



“While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

Matthew 26:26

September 17, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a remarkable time we are living through - one that has strengthened our faith and challenged us at every turn. As a resilient community, St. Christopher's has embraced those challenges as we

- + Gathered online and outdoors for worship, prayer, bible study and coffee hour;
- + Continued to feed and care for hundreds of our neighbors through FACETS dinners, the Hypothermia Prevention Program, our Outreach Garden, ECHO food and toy drives, and the school supply drive;
- + Upgraded our Internet capacity to serve better our community overseas and at home;
- + Repaired and maintained our building and grounds;
- + Enabled our beloved Preschool to reopen this fall; and
- + Began new activities, such as Holy Hikes and Parish Peddlers, Morning Prayer Conversation and Thursday Night Compline.

As Christ broke and shared the bread of life with us, this time of brokenness has inspired us for the future with more events and activities to come, both new and resurrected. With your help we will

- + Serve our neighborhood by reaching out supporting both physical and spiritual needs;
- + Restore funds for our Children's Programs for Christian education including drama, music, and other activities; and
- + Fully fund our Outreach and Adult Education Programs.

Pledging, when parishioners make a commitment of financial support to St. Christopher's for the coming year, is a vital way for you to support our mission and vision as we grow. The Vestry uses the pledge amounts and other income forecasts to make budget decisions, while considering how and where we believe God is calling us to serve. Please give as generously as you can but know that the amount pledged is less important than the pledge itself.

Please prayerfully consider how you can financially support St. Christopher's ministries and growth and submit the enclosed pledge card by **November 14<sup>th</sup>** when we will bless the pledge cards during our Sunday worship. Just as Jesus blessed and broke the bread at the Last Supper, transforming plain bread into something special, He continues to set us free for his love and service, blessing us and giving *us* for the sake of the world in need of his love.

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The Rev. Carey Connors  
Priest-in-Charge

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Senior Warden