

# THE 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 1, 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 Praeludium

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Processional Hymn 424 For the fruit of all creation

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

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.

**Gloria** Glory to God in the highest (S280)

Robert Powell



East Acklam



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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

God feeds the people in the wilderness. The Israelites are full of complaints and now think they would prefer slavery and death in Egypt to their present difficulties. The Lord appears to them and promises sustenance, but also a test, for they will only be given food on a day-to-day basis. It is possible to explain the food in natural terms: the flock of quail provide flesh and the secretion of insects the bread-like substance. But the point of the narrative is that God provides. The Israelites call the bread manna (meaning "What is this?).

> The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 78:23-29 Attendite, popule

The psalm recalls Israel's trials and the Lord's sustaining grace in the wilderness after the escape from Egypt.

23 So he commanded the clouds above \* and opened the doors of heaven.

24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \* and gave them grain from heaven.

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \* he provided for them food enough.

26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \* and led out the south wind by his might.

27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \* and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \* and round about their dwellings.

29 So they ate and were well filled, \* for he gave them what they craved.

### Ephesians 4:1-16

The new Christians in Ephesus are urged to lead lives of patient love, using their various gifts in the unity of the Spirit, while growing toward their maturity in Christ. There are many roles of service, but there is a oneness at the heart of the faith and in its goal. All the disciples' efforts are meant to build up the one body of Christ. While there remains a human perversity leading toward division, in the loving truth of the community Christians are to grow together toward their full humanity.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

- Reader The Word of the Lord.
- People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 692 I heard the voice of Jesus say

The Third Tune

### John 6:24-35

Jesus tells the crowd of the true bread of life, the bread from heaven. The people follow Jesus after he has fed the crowd of five thousand, but they come mostly to obtain more food for their stomachs. The bread which the Son of Man offers is more genuinely life-giving than the manna by which Israel was fed in the wilderness. In one sense this means that Jesus' teaching is greater than that of Moses. More significantly still, it is belief in Jesus himself that leads to eternal life.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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.

### from Intercessions for the Christian People

<b>The Prayers of the People</b> from IntercessioThe people stand or kneelfrom Intercessio		from Intercessions for the Christian People
1 1	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.	
	For the consolation of all those who struggle with doubts or disbelief, let us pray to the Lord:	
People	Lord, have mercy.	
	For renewed witness to the gospel among Christian people in positions of public trust, let us pray to the Lord:	
-	Lord, have mercy.	
	to another, let us pray to the Lord:	faith of our ancestors from one generation
-	Lord, have mercy.	
Leader	For the sick and the suffering, the lo let us pray to the Lord:	nely and the dying, [especially N.].
-	Lord, have mercy.	
	We remember those who have died, let us pray to the Lord:	[including N.].
People	Lord, have mercy.	
Leader		t, with Mary, the mother of the Son of God, a all the saints in light, let us commend our the Lord. <b>Amen.</b>
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. <b>Amen.</b>	
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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 Most 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 Almighty 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.

### The Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn 662 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide *Eventide* 

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest Blessed 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 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:









#### 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 We 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.

Communion Hymn 764 Taste and see

James E. Moore, Jr.

### 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 Life 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.

Processional Hymn 335 I am the bread of life

Suzanne Toolan

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Aria in F

John S. Dixon (b.1957)

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.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in in loving memory of Dede White by Ann & Ross Quattlebaum

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.

# 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



# 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

# Parents & Family Dinner

### 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 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.

## 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 inperson 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

# 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.

Our next gathering is Wednesday, August 3, from 6:30—8 pm. You may join us in person on via Zoom <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691775520?</u> <u>pwd=NHdPbDNheFpVclpvQU1nbjQvSDNsUT09</u> Meeting ID: 856 9177 5520 Passcode: 317147

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



## Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns,

contact Rev. Laurel <u>via email</u> or on her cell <u>310-562-5746</u>. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church <u>831-624-6646</u> 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 <u>Elizabeth Buche</u>, who manages the Daughters' prayer list. The Daughters pray for members of our parish and for many other individuals daily.

## Thank you from the Haiti Team: Fundraiser Reaches \$60k Goal!

Thanks to you, the Haiti team has reached our summer fund raising goal! This means we will be able to continue support for the bright rural students program, the computer lab, more advanced teacher training, and supplies for the school nurses.

At a time when it seems we hear nothing but bad news about Haiti it's good to remember the bright star that is St. Andre's school. Thanks to decades of support from St. Dunstan's, children are educated and fed every day and go on to get jobs, attend university and travel abroad.

These students are the hope and the future of Haiti, and your generosity makes it all possible. Thank you!

## 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.

## Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to <a href="mailto:office@stdcv.org">office@stdcv.org</a> by midnight Sunday.

## **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.

# Zoom Compline to Resume Mondays, 5 pm, on Aug 2

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 he Order for Compline from the New Zealand Prayer book, which can be downloaded at <u>stdcv.org/bulletins</u>.

### Join Zoom Compline

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070384899 Meeting ID: <u>850 7038 4899</u>

## This week's guest organist

This week we welcome Melanie Cervi to the bench. Welcome, Melanie!

# St. Dunstan's Foundation 2021 Grant Season Opens

St. Dunstan's Foundation is now accepting applications for funding through our grant program on August 1st. The deadline for applying is September 30th. Information, downloadable fliers, and applications are available at <u>stdcv.org/foundation</u>.

Questions can be sent to <u>foundation@stdcv.org</u>

# Women of St. Dunstan's present "Tea, Lunch, and Punch" honoring Ollie Collins

The Women of St. Dunstan's will have a very special event to bring all of us back together again for a social celebration with Ollie Collins, as our Guest of Honor.

"Tea, Lunch, and Punch" will be held in Brock Hall from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Saturday, September 11.

Ollie is bringing many of her treasures she has collected over the years from all over the world to share with each of us. We will be able to pick and take home what items you want so they will continue to be treasured by her church community.

If anyone needs a ride to the Church for this event, or to RSVP call Pam Austin **831-601-2381.** 

# 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 34 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.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S Parish office open Tuesday—Thursday, 9 am—12 noon

Sunday, August 18:00 amHoly Eucharist9:00 amDiscussion Group10:00 amHoly Eucharist (live-streamed)11:00 amCoffee Hour	Thursday, August 512:00 pmQuilters4:00 pmI-Help Men
Monday, August 2 5:00 pm Zoom Compline	Friday, August 6 10:00 am Victoria Clark Interment
Tuesday, August 38:00 amStaff meeting10:00 amStoried Pilgrimage with Race5:30 pmParent & Family Dinner & Talk	<u>Saturday, August 7</u>
<b>7:30 pm</b> AA	Sunday, August 8 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Discussion Group
Wednesday, August 410:00 amHoly Eucharist12:00 pmPrayer Shawl Ministry12:30 pmDaughters of the King6:30 pmStoried Pilgrimage with Race	<b>10:00 am</b> Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) <b>11:00 am</b> Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

# JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tom Dietrich
- 2 Bill Schueler
- 4 Susan Baxter
- 4 Ron Garcia
- 8 Roslyn Hamilton
- 8 Andy Lambert

- 16 Jim Hamilton
- 20 Steve Brooks
- 21 Zachary Davis
- 27 Elizabeth Buche
- 27 Lorelei Duddy
- 28 Zephyr Miller

- 29 Phil Clarkson
- 29 Katy Linforth
- 29 Elizabeth Stewart
- 30 Susan Schueler



### 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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