



# THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021

8 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** *Premiere Symphonie III. Pastorale*

*Louis Vierne*

**Priest** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**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.

**People** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## 2 Samuel 11:1-15

*King David, secure in Jerusalem while his troops carry on a battle against the Ammonites, conceives a child with Bathsheba, whose husband he then has killed. David is concerned to cover up his impropriety and summons Uriah from battle. The king's first intent is for Uriah to have relations with Bathsheba, but the Hittite will take no comfort for himself while his comrades are militarily engaged. When this plan fails, David sends Uriah back to the fight carrying orders for Joab, the commander, as to how Uriah's necessary death is to be achieved. David, so favored by God, transgresses woefully.*

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 14 *Dixit insipiens***

*Those who reject God are foolish and perverse, but God will be vindicated.*

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*  
to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

### **Ephesians 3:14-21**

*An expression of fervent hope that the community of the church might know the rich abundance of God's indwelling Spirit. There is a power and wisdom which comes only from Christ, surpassing all knowledge. The blessing of knowing Christ exceeds all that can be imagined, and will be at work for every generation of those who are, through faith, members of Christ Jesus and his church.*

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **John 6:1-21**

*Jesus feeds five thousand people. The narrative recalls the story of the food miraculously provided to the Israelites in the wilderness. So do the people declare Jesus to be the new prophet whom God had promised to raise up in Moses' place. But then they misunderstand Jesus' mission and want to make him a king because he has provided them with food. The story contains a number of other themes. The twelve baskets of fragments may signify the mission to the Gentile nations. Christians perceive in this meal a foretaste of the messianic banquet in heaven. It also prefigures the Eucharist. Jesus is the bread come down from heaven.*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what

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he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.  
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

The Rev. Joe Patronik

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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.**

**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.*

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

**○ God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Offertory**

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



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest **B**lessed are you, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory.

**People Blessed be God forever.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest **I**t 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:

**People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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."

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** **O**ur 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 **W**e break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

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.

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Priest Let us pray.

**People Eternal 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 **L**ife is short.

And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts  
of those who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love.

Make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us,  
and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Priest **G**o in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People **T**hanks be to God.

*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  
in memory of Margherita Cordoni by Sue & Tom Masters*

*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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## **Parents & Family Dinner**

**This Wednesday, July 28, 6 - 7:30 pm  
or Tuesday, August 3, 5:30 - 7 pm**

Parents, kids, (and grandparents too!) are invited to join Rev. Laurel and Elizabeth Buche for conversation and dinner (childcare provided) on Wed, July 28 at 6 pm, or Tues, August 3 at 5:30 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.

## **Rector's Sabbath**

Rev. Laurel is observing her sabbath day on Fridays. Please respect this important time away except for pastoral emergencies. She will reply to any messages on Saturday.

In addition, Rev. Laurel is away on vacation, and we welcome Rev. Joe Patronik as our celebrant and preacher today.

*Help us know you by*

## **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!

## ***Nancy's Project***

### **Annual Backpack Drive**

We will distribute 200-250 backpacks stuffed with school supplies to children in the Salinas Valley. We want to set these kids up for success as they return to in-person school.

Stuff a backpack using the list below, or donate and we will do it for you. Bring stuffed backpacks to the Nancy's Project shed by the St. Dunstan's parking lot.

We will distribute them after August 1.

Tax receipt? Questions?  
contact Betty Kasson

#### **Backpack list:**

(no solid red or blue backpacks please)

- 2 2-inch, 3-ring binders
- 3-ring wide-ruled binder paper
- 2 2-pocket folders
- Colored pencils, (12 count)
- Crayons (8- or 24-count)
- Pink erasers (2pack)
- Pencil sharpener
- Pens, (12 or more)
- Pencils #2 (10 or more)
- Pencil pouch
- Pocket calculator
- Scissors, 5 1/4 , blunt tip
- Ruler, 12" plastic
- Glue Stick
- Spiral notebook, 70 Ct., college rule
- Composition notebook
- Yellow Highlighter

## **Service of Remembrance Wednesday, August 11, 7 pm**

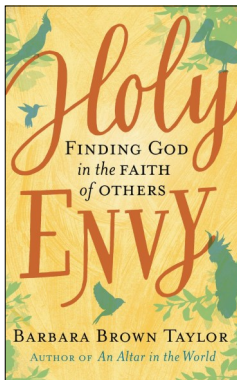
As Resurrection people, we are reminded of the promise that beyond this mortal life is life in Christ, where there is no pain or sorrow, but only joy and peace. We come to be reminded that even in our sadness, those who have faith in the Lord shall have life, even though they die, and that we, too, will one day be united with our loved ones who have gone before.

On Wednesday, August 11, all are invited to gather for *A Service of Remembrance*, where we will gather to pray, to reflect, and to name and honor and remember those we have lost through this time of COVID-19. With words and prayers, candles and songs, and a ritual of remembrance, we will share in our collective grief as we support one another. You, your family and friends are welcome to join us for the service, and we will live stream the service so that those who do not live locally may also participate.

Please contact the office no later than August 5th to have those you love included in those we remember.

## Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

We continue to discuss Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor.



**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>

*Sign up today to receive*

## St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting [stdcv.org/subscribe](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.

## Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [office@stdcv.org](mailto:office@stdcv.org) by midnight Sunday.

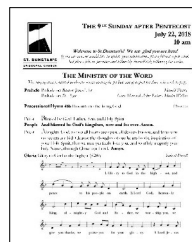
## Guess who's coming to visit?

After two years away, Father Rob Fisher and his family will be returning to the Monterey Peninsula for a visit, and will be worshiping with us on Sunday, August 8 at the 10 am service. Additionally, Jim and Betty Kasson have opened their home and invite all to attend a casual open house with the Fisher/Woods family on Saturday, August 7, from 2 to 5 pm.

Here are directions to the Kasson's home: Drive east on Carmel Valley Road and pass through the Village. Watch the mile markers on your right. We are exactly at mile marker 17. This is about one mile past the Cachagua Road turnoff. At the 17 mile marker there is a road with signpost numbers on your right. Turn right on this road. You will come to a set of mailboxes and a keypad on your left. At the key pad, enter 1066. The gate will open. Go through the gate and up the road for  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile. You will come to a fork in the road with a small pump house—go right at the fork, then take the first left and keep left all the way to the end. It should take about 20-25 minutes to get here from St. Dunstan's.

## Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF online at [stdcv.org/bulletins](http://stdcv.org/bulletins)



# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## Sunday, July 25

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Discussion Group  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
11:00 am Coffee Hour

## Monday, July 26

## Tuesday, July 27

8:00 am Staff meeting  
2:00 pm Communication & Tech Cmtee  
7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, July 28

10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00 pm Parent & Family Dinner & Talk

## Thursday, July 29

4:00 pm Vestry Meeting

## Friday, July 30

10:00 am Victoria Clark Interment

## Saturday, July 31

## Sunday, August 1

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

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View the entire parish calendar [stdev.org/calendar](http://stdev.org/calendar)

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Tom Dietrich	16 Jim Hamilton	29 Phil Clarkson
2 Bill Schueler	20 Steve Brooks	29 Katy Linforth
4 Susan Baxter	21 Zachary Davis	29 Elizabeth Stewart
4 Ron Garcia	27 Elizabeth Buche	30 Susan Schueler
8 Roslyn Hamilton	27 Lorelei Duddy	
8 Andy Lambert	28 Zephyr Miller	



## **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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