



THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 6, 2022

10 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.
Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.*

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 Sanctus (Missa pro organo)

Jan Bender (1909-1994)

Processional Hymn 381 Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Ton-y-Botel

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

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

*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 S278 Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-



might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



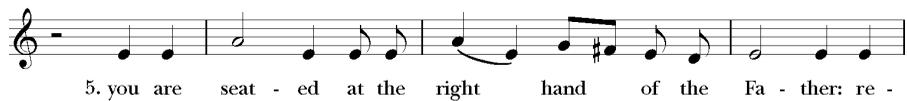
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

Lord of the deep waters, you call us from the safety of the shore to an adventure of the spirit: open wide our arms to embrace the world you dare to serve; through Jesus Christ, who gives life in abundance. **Amen.**

Isaiah 6:1–8

Isaiah's vision of the Lord and his prophetic commission. The earthly temple becomes an icon for the temple in heaven. Isaiah is purged of his guilt and sin and responds to the Lord's call. The church hears in the thrice-holy song of the seraphim an anticipation of its praise of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If using the longer version, the following sentence may be added: Once the new prophet has been made ready for his task, he is given his first word for the people, an ominous warning of judgment.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his basic proclamation concerning the Lord's resurrection. All these things happened according to the scriptures. Beginning with a manifestation to Cephas, Paul recounts six appearances of the risen Lord to his followers. The last, which must have taken place several years after the others, gave this former persecutor of the church his commission as an apostle.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Luke 5:1–11

The story of the calling of Simon Peter, together with the brothers James and John, to be disciples of Jesus. This happens by the Lake of Gennesaret or Galilee. Jesus amazes Peter by showing him where he can catch a great haul of fish. Peter pours out his feelings of unworthiness, but from now on, Jesus tells him, he will be catching people.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote

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 *Standing or kneeling.*

Leader God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who by their life and preaching cast into that darkness the light of God's peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the rulers of the earth, and for every child that stands in need of their protection, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who through death have passed into the full epiphany of God's glory [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest O God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Move us by the power of your word that we too might open our gifts for others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored through the same Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *Standing or kneeling. Silence may be kept.*

Priest **L**et us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin,
confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

Silence

People **M**ost merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Priest **A**lmighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of 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 **L**et us give to God with generosity and gladness
 the offerings of our lives, our labors and our love.

Offertory Anthem Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Offertory Hymn 362 Holy, Holy, Holy!

Nicaea

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 C

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:

Sanctus S130 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Franz Schubert

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

The people stand or kneel.

Priest And 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.

Priest 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."

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.**

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. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S164

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Priest These are the Gifts of God, given for you, God's beloved. So come and receive. It is the Lord who invites you and His will that those who desire him, should meet him here.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

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 Anthem There Is a Balm in Gilead

*Negro Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood
& Elizabeth and Arthur Pasquinelli*

*There is a balm in Gilead,
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead,
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say, "He died for all."

Refrain

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 **M**ay the Spirit's love,
flowing like water across the face of the earth,
fill you with every gift for the good of the world.
And the blessing of God, Eternal Source,
Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts, be with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 671 Amazing Grace

New Britain

Priest **L**et us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Isaiah, Mighty Seer (Little Organ Mass)

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

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
and in memory of Jean Andrews by Steve Andrews*



*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.*

Save the Date for **Family Church! February 20, 4—6 pm.** It's all about **LOVE!**

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

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 22, 2018
10:00 AM

WELCOME TO ST. DUNSTON'S We are glad to see you!
If you are new to our church, please contact the church office at (860) 253-1234.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD
The Word of God is the foundation of our faith and the source of our life. We will hear the Word of God and respond to it in prayer and song.

HYMN 150 "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" (Lutheran Book Concern, 1941)
HYMN 151 "The Lord is God" (Lutheran Book Concern, 1941)

Psalm 113:1-3
The Lord is God, the Lord is one,
The Lord is God, the Lord is one,
The Lord is God, the Lord is one.

HYMN 152 "The Lord is God" (Lutheran Book Concern, 1941)

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HYMN 160 "The Lord is God" (Lutheran Book Concern, 1941)

Help us get to 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!

Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

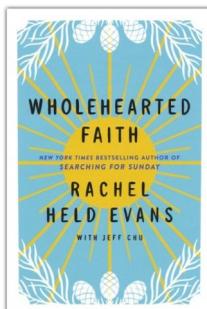
This week we continue discussing Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans. We are now meeting in the Guild Room with masks.

Or you can join us via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9109922704>
Meeting ID: 910 992 2704

For more information, speak with Janel Hornbeck.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office@stdcv.org by midnight Sunday.



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Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 110.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to dok@stdcv.org. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

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Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, February 27

Plan to be at St.

Dunstan's on Sunday, February 27, as we welcome Bishop Lucinda on her annual parish visit.

If you are interested in baptism or confirmation , speak with Rev. Laurel.



Dedicate Altar Flowers

This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of the flowers is \$20, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

Sign up on the Welcome Table

Music Notes:

Today's organ voluntaries are inspired by the First Reading from Isaiah 6: the prophet's vision of angels, their wings (each had six!), and their singing "Holy, holy, holy." This canticle is read or sung in every Jewish liturgy and in every Christian Eucharist. In 1526, Martin Luther included a hymnic version of Isaiah 6:1-4 in his German Mass (the title was once translated "Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old"). Today's prelude and postlude are settings of this hymn, which is still found in Lutheran hymnals. Jan Bender included his setting in his Organ Mass of 1971, which includes settings of 16th-century Lutheran chorales paraphrasing Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. The very long melody -- 16 phrases in a single stanza -- is heard in the pedal. At the "Holy, holy, holy" phrases, the registration becomes much louder, and the hands play an awe-inspiring figuration suggesting the angels' wings and Isaiah's terror. Eventually the music quiets down for the final phrases, and the final measures suggest perhaps the angels flying back into heaven. In 1999, to observe the 150th anniversary of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, I commissioned my dear friend John Karl Hirten to compose a setting of all 5 of the historic chorales for congregation, choir, and organ. Several years later John distilled the music into his "Little Organ Mass." Today's postlude is the Sanctus from that Mass, a gorgeous setting that begins gently and builds to the "Holy, holy, holy" climax. John continues his wonderful church work at St. John's Church, Ross, in Marin County.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Discussion Group
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, February 7

5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, February 8

11:00 am PEO
3:00 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm St. Dunstan's Foundation Mtg
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, February 9

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, February 10

12:00 pm Quilters
6:30 pm Confirmation Prep Class

Friday, February 11

4:00 pm I-Help Men

Saturday, February 12

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
Vestry Retreat

Sunday, February 13

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Discussion Group
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Holy Week & Easter Planning

View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Dominic Gregorio
7 Beverly Klinger
8 Jill Lewis
10 Tammy Hawkins

11 Kim Murray
12 Sue Masters
14 Tom Logan
22 Courtney Shevelson

26 Sarah Hawthorne
27 Joseph Talley
28 Crosby Hawthorne



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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