



THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 27, 2021

10 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome BACK to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!
Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prelude Prière

Prelude and Fugue in Baroque Style on *Nettleton*

César Franck (1822-1890)

Ethan Haman (b. 1997)

Processional Hymn 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

Priest *Alleluia!* Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

People **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. Amen.**

Gloria Glory to God in the highest (S280)

Robert 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.

The Collect of the Day *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

God of inclusive love, who knows us each by name, we thank you for the woman, who stood out of the crowd and defied her uncleanness to connect with you; we praise you for the leader of the synagogue, who faced the mockery of others to give his daughter hope; may the flowing power of Christ bring healing and acceptance, to the rejected and the abused. Through Jesus Christ, giver of life. **Amen.**

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

The author of the Wisdom of Solomon meditates on the fact of death in a world created by a loving God. God has brought us into life for incorruption, and the generative forces of the world are manifestly good. Death does not come from God, but is a consequence of trespass and evil, here personified in the figure of the devil.

God did not make death,
And he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.
For righteousness is immortal.
God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

A hymn of praise and thanksgiving by one whom the Lord has saved from death.

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

The apostle Paul encourages the Corinthians to be generous in their contributions to a collection he has been gathering for the relief of the church in Jerusalem. It seems the Corinthians had begun to raise money for this cause in the previous year but have not completed the project despite the means available to them. In sharing from their abundance with those in need, these new disciples will be following in the way of the Lord Jesus who, though rich, became poor that the Corinthians might become rich.

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Green Hymnal 773 Heal me, hands of Jesus

*music, Carl Haywood;
words, Michael Perry*

Mark 5:21-43

The healings of a woman with hemorrhages and of the daughter of Jairus, an official of the local synagogue. Here are two remarkable stories of healing, one told within the other. As Jesus is responding to Jairus' plea for his sick daughter, a woman who has suffered with hemorrhage for twelve years reaches out in faith, and is healed and given new life. By the time Jesus reaches Jairus' house, the twelve-year old daughter is dead, but Jesus raises her to new life.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about

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(she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.

Who 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.

The Prayers of the People

from Intercessions for the Christian People

The people stand or kneel

Leader Inspired by the Spirit, we now offer our Sunday prayers to God in the name of Jesus Christ, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the fulfillment of the mission of the church,
let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the liberation of the children of God from the bondage of fear,
let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the consolation of all those who struggle with doubts or disbelief,
let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For renewed witness to the gospel among Christian people in positions of public trust, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For our assembly as we hand on the faith of our ancestors from one generation to another, let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the dying, [especially N.],
let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader We remember those who have died, [including N.],
let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader In the communion of the Holy Spirit, with Mary, the mother of the Son of God, with St. Dunstan, St. Andre and with all the saints in light, let us commend our lives and the lives of one another to the Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *Standing or kneeling. Silence may be kept.*

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We pause for a moment of reflection as we prepare to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God.

People **M**ost 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.

The Absolution

Priest **A**lmighty 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. **Amen.**

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

The Peace *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements *All are seated.*

The Offertory

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn 608 Eternal Father, strong to save

Melita

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' is written in a single system with two staves. The top staff is for the Celebrant and the bottom staff is for the People. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Holy, holy, holy Lord (S130)

Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert

The musical score for 'Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord (S130)' is written in a single system with one staff. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of two flats (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are".

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel

Priest

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory**

Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

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

**People 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest **A**lleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **T**herefore let us keep the feast. **A**lleluia!

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

When directed by the usher, come forward to the communion station.
Please keep your mask on with your hands extended to receive the Host.
The bread is received in the open palm.

Once you have moved away from the Minister,
you may remove one side of your mask, consume the Host, and replace your mask.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing may indicate this by
crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

Communion Hymn 469 There's a wideness in God's mercy

St. Helena

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People **E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as
living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us
spiritually with the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and
courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest **M**ay the peace of our Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.
And the blessing of the One God—Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer;
be upon you and those you love, today and always. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn 537 Christ for the world we sing!

Moscow

Priest **A**lleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Improvisation on *Moscow* (hymn 537)

Ethan Haman (b. 1997)

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.
All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*



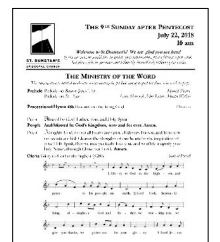
*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Douglas Pease by Sarah Pease*

*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

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like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up
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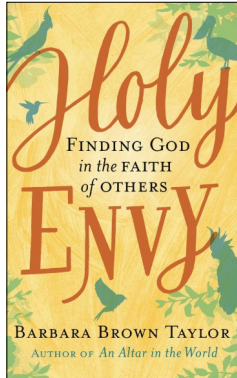
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Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

We're wrapping up our study of Acts this week with chapters 23-28.

