



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022  
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** Musette

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Stand at the ringing of the bell.*

Priest *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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** **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;**  
**serve the Lord with gladness**  
**and come before his presence with a song.**  
**Know this: The Lord himself is God;**  
**he himself has made us, and we are his;**  
**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;**  
**go into his courts with praise;**  
**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**  
**For the Lord is good;**  
**his mercy is everlasting;**  
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## **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.

Living God, Mystery of love given and received before all foundations, you wound our hearts, hardened to division and indifference: deepen our yearning for unity and enrich our love for diversity that the whole creation might share in your communion; through Jesus Christ, who makes known your love. **Amen.**

### **Acts 16:16–34**

*The imprisonment of Paul and Silas after Paul had healed a slave girl who was possessed by a spirit.*

*An earthquake opens the doors of the prison, but Paul takes the occasion to convert the jailer and his family.*

*This is among a series of many adventures that happened to Paul in his missionary work. It illustrates both his fortitude and the manner in which he seized every opportunity to spread the gospel.*

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice,

“Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit***

*A hymn to the awesome Lord and Ruler who brings the fire of judgment and light for the righteous.*

- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

## **Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21**

*In his final vision, John the Seer pictures the glorious Lord Jesus coming to judge and to save. Blessed are those who have washed their robes by sharing in the sufferings of the one who is both David's offspring and Lord. He is the brightest star of heaven. The bride, which is the church, joins with the Spirit and all others who take their part in calling, "Come!" The passage closes with one of Christianity's oldest prayers: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"*

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **John 17:20–26**

*Jesus prays for the unity of his present and future disciples with the Father and himself. This is the closing of what has been called Jesus' high-priestly prayer. The unity for which he asks reaches deeper than outward signs or human comprehension. It is the oneness of the Father's love in the Son and of the Son in the Father. This love Jesus has made known and it indwells his followers. Their unity will be a witness to the world. Jesus prays that his disciples may behold and share in the glory given to him through the Father's love before the world began.*

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**Priest** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

Rebecca Miller

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
and 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*

*Form 3*

**Leader** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People** That we all may be one.

**Leader** For the communities of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's in Haiti;  
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Leader** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for peace in the world, for the people of Ukraine and for those who are helping them; We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Priest **G**rant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**People Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Priest **T**hrough the cross of Christ,

God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **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,  
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## **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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

**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** **H**oly 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** **C**hrist 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 in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for 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 **D**raw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us.  
Let us feed on him in our hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

### **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 Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your lips by touching the base.

**At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.**

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup,  
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.

## 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 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

*All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

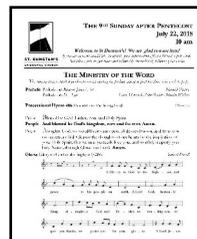
*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
& in memory of Cos Masters by Sue & Tom Masters*



*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)



## A Storied Pilgrimage with Race

“A Storied Pilgrimage with Race” explores the issues of race in our diocese through video interviews, education materials, action items, and reflection. Please join Rev. Laurel and others from our community as we engage in this year-long pilgrimage. The completion of this curriculum fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real.

Our next gathering is this coming **Wednesday** from 6:30—8 pm in person or on Zoom.

Join us here [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691775520?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691775520?pwd=NHdPbDNheFpVclpvQU1nbjQvSDNsUT09)

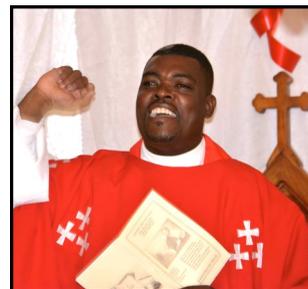
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Meeting ID: 856 9177 5520 Passcode: 317147

For more information, please contact the parish office.

