



THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 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.
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

Prelude Voluntary in G

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 518 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

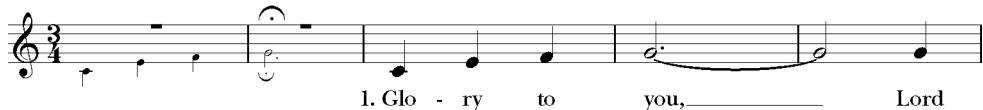
Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

Song of Praise S236 Benedictus es, Domine (Canticle 13)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

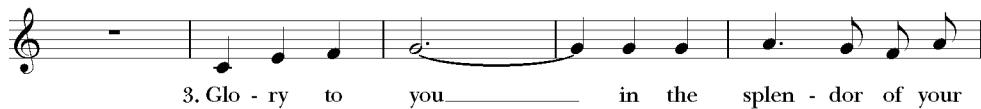




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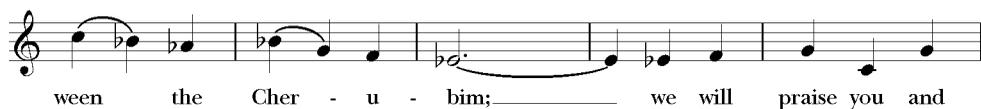
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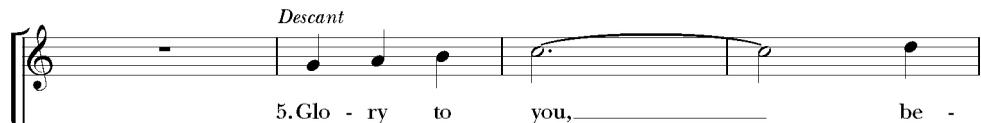
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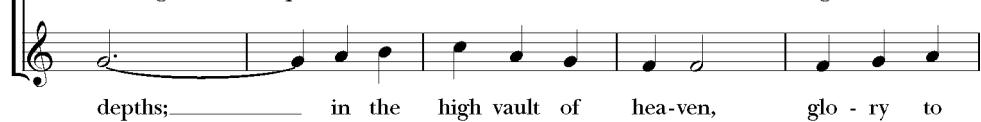
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The Collect of the Day *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Crossbound God, nothing protects you from open sky and beckoning grave: teach us to leave behind the fear that kills what is different, our love for what is dead and safe; may we set our face like you to find our true home, our unexpected city of peace, your fearless life; through Jesus Christ, who will not turn back.

Amen.

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14

The prophet Elijah is taken into heaven and the passing on of his power to Elisha. The narrative illustrates the great favor Elijah found in the eyes of the Lord as he is carried away in a chariot of fire. Elisha is in despair, but God does not leave the people without prophetic vision. As Elijah had done before him, and like a new Joshua, Elisha proves that God is with him by causing the Jordan River to part.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.”

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Paraphrase

St. Thomas (Williams)

The psalm asks that God endow the king with compassionate justice and righteousness and that his reign may extend over all nations and throughout all generations.



- All 1 I cry aloud to God,
I cry aloud in prayer;
All day and night I seek the Lord
And find no comfort there.
- Women 2 I will remember now
The works that God has done
And think of all God's mighty acts
And ponder every one.
- Men 3 Your way is holy, Lord;
What gods compare with you?
You show the world your wondrous works;
We see what you can do.
- Women 4 Your strength, O God, has saved
The people you hold dear;
The waters trembled and the depths
Saw you and shook with fear.
- Men 5 Your thunder shook the skies
And clouds poured down the rain;
The lightening flashed, the thunder rolled,
Earth trembled yet again.
- All 6 Your footprints, yet unseen,
Led through the mighty deep;
Moses and Aaron led your own
As shepherds lead their sheep.

