



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019
10 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.*

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 Fugue in B minor (BWV 544)

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn 646 The King of love my shepherd is

Dominus regit me

The people standing, the Priest says

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

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

Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 9:36-43

Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple named Tabitha. Tabitha was known for her many good works and her restoration to life led to numerous new converts. Peter then stays for a time in Joppa with Simon, a tanner whose occupation would have rendered him a near outcast.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Revelation 7:9-17

This lesson presents a vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb. These myriad saints come from all over the world and have been purified through their own sufferings in association with the sacrifice of the Lamb. But now the Lamb (which is a figure for Jesus) will be their shepherd, and they will suffer no longer. Such a vision would be a great consolation to those undergoing persecution.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 208 Alleluia! The strife is o’er, the battle done
Verses 3 & 4 are sung after the Gospel Reading.

Victory

John 10:22-30

Jesus speaks to those who are unable to come to belief in him and then tells of his sheep who belong to him forever. Some of the Jewish people gather around Jesus in one of the areas alongside the main temple. They ask if he is the Christ, but Jesus sees that they do not believe. Yet the sheep that the Father has given can never be taken from the Father's protection, and Jesus is one with the Father.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem.

It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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. Rob Fisher

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Priest The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The child to be baptized is presented:

Presenters I present Ella to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

To the Parents and Godparents

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that Ella is brought up
 in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help Ella to grow
 into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness
 that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world
 which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The priest addresses the congregation saying

Question Will you who witness these vows do all in your power
 to support Ella in her life in Christ?

People We will.

Priest Let us join with Ella who is being committed to Christ
 and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant *All Stand.*

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity
of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Priest Let us now pray for Ella, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver Ella, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest **G**rant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Priest blesses the water, first saying

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest **W**e thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Priest then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Priest Ella, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

The Priest prays over him, saying

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Priest Ella, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism
and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

The Priest now says

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **W**e receive you into the household of God.

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their 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.

Offertory Anthem The Lord is my shepherd (Psalm 23)

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my Shepherd
I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me besides the still waters

The Lord is my Shepherd
I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me besides the still waters
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil

For you are with me
You will comfort me

You are with me
You will comfort me

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life
And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever

Offertory Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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, God of power and might (859)

Ronald Arnatt

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Fraction Anthem *The people sing the refrain*



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.

During this time a prayer leader will be in the back of the church, by the font, to offer healing prayers.

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

Communion Anthem

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 with spiritual food in 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn 522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

Priest **A**lleluia! Alleluia!

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

People **T**hanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Toccata in F major (BWV 540)

J.S. Bach

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 thanksgiving for family by Bill & Cathy Solms*

*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.*

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, May 12 ~ Mother'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, May 13

Tuesday, May 14

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, May 15

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, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

5:30 pm Agape Meal

Saturday, May 18

10:00 am Mid-Valley Garden Homes HOA
 4:00 pm I-Help Women

Sunday, May 19

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 Stewardship Forum
 7:00 pm AA

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Alma Swiers	12 Carol Habermann	21 Ray Hiebert
4 Cameron Talley	14 Kelsey Davis	23 Zealyn Roth
5 Ruth Louis	15 Sheila Hiebert	23 Bill Solms
7 Robin Harness	15 Melissa Pavloff	23 Star Reierson
8 Richard Chastain	18 Carlos Pina	24 Bill Harness
9 Aga Simpson	18 Quinn Torrice	30 Marge Taylor
11 Kathy Lueders	19 Julie Tomlin	31 Dottie Little

Attention Kids and Parents!



The next Youth in Action kids' service project will be next Thursday, May 16th with I-Help. From 4:30 to 6:30, we will prepare food for, serve and have dinner with St. Dunstan's homeless guests.

To get involved or for more information, contact Sarah Wood 831-238-1217.

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 and entering your email address.

