

Christ Church

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

Inspire Welcome Serve

Sunday, August 12, 2018

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Preacher: Rev. Caroline Dean

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