

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS'

## November 6, 2022

### 10 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.

## 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** Setting of *Sine Nomine*

Robert M. Thompson (b. 1940)

Stand at the ringing of the bell.

**Processional Hymn 287** For all the saints who from their labors rest

*Sine nomine*

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.**

**Gloria S278** Glory to God (Canticle 20)

William Mathias (b. 1934)

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 God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Holy God, giver of blessing to hungry and hated,  
overturner of ordered tables of friendship and enmity:  
teach us a new way of being beyond reward, beyond revenge;  
that we may do to others as we would have them do to us;  
through Jesus Christ, who prays for all who crucify him. **Amen.**

### Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18

*During Israel's exile in Babylon, Daniel has a troubling dream full of visionary symbols. He asks one of God's messengers to interpret the meaning of four great beasts arising from the churning sea and is told that these are four of the kings of the earth. Whatever distress may come, the holy ones of the Most High will prevail and possess the eternal realm.*

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino***

*A song of thanksgiving and praise to the victorious Lord, who has made righteousness known and shown faithfulness to the people of God.*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## **Ephesians 1:11–23**

*God has marked those who follow Christ for the divine purpose and has sealed them with the promised Holy Spirit. The church is the body of Christ and so experiences the fullness of its Lord. The apostle prays that the Christians at Ephesus may see with their inward eye the power of God who has raised and enthroned Jesus far above all earthly and heavenly dominions. How vast is the treasure that God offers to those who trust in God!*

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 286** Who are these like stars appearing  
*Verses 4 — 5 will follow the reading of the Gospel*

*Zeuich mich, zeuich mich*

## Luke 6:20–31

*Jesus pronounces blessings and woes, words of comfort and challenge, showing that the values of the reign of God are quite different from worldly standards. Those who now are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and persecuted will find their situation reversed, while the rich, satisfied, and well-spoken-of will experience emptiness. Jesus' disciples must learn to share in material and spiritual deprivation, and to do unto others as they would have it done to them, if they are to know the joy of the kingdom.*

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

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

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to 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

### The Baptismal Covenant *All Stand.*

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity  
of every human being?

**People I will, with God's help.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

*The people stand or kneel*

Leader Loving God, we offer our prayers this day in Gratitude and thanksgiving, for in Christ you have laid a foundation for us that we might follow you more closely.

We pray for the mission of your church and thank you for the joy and encouragement we receive from you through our church family:

Give us the grace to plant faith and build love wherever you lead us to the benefit of your reign.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader We pray for all leaders and people of this world:

Give us a clear vision of the world as you intend and the will to realize that dream of justice and peace for all.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially N., and those we name now either silently or aloud:

*The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.*

Bring refreshment to their hearts through Christ that they may know your abiding presence and power to comfort and heal.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader We pray for your creation:

Convict us in the ways in which we break down and destroy the fabric of your world and give us the will to amend our ways as we seek to live in harmony with goodness you have created.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader We pray for the dying and for those who have died, especially N., and those we now name, either silently or aloud:

*The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.*

May they rest in your eternal glory with all the saints in light.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Priest Now to you be all the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

## **The Confession**

Priest If we call out in need, the Lord will answer.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

*Silence may be kept.*

**People** God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you.  
Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## **The Absolution**

Priest Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just.  
Therefore, be reconciled to the Lord and to one another,  
walking in the light of Christ. **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** Praise the Lord

*G.F. Handel*

Praise the Lord!

Let songs of joy break forth,

Sing alleluia. Praise his name forever more.

Shout, sing and dance,

Come dance and celebrate.

Rejoice: let all within us praise his name.

Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.

Sing for joy.

Rejoice. O praise His name forevermore.

**Offertory Hymn 293** I sing a song of the saints of God

*Grand Isle*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship; Eucharistic Prayer 3*

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has 'Celebrant' above the notes and 'People' below the notes. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff has 'Celebrant' above the notes and 'People' below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has 'Celebrant' above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has 'People' above the notes. The lyrics are: 'It is right to give God thanks and praise.'

Priest All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus S128** Holy, holy, holy Lord

*Matthias*

Musical notation for the Sanctus. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,' followed by 'ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,' and finally 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

**Priest** Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**People** Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Priest Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Dunstan, Andre, [N.] and all your saints into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People   
Bles-sed are you now and for e - ver. A - MEN.

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 WLP 876** The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

*Jack Warren Burnam*

*Antiphon Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Priest This 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 Hymn 620** Jerusalem my happy home

*Land of Rest*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

Priest May the peace of Christ be with you,  
May the love of God dwell deep in your heart,  
May the Spirit enlighten your way,  
May you walk in the comfort of God's care,  
This day, and always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn 556** Rejoice ye pure in heart!