Our next study will be Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor. If you'd like Rebecca to order a



book for you, please email her before June 28. The study will start on July 11.

From the book description: "In Holy Envy, Barbara Brown Taylor contemplates the myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the Transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques."

We are now meeting in-person in the Guild Room with masks. However, if you prefer to join us via Zoom, we will gladly bring you in with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89077277480>

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office@stdcv.org by midnight Sunday.

Parents & Family Dinner July 8 & 28, 6 pm

Parents, kids, (and grandparents too!) are invited to join Rev. Laurel and Elizabeth Buche for conversation and dinner (childcare provided) on Thursday, July 8, or Wednesday, July 28 at 6 pm in the Guild Room to discuss desires, needs, and possibilities for Christian Education and Family Ministry at St. Dunstan's.

We want to hear from you. Please join us! RSVP to the parish office, so we are sure to have enough food.

Zoom Compline Tuesdays, 8 pm

15 minutes to give thanks to God for the day that is past and placing our hope and faith in God for the night.

We are currently using the Order for Compline from the New Zealand Prayer book, which can be downloaded at stdcv.org/bulletins.

Join Zoom Compline

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070384899>

Meeting ID: [850 7038 4899](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070384899)

A Storied Pilgrimage with Race

“A Storied Pilgrimage with Race” explores the issues of race in our diocese through video interviews, education materials, action items, and reflection. Please join Rev. Laurel and others from our community as we engage in this year-long pilgrimage. The completion of this curriculum fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real.

This series of 12 monthly sessions will begin in July with options for participating in person on the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30—8 pm, or virtually on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 —11:30 am.

For more information or to register, please contact the parish office.

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests



For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [via email](#) or on her cell [310-562-5746](tel:310-562-5746). And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 5.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests in this time when many are in crisis. Please email the DOK's [Elizabeth Buche](#), who manages the Daughters' prayer list. The Daughters pray for members of our parish and for many other individuals daily.

Dedicate Altar Flowers

This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of the flowers is \$20, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

You can check available Sundays on our Master Calendar at stdcv.org/calendar. (hint: if you see ". . ." before "The Altar Flowers", that Sunday is available.)

New Program for St. Andre's

Even during the uncertain times of the 2020-2021 school year at St. Andre's, a new vision screening program was started for the High School Students. In partnership with Vision for the Poor a 501c(3) organization and local Hinche optometrists all High School students were screened and 143 found to need corrective lenses. Students who have received their glasses are delighted with their new eyesight and stylish look.

The program is still in progress, with doctors being reimbursed and glasses purchased through Vision for the Poor. When the high school program is completed we hope to screen all the elementary students in coming years. This is an example of St. Dunstan's Haiti Ministry working with other organizations inside Haiti to maximize our impact and bring the best education possible to students in the Central Plateau region.

Through your generous giving we have been successful in supporting one of the best schools in all of Haiti. As we look forward to a new school year we invite and need your continued investment in the future of St. Andre's.

Thank you from our students, partners and your Haiti Team.



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Filling out a Pew Card

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Joan Carter | 14 | Libby Lambert | 25 | Gary Kimmel |
| 6 | Forrest Borlik | 15 | Debbie Howitt | 25 | Raymond Vasquez |
| 7 | Emma Brown | 15 | Rebecca Miller | 27 | Francesca Barattucci |
| 9 | Mystery Chastain | 17 | Rich Hawkins | 27 | Anne Proctor |
| 10 | Dave Lambert | 18 | Ember Gregorio | 27 | Dave Roth |
| 11 | Mary Britton | 20 | Rory Lambert | 28 | Marge Kohler |
| 11 | Madison Snellgrose | 21 | Rodger Langland | 30 | George Pappas |
| 11 | Andrew White | 21 | Sebastien Lewis | | |

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—12 NOON

Sunday, June 27

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am In-Person Coffee Hour

Monday, June 28

Tuesday, June 29

- 8:00 am Staff meeting
- 4:30 pm Communication & Tech Cmtee
- 7:30 pm AA
- 8:00 pm Zoom Compline

Wednesday, June 30

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, July 1

- 12:00 pm Quilters
- 4:00 pm I-Help Men

Friday, July 2

Saturday, July 3

Sunday, July 4 ~ Independence Day

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Out-Door Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Parish Picnic &
Blessing of the Kitchen

View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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