



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## September 15, 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** Hymn prelude on *Lauda Anima* *Charles Callaban*  
Hymn preludes on *Rathbum* (Gloria) *T.Tertius Noble, Flor Peeters, Gerre Hancick*

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

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

**Priest** 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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Exodus 32:7–14

*The people worship an idol, but Moses' prayer saves them from the Lord's punishment. In one way or another this pattern is repeated throughout Israel's history. The people have just made a solemn covenant with God, but quickly they lose faith and want to put their trust in some more tangible and useful religion. In this case the object of their worship is a bull-calf, a divinity among the Canaanites and a symbol of strength and virility. Moses intercedes against the Lord's wrath and reminds him of his past help and commitment to this people.*

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 51:1—11 *Miserere mei, Deus*

*A confession of sin and guilt and a prayer for a clean heart.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

### **1 Timothy 1:12–17**

*Paul gives thanks to the Lord Jesus and praise to God for the salvation of sinners, among whom Paul has led the way. The apostle (or a later author writing for him) recalls his acts of persecution and blasphemy against Jesus. But the Lord was merciful to him in his ignorance and unbelief, as he has been to all who have come in faith to him.*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Luke 15:1–10**

*Jesus tells the two parables of the finding of the lost sheep and the lost coin. The setting helps us to understand that Jesus may have told the story about the lost sheep to defend his acts of reaching out to share the invitation of the reign of God with those often regarded as beyond God's concern. In several ways it would be foolish to leave many sheep to go after one stray, but the parable emphasizes the lengths to which both Jesus and God will go to bring back one who is missing. The second story illustrates a related theme of the first: the great joy that is experienced when the lost is found.*

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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.*

**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.**

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People** *The people stand or kneel*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mary our Bishop; Lucinda, our Bishop-Elect; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People Who put their trust in you.**

Priest Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**People** **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Priest **Al**mighty 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.*

#### **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.

# 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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, And this fragile earth, our island home.

**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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 **A**nd so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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 Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Priest Lord God of our Ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Priest Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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. A period of silence is kept.*

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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 Eternal 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 Life is short.

*Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)*

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 **I**n the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, and pray that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many, are one because we share one Bread and one Cup. In Christ's name. 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:* Steve Andrews



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in thanksgiving for the work of our office volunteers*

*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)



## **5th Sunday Brunch**

**Sunday, September 29th in Brock Hall**

**9 - 9:45 am**

Stay after the 8 am service  
or come early for the 10 am service  
and join us for breakfast.

*- Hosted by the Daughters of the King*

*Mark your calendar now for the*

## **Stewardship Lunch Event**

**Sunday, November 10**

**Palo Corona Regional Park**

Our Autumn Stewardship Lunch Event will be on Sunday, Nov 10, at Palo Corona Regional Park (formerly Rancho Cañada) immediately after the 10 am Holy Eucharist. This is a well attended event that brings over 100 of us together to consider our personal commitments to St. Dunstan's and the Godly work that we are about. You will not be asked for any money at this event (that comes the following week with Commitment Sunday). This important event is paid for by a group of parishioners, so it is free to you. Please plan to join us at this popular event in the life of our parish.

## **OH MY, IT WAS HEAVENLY PIE!**

Thanks to you, we are off to a great start with the funding of our wonderful remodeled kitchen. The Heavenly Pie event raised \$2300! Thank you so much for your generosity. And it was so much fun, we will do it again.

We still expect the project to cost about \$175,000. Here is how the funding breaks down: We have \$121,250 pledged so far—from grants, bequests and other funds. The Heavenly Pie event and some early donations raised \$3800, so we still have about \$50,000 to raise to complete the funding for our kitchen and we need your help! Please join us--the kitchen committee and others who recognize the importance of the kitchen as the center of our hospitality and outreach ministries. Every little bit helps! Make your check out to St. Dunstan's and put "kitchen remodel" on the memo line. And thank you from the kitchen crew!

*Let's go camping in Big Sur!*

## **St. Dunstan's Family Camp Trip October 11-12**

Santa Lucia Campground in Big Sur!

For details or to reserve your spot,  
contact Elizabeth Buche

[elizabeth\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:elizabeth(at)stdcv.org) or 831-402-6375



## No Kneelers, No Problem

For many, it is a special thing to kneel when receiving Holy Communion. And our beautiful needlepoint kneelers are showing the 40+ years of love our knees have given them. So while they are away at the Kneeler Spa getting spruced up, know that it is completely acceptable to stand and receive. If you want to kneel on the stone, that's up to you. But no one will judge; least of all God. Besides, you can still bend the knees of your heart.