### Rev. Noe Bernier of St. Andre’s School in Haiti

On Sunday June 12, Rev. Noe Bernier will be our preacher. Rev. Noe is the head of St. Andre’s School, our partner of many years, in Hinche, Haiti, where we now educate, feed and provide medical care for 1,300 students every school day. Without the strong financial and prayerful support of many members of St. Dunstan’s, this would not be possible. Our Haitian brothers and sisters are most grateful for all of us at St Dunstan’s. Your generosity makes this possible and working together like this we are doing exactly what Jesus calls us to do!



In addition to preaching at our 8 AM and 10 AM services, he will speak to us immediately after our 10 AM service about conditions in Haiti and about our very unusual school, and answer questions that you may have. Please plan to worship with us when Rev. Noe is here and to attend the special meeting with him that we have arranged on June 12. You will enjoy his warm friendship as he will enjoy meeting you.



*The Women of St. Dunstan's  
are Cordially Invited by Ollie Collins  
to a*

## **Special Ladies Luncheon**

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

**11:30 am**

**St. Dunstan's Church, Carmel Valley**

Ollie will have gifts for everyone from her years of travel and collecting.

Following lunch there will be a tour of the newly remodeled kitchen with tips and instructions on its new features.



RSVP on the Welcome Table

## **Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests**

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [revlaurel@stdcv.org](mailto: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](mailto:dok@stdcv.org). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.



## **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!

*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.

## **Deadline for eNews, Bulletin**

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

## **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

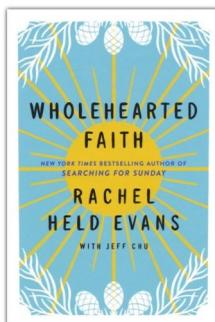
## Helping Ukraine

One way you can help the people of Ukraine is through our own Episcopal Relief & Development office. The ERD does good work all around the world, all the time. And you can rest assured that the money will be used as intended. Give today at [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)

## Discussion Group

Sundays, 9 am

This week we resume our discussion of [Wholehearted Faith](#) by Rachel Held Evans.



We are now meeting in the Guild Room.

We are now meeting in the Guild Room.

Or you can join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9109922704>

Meeting ID: 910 992 2704

More info? Speak with Janel Hornbeck.



**San Jose Symphonic Choir**

**with St. Dunstan's present**

## A Requiem for Humankind

Johannes Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem* (A German Requiem, being in the peoples' language rather than Latin) offers comfort to the living. Brahms remarked "I would very gladly omit the 'German' as well, and simply put 'of Humankind,'" suggesting he wished to offer solace to All, regardless of beliefs or backgrounds.

Experience this singular expression of Comfort and Hope for the Living.

Scan QR code for tix:



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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## Sunday, May 29

- 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, May 30 ~ Memorial Day

## Tuesday, May 31

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, June 1

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 1:30 pm Daughters of the King
- 6:30 pm Storied Pilgrimage with Race

## Thursday, June 2

- 12:00 pm Quilters
- 4:00 pm I-Help Men

## Friday, June 3

## Saturday, June 4

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 2:00 pm SJSC Brahms Dress Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Private event (Brock Hall)

## Sunday, June 5 ~ The Day of Pentecost

- 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
  - 4:00 pm SJSC Brahms Requiem
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View the entire parish calendar [stdev.org/calendar](http://stdev.org/calendar)

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Alma Swiers      | 12 Carol Habermann | 23 Zealyn Roth    |
| 2 Alex Dickerman   | 13 Theo Lagier     | 23 Bill Solms     |
| 3 Rodney Gehrke    | 15 Sheila Hiebert  | 24 Bill Harness   |
| 4 Cameron Talley   | 15 Melissa Pavloff | 27 John Dickerman |
| 7 Robin Harness    | 18 Carlos Pina     | 30 Marge Taylor   |
| 8 Richard Chastain | 19 Julie Tomlin    | 31 Dottie Little  |
| 9 Aga Simpson      | 21 Ray Hiebert     | <b>June</b>       |
| 11 Kathy Lueders   | 23 Star Reiersen   | 1 Joan Carter     |



## **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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