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Paul describes the character of Christian freedom. It enables one to fulfill the spirit of the entire law by loving one's neighbor as oneself. But always there is the danger of lapsing back into the old ways, described here as the ways of the flesh. This means enslavement to physical and spiritual sins which result from an unwillingness to be servants to one another in love. Those who belong to Christ live by the Spirit of love, joy, and self-control.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 513 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom

Luke 9:51–62

Jesus encounters opposition and misunderstanding, and then speaks with several would-be disciples. The Samaritans reject Jesus because they were opposed to worship in Jerusalem. James and John wish to punish them, but this is not Jesus' way. Potential followers are bid to count the cost, and Jesus points out that true discipleship means leaving other things behind. This can cause the painful rupture of past ties and relationships.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Richard Leslie

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

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

Enriching Our Worship; Form V

The people stand or kneel

Leader Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Hear us as we remember those who have died, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Priest Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest Almighty 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 Let us give to God with generosity and gladness the offerings of our lives,
our labors and our love

Offertory Anthem Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Negro Spiritual,

arr. R. Nathaniel Dett and Elizabeth & Arthur Pasquinelli

Refrain

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

1 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see — coming for to carry me home.

A band of angels coming after me — coming for to carry me home.

2. If you get there before I do — coming for to carry me home.

Tell all my friends I'm coming too — coming for to carry me home..

3 The brightest day that ever I saw — coming for to carry me home.

When Jesus washed my sins away — coming for to carry me home.

4 I'm sometimes up and sometimes down — coming for to carry me home.

But still my soul feels heavenly bound — coming for to carry me home.

Offertory Hymn 549 Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

St. Andrew

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People **W**e remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory

Priest **A**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
 People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
 Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Fraction Anthem S170 Whoever Eats This Bread

The Cantor sings the antiphon, repeated by the people

Mode 1 melody;

adapt. Mason Martens (1933–1991)

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor
 1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

Cantor
 and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Priest **T**his is the table of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him, And for those who want to love him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long,
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want 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 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.

Communion Green Hymnal 757 Will You Come and Follow Me

Mary Alexandra

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People **L**oving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest **T**he peace of the ocean wave be with you
The peace of the ocean breeze surround you
The peace of the quiet earth be in you
The peace of the night stars cover you
The deep peace of the son of Peace be always with you

Recessional Hymn 610 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Blaenhafren

Priest **L**et us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley (1712-1786)

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.
All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
& in memory of Doug Pease by Sarah Pease*



*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.*

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!

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Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

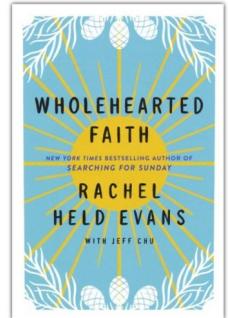
For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 110.

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.



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.

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Or you can join us via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 910 992 2704

More info? Speak with Janel Hornbeck.

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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

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.



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

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



Summer Choir

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 for warmup and rehearsal, then moves into the church around 9 a.m. to continue to prepare for the 10 a.m. liturgy. The choir will not vest or process during the summer and will normally sing an anthem at the Offertory, coming up to the organ area after the Peace, returning to the nave during the Offertory Hymn. We will sing music by Palestrina, Mozart, Handel, and Rutter as well as occasional spirituals. The choir will also continue to lead the hymn and canticle singing. 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, or phone him at 650.619.0698. **Join us!**

Vacations & Deadlines

The next few weeks, the staff will be enjoying one of the lovely bits of summer:

the opportunity to be away and practice selfcare. Ahhhh! This means that some-times we will be working ahead on things like the eNews and bulletins, and they may need to be completed before the normal deadline is even here.

So if you have an important announcement (or update to an announcement), please get that to us as soon as possible or even communicate with us about it to ensure we can include it. And thank you for understanding that this time for us to take care of ourselves helps us to be happy and healthy individuals, and to do our jobs the best we can when we are here.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Tom Dietrich	14	Mae Welty	27	Lorelei Duddy
2	Bill Schueler	16	Jim Hamilton	28	Zephyr Miller
4	Ron Garcia	21	Zachary Davis	29	Katy Linforth
8	Roslyn Hamilton	23	Hana Ferguson	29	Elizabeth Stewart
8	Andy Lambert	27	Elizabeth Buche	30	Susan Schueler

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, June 26

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, June 27

Tuesday, June 28

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, June 29

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

Thursday, June 30

4:00 pm Rancho Tierra Grande HOA

Friday, July 1

Saturday, July 2

Sunday, July 3

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

View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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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