*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!

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

Andrew, J.J., Richard, Cora, Ross, Victoria, Ida, David, Jan, Cecily, Brad, Jeanne, Donna, Yolette, Sarah & Joe, Fran, Gigi, Nancy, George, Nate, Chuck, Josh, Bill, Lawrence, Jack, Joanie, Sarah, Ann, Lauren, Aaron, Michael, Clare, Mel, Bob, Roz, Maureen

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

John Vera, Juan Mijares

## St. Dunstan's Foundation accepting 2019 Grant Proposals

Need funding for your ministry or project?

St. Dunstan's Foundation is now accepting applications for funding through our grant program.

The deadline to apply is September 30th.

Funding is available for church or community needs. Requests for support of community-based projects are limited to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations qualified for tax-exempt status according to the IRS.

Highest priority is given to projects that further the mission of St. Dunstan's Church, seeking to spread the love and grace that is Christ's gift to the world by serving those in need.

Applications available at the church office or by request via [foundation@stdcv.org](mailto:foundation@stdcv.org)



*Join JCM United for a*

## **Celebratory Kick-Off Dinner**

Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 pm

Congregation Beth Israel

(5716 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel)

**\$20 per plate donation requested**

*(Funds will help start a soup kitchen!)*

*please RSVP 831-624-2015*

## *Nancy's Project*

### **Bagging Beans Today**



This is our final round of bag beans for our neighbors in the Salinas Valley who are served by Nancy's Project.

So plan to join us in Brock Hall after the 9 am and 11 am Holy Eucharists.

### **Sunday Morning Class**

#### **Resumes Today**

**9 am in the Outer Office**

This Sunday we start the fall session beginning with a discussion of Jordan Hayne Ware's intriguing book, [The Ultimate Quest](#). Those interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church are welcome to join us.

If you have questions, see Rev. Marcia.

*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.

### **Update on Rector Search**

The search for a new rector is nearing completion of its first phase: gathering parishioner feedback about the state of the church, indicating directions for the future and articulating desired characteristics of our new rector. This information is needed to complete the Office of Transition Ministry Profile required by the Diocese to post the call for rector candidates, and to provide input to for an addition to our website to represent who we are and what we do.

The information provided by the parishioner survey and the series of parishioner forums has been reviewed by the Rector Search Committee and the Vestry. In these parish-wide information-gathering activities, eight in 10 respondents deemed the following traits essential in candidates seeking to be our next rector:

- effective preacher-speaker
- person of faith
- mature and emotionally secure
- maintains confidentiality
- compassionate, caring and welcoming
- good leader

We expect the position vacancy to post soon and the website addition to go live at the same time. We will let you know when the position vacancy and website addition are online and how to access them. Stay tuned!

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## Sunday, September 15

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class  
         Bagging Beans  
 10:00 am Sunday School & Holy Eucharist  
 11:00 am Bagging Beans  
 11:30 am Youth Group  
         Finance Committee Meeting  
 7:00 pm AA

## Monday, September 16

## Tuesday, September 17

10:00 am Staff Meeting  
 5:00 pm St. Dunstan's Foundation  
 7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, September 18

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

## Thursday, September 19

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

## Friday, September 20

4:00 pm I-Help (meal provided by others)  
 6:00 pm Common Thread

## Saturday, September 21

11:00 am Ginger Brock Funeral  
 4:00 pm I-Help Women (St. Dunstan's)

## Sunday, September 22

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class  
 10:00 am Sunday School & Holy Eucharist  
 11:30 am Youth Group  
 7:00 pm AA

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Pinky McCammon	12 JJ Bohlman	19 Lois Kettel
3 Tim Condon	12 Sarah Pease	20 Broden Murray
3 Duncan Murray	14 Michael Carter	23 Ella Duddy
4 Georgia Byrne	14 Juju Lewis	25 Eva Kasdan
7 Marikay Morris	14 Marcia Lockwood	27 Margo Fuselier
8 Ross Quattlebaum	15 Dick Habermann	29 Jan Pina
10 Anthony Healey	18 Judy Hill	
12 Hudson Beiderwell	18 Wren Merrifield	



## **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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