



# Christ Episcopal Church

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## *Reflection*

June Cook

### **A Summer Root-Beer Float**

Three years ago I met Elle, a quilting friend, to return items she'd had in the Anacortes Quilt Walk. In the parking lot at the Farmhouse Restaurant she told me she'd just gotten a diagnosis of cancer – pancreatic cancer. We cried and hugged. Elle, a very private person, had become a dear friend. We hadn't spent much time together, but the time we had was meaningful and special in so many ways. Rarely do we connect with people in a true kinship way. She was one of those people for me.

In mid-June, Alan and I were driving down Commercial Avenue. The drive-in caught my eye, and I had a sudden craving for a root-beer float. The float, my first in many years, was dreamy, and I added root beer to my grocery list. Most evenings since then, Alan and I have shared a float.

Last weekend at the Arts Festival I volunteered at the Kids' Quilting Booth. In talking with long-time quilting buddies, I learned that Elle died on June 14. I felt more distressed by her death than by my brother's passing. Two friends at the Quilt Booth had attended her very informal memorial service, and Elle's favorite treat was served – root-beer floats.

Mid-June, Elle dies. Mid-June, I am drawn to a root-beer float. Coincidence? Maybe, but I believe there are so many dimensions to our spiritual lives and after-lives that connect us in mysterious and glorious ways. Elle was not religious in the traditional sense, but she was oh, so spiritual. She enriched my life . . .

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## *August 13, The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**8:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist**

Christ Church

Reverend Diane Ramerman

**9:30 am**

**Communion Service**

Chandler's Square Community

Sara Andrews

**10:30 am**

**Holy Eucharist**

Christ Church

Presider: The Reverend Diane Ramerman

Preacher: The Reverend Diane Ramerman

Deacon: The Reverend Deacon Eric Johnson

Altar Guild: Janis Larkins, Dee Roberts

Eucharistic Minister/Crucifer: Dale Ramerman

Reader 1: Jennifer Kellen

Reader 2: Betty Anne McCoy

Ushers: Elaine Oliphant, Becky Watson

Tellers: Mike Jackets, Frank McCoy

**11:45 am**

**Coffee Hour**

## *Readings*

### *Proper 14*

#### **1 Kings 19: 9-18**

At Horeb the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

#### **Psalm 85:8-13**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

#### **Romans 10:5-15**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

## **Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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## *Announcements*

### **Bishop's Committee Meeting**

Monday, August 14

4:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

### **An Invitation from our Friends at Celebration Lutheran Church**

*Praise on the Plaza!*

Outdoor Eucharist service

Sunday, August 20

9:30 am

The Depot plaza

611 R Avenue, Anacortes

Bring an instrument! All are welcome.

### **Labyrinth Walk**

Wednesday, August 23

6:00 pm

Labyrinth at 22nd Street & H Avenue

Please contact Rita Yribar for more information, 360-299-2128.

All are welcome.

### **Spiritual Book Group**

Thursday, August 31

2:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

Book for discussion is *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown.

All are welcome.

### **Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation**

Fall Class begins September 10

*Study of the Book of Daniel*

with Reverend Deacon Brian Lennstrom

Breakfast at 9:00 am

Class 9:15-10:15 am

Parish Hall Gathering Room

All are welcome.

### **Bishop's Visitation**

Bishop Rickel will visit Christ Church on Sunday, October 8.

The central act of every visitation is the preaching of God's Word and the joint celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the clergy and people of the congregation. It is also an opportunity to be baptized, confirmed or received, or to reaffirm your commitment to Christ. The prayers at confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation are found in the Book of Common Prayer, p. 309-10. If you are interested in making one of these commitments on October 8, or have questions, please contact Reverend Diane Ramerman. Some preparation is involved, and names must be submitted to the Bishop's office by September 1.

**Gentle Yoga Class**

Monday, August 14

3:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

*No class on August 21 or 28.*

**Morning Prayer**

Weekly on Wednesdays

9:00—9:30 am

Christ Church Sanctuary

All are welcome.

**Centering Prayer**

Weekly on Thursdays

1:00—1:30 pm

Christ Church Sanctuary

All are welcome.

**Men's Group**

Weekly on Fridays

8:00 am

Parish Hall Conference Room

Please join us. All are welcome.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meetings**

Second and fourth Fridays

3:00-5:00 pm

Parish Hall Gathering Room

All are welcome.

**The Red Door Thrift Shop**

*A Ministry of Christ Episcopal Church*

1019 Seventh Street, Anacortes

360-293-8027

Profits from our Red Door Thrift Shop fund Christ Church's Community Support program.

Shop Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Donation Hours:

Monday through Friday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Volunteers and donations are always welcome.

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## *Clergy Schedule*

*10:30 am service*

August 20

Presider: Reverend Carol Rodin

Preacher: Reverend Carol Rodin

Deacon: Rev. Dn. Eric Johnson

August 27

Presider: Reverend Diane Ramerman

Preacher: Reverend Dn. Brian Lennstrom

Deacon: Reverend Dn. Brian Lennstrom

September 3

Presider: Reverend Carol Rodin

Preacher: Reverend Dn. Eric Johnson

Deacon: Reverend Dn. Brian Lennstrom

## *The Week Ahead...*

### **Monday, August 14**

Gentle Yoga Class  
3:00—3:45 pm  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Bishop's Committee Meeting  
4:00 pm  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Choir Practice  
5:00 pm  
Christ Church Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, August 15**

AMC Music  
7:00—8:30 pm  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

### **Wednesday, August 16**

Morning Prayer  
9:00—9:30 am  
Christ Church Sanctuary

Red Door Linen Group  
10:00 am—Noon  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Ministry Support Circle Meeting  
3:00—5:00 pm  
Parish Hall Conference Room

### **Thursday, August 17**

Centering Prayer  
1:00 pm  
Christ Church Sanctuary

### **Friday, August 18**

Men's Group  
8:00 am  
Parish Hall Conference Room

Office Volunteers  
9:00—10:00 am  
Parish Hall Gathering Room

Pastoral Care Circle Meeting  
9:30 am  
Parish Hall Conference Room