



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## March 17, 2019

### 8 am

*Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!*

*If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.  
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,  
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

**Prelude** Choral Preludes on *Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word* *Dietrich Buxtehude,  
Johann Gottfried Walther, Paul Manx*

Priest Blessed be the God of our salvation:

**People** **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Priest Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*The people stand or kneel.*

**People** **God eternal, giver of light and grace,**  
**we have sinned against you and against our neighbors,**  
**in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,**  
**through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.**  
**We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness**  
**to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest **M**ay the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us  
from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son and Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Remain standing or kneeling.*

## The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

*The promise of many descendants and of a covenant guaranteeing a homeland which God made with Abraham (who at that time was known as Abram). Abram had no children and was planning that one of the slaves born in his house would be his heir. Now he puts his faith in God and is accepted into a right relationship with the Lord. A covenant is then established by means of an ancient custom. Animals are divided in half and, in the form of smoking and flaming symbols, God passes between them.*

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27** *Dominus illuminatio*

*The psalmist expresses great trust and confidence in the Lord and asks always to be in God's presence.*

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

*Continued . . . .*

- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*  
the Lord will sustain me.
- 15 Show me your way, O Lord; \*  
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*  
for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord \*  
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;  
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*  
wait patiently for the Lord.

### **Philippians 3:17–4:1**

*Paul warns of enemies of the cross of Christ and urges the disciples in Philippi to stand firm in the hope of the glory to come. Previously Paul has told how he had learned to count all privileges of birth and background as of no value in comparison with faith in Jesus. He asks the Philippians to imitate him, and to be wary of those who glory in material appetites and values, whether religious or otherwise. Christians are to see themselves already as citizens of heaven, expecting Christ to come and to transfigure their present bodies into the form of their Lord's own resplendent existence.*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Luke 13:31–35**

*Jesus is disdainful of King Herod's threat and expresses his determination to fulfill his prophetic destiny in Jerusalem. Jesus' words emphasize his struggle against the forces of evil and illness and his expectation concerning what will soon happen to him in Jerusalem. He laments over the city, once chosen for God's temple, which has killed so many prophets before him.*

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Serenity prayer**

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
The courage to change the things I can,  
And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.**

### **The Sermon**

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.

*Standing or kneeling.*

**The Prayers of the People** from Brian McLaren's, *We Make the Way by Walking*

Leader Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy,  
saying, "We thank you, living God."

Leader For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and of St. Andre's in Haiti,  
and for all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater  
humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader We pray for those in special need today including [...]; let us pray to the Lord.

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader We pray for those who have died, including [...]; let us pray to the Lord.

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader We pray for the search for the 4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real.  
We pray especially for the members of the Search Team, the Transition Team,  
Bishop Mary and the person God is calling to be our next Bishop.

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us,  
and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

**People We thank you, living God.**

Leader And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus,  
our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

**People We thank you, living God.**

## **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.*

### **Prayer for a Birthday**

**○ 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 *All things come of thee, O Lord.*

**People And of thine own have we given thee.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer IIb; Episcopal Church of Scotland*

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 **Y**ou have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



**People** **H**oly, 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** **B**lessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.  
You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and  
show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would  
not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us  
in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in  
Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the  
way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when  
he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take,  
eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."  
As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

**Priest** Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your  
creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the  
Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these  
gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Dunstan, Andre, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People Have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People Have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**People Grant us peace.**

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.***

The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the cup by drinking (guide the chalice gently to your lips by the base) or by dipping the bread.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your 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 **Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us, and reconciled your people to yourself. May we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood*

*Lay Server: Mystery Chastain*

*Lector: Anne Proctor*




*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in memory of Jack Borsting by Peggy Borsting*

*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](http://stdcv.org/bulletins)



Thumbnail image showing a page from the "THE MINISTRIES OF THE WORD" section of a Sunday Service Bulletin, dated July 26, 2015. It includes a small graphic, a title, and several columns of text, likely containing liturgical instructions or readings.

## **WSD Grant Applicant presentations (and Vote) Next Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

All Women of St. Dunstan's (literally: every woman any age) are invited to come and listen to the amazing leaders of the 12 different organizations requesting grants from our Madrigal Affair last Dec. There will be refreshments, so please bring your coffee and come straight up to Carlyle Hall after church next week. Men are welcome, although only women can vote. It is exciting how many wonderful outreach programs we can support through our efforts. Please all come!

*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!

## **common thread**

*spirit, music, food, drink, community*

Now the Second Friday each month,  
6 pm in Carlyle Hall

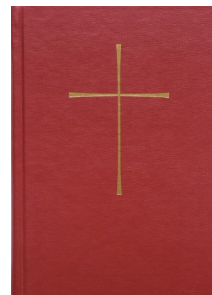
**Friday,  
April 12**



*Sunday Morning Class:*

### **The Catechism 9 am (Outer Office)**

The Sunday Morning Class is off and running with it's Lenten study of the Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer. For those who might think this subject is stuffy and old fashioned, think again, every single one of these topics has an impact on our everyday lives. In other words, how we apply our love of God and love of neighbor in all that we do, whether is be at home, with friends, in the work place, or the greater world we live in. You might want to give it a try. Please join us!



