hospitality we practice at The Bishop's Ranch is another way of walking in love. I am happy with my work if people feel the love of God here; in the kindness of the community and the natural environment.

I have three sons and a daughter born in the United States. The youngest, Juan Pablo, was born with spina bifida and lived for six years, ten months and twenty-one days. To walk in love is not dependent on whether the journey is easy or hard. When my child was in the hospital, it was always such an experience of love to visit him. He was my angel on earth. Sometimes I feel sadness because I miss him, but then I think about how much love he gave, and how it was like the love of God; like a fountain of love that would never stop flowing.

My husband, Angel, walks in love with me: This year will be our twenty-fifth anniversary. We've gone through a lot together on our walk in love. After we lost Juan Pablo, Angel had an accident and became disabled. He had to be airlifted to the hospital and lost the use of his left arm. Recently, he had a twelve-hour surgery to transplant muscle tissue. But we just don't give up. I just keep praying to God. There is always a way to walk together no matter how hard things are. God fills me with love every day. This is what the journey of love is about. | tens.org

Questions for Reflection:

When the walk becomes difficult, how do you still move forward? Who are the people on your journey of love?



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