



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

June 5, 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** Variations on 'Veni Creator'

*Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)*

*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** **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.

Fire-borne God, before the violence of your passion no separating wall can stand: May your unseen Spirit pour herself upon young and old, male and female, gay and straights, throw our borders into confusion and give us a new language of love; through Jesus Christ, the Image of God's Being. **Amen.**

### **Genesis 11:1–9**

*God frustrates an attempt to build a city and a tower to extend human influence beyond the limits appropriate for mortals and intercedes to scatter the people and confuse their speech. In an imagined time when human beings shared a common language, they gather on a Mesopotamian plain and erect a city and a ziggurat, the summit of which was believed to provide access to heaven. This story may originally have arisen to explain the diversity of tongues and cultures, recalling too, the glory of Hammurabi's empire centered in Babylon.*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:25—35, 37 *Benedic, anima mea***

*The psalm describes the wonders of the world created and renewed by the Lord's Spirit.*

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## Acts 2:1–21

*The Holy Spirit fills the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages. Clearly this was a most dramatic moment in the life of the early church, an experience described in terms of wind and fire. From this time forward the mighty works of God done in Jesus will be told to all the peoples of the earth, crossing barriers of language and culture.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **John 14:8–17**

*Jesus tells his disciples that in him the Father has been revealed, and he promises the gift of another Counselor, the Spirit of truth, to be with them. The Lord is speaking with his followers on the night before his death. Soon he will be taken away from them, but all that they ask the Father will now grant in Jesus' name. As they continue to love Jesus and keep his commands, they will realize the indwelling Spirit who will take Jesus' place in their midst.*

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

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

Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”

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

**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.*

## **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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 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 **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 **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 **O**ur 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 Thanks 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 thanksgiving for Art Pasquinnelli by the people of St. Dunstan's*



*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.*

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## Summer Choir

Beginning Sunday, June 19, we invite members and friends to join the St. Dunstan's Choir for a single Sunday or for more than one. The choir gathers at 8:30 a.m. in Guild Hall, then moves into the church around 9 a.m. to prepare for the 10 a.m. liturgy. The choir will not vest during the summer and will normally sing just the Offertory Anthem, coming up to the organ area after the Peace, returning to the nave during the Offertory Hymn. Reading music is not required. We only ask that you be able and willing to listen to your fellow singers and do your best to blend your voice. If you'd like more information, please speak to Rod after the Sunday services, or email him at [music@stdcv.org](mailto:music@stdcv.org), or phone him at 650.619.0698. **Join us!**

## 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)



## 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)

## 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!

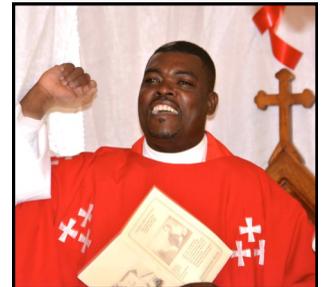
In addition to preaching at our 8 AM and 10 AM services, he will speak to us immediately after our 10 AM service about conditions in Haiti and about our very unusual school, and answer questions that you may have. Please plan to worship with us when Rev. Noe is here and to attend the special meeting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

## Composting and Recycling

There is a new compost tub in the kitchen that can be used to collect compostable items that can then be taken to our composter outside.



For more information about that "whats?" and "hows?" of recycling and composting, look for the posted fliers in the kitchen. Thank you for helping us comply with these new requirements.





*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

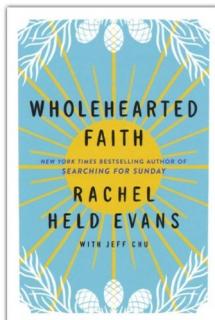
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## Discussion Group

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, 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 SJSJ Brahms Requiem

## Monday, June 6

- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline

## Tuesday, June 7 ~ Polling Place

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

## Wednesday, June 8

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 2:00 pm Investment Committee Meeting

## Thursday, June 9

- 10:00 am Prayers of the People Workshop
- 6:30 pm Prayers of the People Workshop

## Friday, June 10

- 4:00 pm I-Help Men

## Saturday, June 11

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 am Ollie Collin's Luncheon

## Sunday, June 12

- 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
  - 1:30 pm Nancy's Project Board Meeting
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View the entire parish calendar [stdev.org/calendar](http://stdev.org/calendar)

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Joan Carter         | 11 Andrew White    | 21 Sebastien Lewis      |
| 6 Forrest Borlik      | 14 Libby Lambert   | 25 Raymond Vasquez      |
| 7 Barbara Sprenger    | 15 Debbie Howitt   | 27 Dave Roth            |
| 7 Emma Brown          | 15 Rebecca Miller  | 27 Francesca Barattucci |
| 9 Mystery Chastain    | 17 Rich Hawkins    | 27 Anne Proctor         |
| 10 Dave Lambert       | 18 Ember Gregorio  | 28 Marge Kohler         |
| 11 Mary Britton       | 20 Rory Lambert    | 30 George Pappas        |
| 11 Madison Snellgrose | 21 Rodger Langland |                         |



## **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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