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

Diapers for Easter

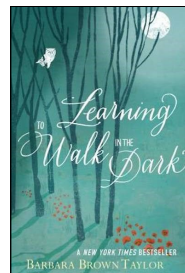
Three quarters of the people Nancy's Project feeds each week are children—many still in diapers. And diapers are expensive! What better donation for Easter than a box of diapers for needy families? Size 3 are especially needed.

Donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours or on Sundays through the season of Easter. Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!

Sunday Morning Class

9 am in the Outer Office

During the season of Easter, we are reading Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Taylor writes that most of us fear the dark places of our lives and want to avoid them. But in her provocative book Taylor shows us how much we need the darkness in order to find the light. Please join us for Sunday discussion.



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



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.

Women of St. Dunstan's Honors Acolytes

On Sunday, May 12th, in the 10 AM service, the Women of St. Dunstan's are excited to give thank you gift cards to our Acolytes who have served our Church this year. We are using some of our reserve funds earned from the Madrigal Affair.

We appreciate the dedication of the following acolytes:

Head Crucifers: Daniel Garcia, Libby Lambert, Joshua Pavloff, Broden Murray

Torch Bearers: Zoe Fisher, Chandler Clark, Aleksander Simpson, Madison Snellgrose

What a wonderful example these younger people set for us all!

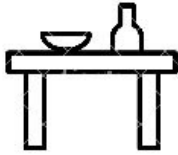
common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

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

**Friday,
June 14**





AGAPE MEALS

COOKING | CONVERSATIO | COMMUNITY

Friday, May 17, 5:30 pm

Agape Meals are gatherings for young adults (20s/30s), offering community, cooking, and *conversatio*. We gather monthly for an intentional time of reflection, prayer, cooking, and eating together. We are saying yes to belonging and co-creating community. We attempt to live in a rhythm of life that helps us be life-giving, liberating, and loving people. As a community we agree to show up, share, socialize, and slow down.

All identities are loved and welcome. Curious? Connect with Carmel host: Katy Linforth [agapemeals\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:agapemeals(at)stdcv.org)

In our prayers this week. . . .

Sam, Andrew, J.J., Richard, John, Cora, Ross, Victoria, Ida, David, Jan, Cecily, Brad, Jeanne, Donna, Yolette, Sarah & Joe, Fran, Gigi, Nancy, George, Deborah, Nate, Chuck, Josh, Bill, Lawrence, Bob, Virginia

For the repose of the souls

Rev. Charles Canidate

Stewardship Forums Coming

May 19 & June 2, 11:15 am

May 26, 9 am

Please join us as we collectively discern where and how God is calling our church.

These annual forums help us plan our future. We ask that you share thoughts on how we can best serve God by improving what we are now doing, and by starting new work.

These forum are an informal way to share ideas is always stimulating. All suggestions are carefully considered by parish leaders at an all day leaders retreat. Even if you have participated in the past and feel that you have already contributed, please join us again for our discussions even if for 20 minutes or so. Some past forums have lasted longer since people often get very engaged when discussing our future. You are free to leave whenever you need to.

Our forums this year are particularly important since much of the information gathered will be available to our yet-to-be-formed rector search committee in preparing our parish profile. Your input will help shape our future in discerning and calling our next rector.

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.



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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Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Rob Fisher
Officiant: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Readers: Hal Snellgrose, Louis Powell
Prayers of the People: Sarah Wood
Chalice Bearers: Susan Baxter

Acolytes

Crucifer: Daniel Garcia
Clergy Cross: Zoe Fisher

Ushers: June & Norman Parris
Greeter: Sheila Hiebert
Name Tags: Donna & Dave Roth
Coffee Hour Host: TBD
Welcome Table: Cathy & Bill Solms

Godly Play

Greeter: Elizabeth Buche *Storyteller:* Barbara Greenway

Music

Organist & Director of Music Ministries: Steve Denmark

St. Dunstan's Choir

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Betty Kasson, Otto Neely, Art Pasquinelli, Elizabeth Pasquinelli,
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