*Marion*

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

People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Bicinium on “For All the Saints”

*John Barr (b. 1938)*

*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 Lou Kettel by Lois Kettel*



*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.*

## **Grounded in Gratitude**

### **Friday, November 11, 6:30**

Before the hustle of the holidays begins, take an evening for prayer, thanksgiving, and connection. From 6:30 — 8:30 pm, we will take time to cultivate stillness and thanksgiving within ourselves including a gratitude-focused walk on the labyrinth by moonlight (wear warm clothes). Then we will regather inside for fellowship with wine, cheese, and conversation. Sign up to attend by emailing Rev. Laurel no later than November 8th.

### *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!

### **Deadline for eNews, Bulletin**

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

### **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)

**TODAY!**

### **Martinmas Lantern Making**

Join us today following the 10 am Holy Eucharist when we will make lanterns for our Martinmas Celebration and Lantern Walk next week at St Mary's Pacific Grove when we will gather from 4:30—6 pm for fellowship, the Lantern Walk and light snacks. We will light our luminaries and sing songs to bring the light deep into our hearts as a way to carry it with us through the long darker days of winter.



### *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.



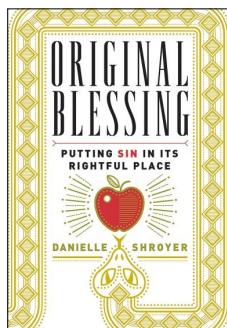
Welcome this week's guest organist  
**Melanie Cervi**

Thank you for helping lead us as we worship in song this week.

## Discussion Group

Sundays, 9 am

This week, the Discussion Group start Original Blessing, by Danielle Shroyer. Even if you have not read it you are welcome join us for this conversation!



We meet in the Guild Room. If you would like to join us via Zoom, or for more info, please contact Jean Scholefield.

## 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

## WSD Christmas Bazaar Mtg

Our next meeting to organize the Christmas bazaar will be Sunday, November 13 after the 10:00 service. Please come ready to plan. And volunteer to help. The event will be less than one month away so there's lots to do! (It's Sunday, December, 6)

If you have any questions email me, Liz. [Bukavugirl@aol.com](mailto:Bukavugirl@aol.com)



## 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.

*Let us Give Thanks*

## **Thanksgiving Coffee Hour**

**November 20th**

Come to church hungry and join us after the 8 am or 10 am service for an array of delicious food! If you would like to contribute to this special coffee hour please look for the sign up sheet on the welcome table!



If you are available to help with food preparation, we will be baking on Saturday the 19th from 9am-1pm. All recipes and ingredients provided!

**We will also be collecting canned goods for Nancy's Project.**

Canned and non perishable food items please!

## **Click to Give**

Scan this QR code to access our online giving portal where you can make a general gift, pay for altar flowers, support Nancy's Project or the Haiti Team, pay towards your pledge, or even set up recurring payments. And, with the click of a box you can also opt to cover the processing fees which helps us make the most of your donation.



Thank you for your generous support of our mission and ministries!

*Have your picture taken for  
Our Photo Directory*



Do you have a picture in our photo directory? Does the picture in our photo directory still look like you? No? Well, you are in luck!

For the next several weeks, Marcia Lockwood will be in the breezeway after worship taking picture for anyone who needs or simply wants a new one.

Stop by and see her. It is a wonderful way to help people at St. Dunstan's know who you are!

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Janel Hornbeck   | 14 Pam Gallaway      | 24 Kent Saunders  |
| 1 Cynthia Young    | 14 Danielle Gregorio | 25 Corliss Kelly  |
| 1 Shelley Franklin | 16 Laine Rethmeier   | 25 Hal Snellgrose |
| 6 Barbara Greenway | 16 Josh Welty        | 25 Brynn Bohlman  |
| 6 Beth Heston      | 18 Nick Leonoff      | 26 Phyllis Elson  |
| 7 Holly Pease      | 21 Betty Kasson      | 27 Barbara Brooks |
| 9 Val Parsel       | 22 John Tomlin       | 27 Mike Cervi     |
| 9 Ramona Smith     | 23 Katie Murray      | 28 Janet Morse    |

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

## Sunday, November 6

~Celebration of the Feast of All Saints'~  
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  
Martinmas Lantern Making  
12:00 pm J2A Youth Group (St. Dunstan's)

## Monday, November 7

5:30 pm Zoom Compline

## Tuesday, November 8 ~ Election Day ~

9:00 am Centered Discipleship Group  
4:00 pm St. Dunstan's Foundation Meeting  
7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, November 9

10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:30 pm Centered Discipleship Group Zoom

## Thursday, November 10

## Friday, November 11

5:00 pm Grounded in Gratitude:  
Labyrinth Walk & Quiet Evening

## Saturday, November 12

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, November 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  
WSD Holiday Gift Fair Meeting  
4:00 pm Church for All Generations:  
Martinmas Lantern Walk

View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.org/calendar)



## **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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