### **Lent Madness is here!**

Hope all you Lent Madness fans are reading about the saints and voting on line! Check their progress on the bracket on the bulletin board in Brock Hall. If you are not looking at the comments on line, you are missing the daily limericks and songs written about the two saints of the day— they are amazing and hilarious. Give yourself a lenten treat (while learning, so it's OK for lent) and take a look at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org).

## **Parish Beautification Day Saturday, April 13**

**9 – noon**

Our annual Parish Beautification Day will take place from 9 am - noon, Saturday, April 13, 2019; the day before Palm Sunday. The greater the numbers the greater the joy and fellowship! We are sure we can find a task for all volunteers.

We need help in gardening, church cleaning (including window washing), and kitchen cleaning. We'll have lunch together at noon including hamburgers and other donated dishes.

Signup sheets to work or to help provide food are available on the Welcome Table.

**Please join us!**

### **In our prayers this week. . . .**

Sam, Andrew, J.J., Richard, John, Cora, Ross, Victoria, Peter, Ida, David, Jack, Jan, Cecily, Jane, Brad, Kay, Jeanne, Dick, Libby, Daniela, Donna, Yolette, Sarah & Joe, James, Fran, Augie, Daniel, Glenn, Gigi, Beth, John, Nancy, Phil, George, Deborah, Nate, Alan, José-Manuel, Hannah, Aliceon, Chuck, Josh

### **For the repose of the souls . . . .**

Jean Hawkins, Margaret Rand

*Last days to register for the*

## **St. Dunstan's KIDS COUNT CLASSIC Golf Tournament**

Presented by



### **Carmel Valley Ranch Next Sunday, March 24**

This 1 o'clock shotgun is a fun way to support the St. Dunstan's Montessori school and exceptional early childhood education in Carmel Valley.

Registration forms are available on the Welcome Table and may be handed in or emailed to the church office.

### **Deadline for eNews, Bulletin**

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

### **Help with I-HELP this week**

Sign up today on the Welcome Table to help provide hospitality and a meal this coming Thursday for the men of I-HELP.

*Youth In Action to celebrate*  
**California Wildlife Day**

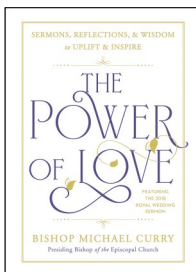
**Palo Corona Regional Park  
& Discovery Center**

**4860 Carmel Valley Road  
March 23; Noon—2:30 pm**

YIA will run nature games and plant native plants in a new butterfly garden at the new Palo Corona Discovery Center on Carmel Valley Road!

RSVP with Sarah Wood 831-238-1217

*Lenten Neighborhood Groups*  
**A Discussion of Sermons by  
Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**



By now six neighborhood groups have met for the first time and discussed Bishop Curry's first sermon, "The Power of Love," preached last May at the Royal Wedding, St.

George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

For those of you who purchased a book and want to follow along, this coming Monday, March 18th, at 7 pm, groups will discuss, "The Good Life," the sermon Curry preached last July at the 79th General Convention in Austin, Texas. This has been a popular book at St. Dunstan's.

## **Children & Youth Ministries**

*To get involved or learn more,  
contact the church office.*

**Light and Love** (Ages infant–4 years)  
10 am Sundays in the nursery

A safe, sunny space where the youngest children can learn and play while parents experience the service. All children are also heartily welcome in church!

**Godly Play** (Ages 4 and up)  
10 am Sundays in Carlyle Hall

Based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible.

**Re:form** (Tweens and Teens)  
11:30–12:45 Alternate Sundays

Using games, videos and discussion, participating youth develop their tools for critical thinking, faithful reflection and discovery. And they have fun!

**Youth in Action** (Tweens and Teens)  
At least once per month; sites vary

A kid-driven volunteer service program through which our youth address social and environmental issues, help others in the community and have fun!  
Open to any local kids who want to make their community a better place.

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

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## Sunday, March 17 ~ St. Patrick's Day

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 am Sunday Morning Class  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
Children's Ministries  
11:30 am Finance Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm AA

## Monday, March 18

7:00 pm Lenten Neighborhood Groups

## Tuesday, March 19

7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, March 20

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing  
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:00 pm Staff Meeting  
2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
4:30 pm Haiti Team Meeting

## Thursday, March 21

4:00 pm Vestry Meeting  
I-Help (meal by St. Dunstan's)

## Friday, March 22

5:00 pm O'Brien-Langland Rehearsal

## Saturday, March 23

4:00 pm O'Brien-Langland Wedding

## Sunday, March 24

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 am Sunday Morning Class  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
Children's Ministries  
11:30 am WSD Grant Meeting  
1:00 pm Kids Count Golf Tournament  
7:00 pm AA

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Rob Feller	9 Jeff Jones	16 Mike Hendrickson
1 Chase Melich	10 Abigail Davis	22 Sally Dietrich
2 Flo von Platen	10 Hannah Davis	28 Tracy Jones
6 Alma Rose Lewis	10 James Miller	28 Liz Rondelle
7 Ari Roohbakhsh	12 Grace Merrill	30 Art Pasquinelli
7 Sue Spangler	13 Roger Fulton	30 Niki Tugwell
8 Graham Simpson	16 Kurt Buche	31 Avery Kasdan



## **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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