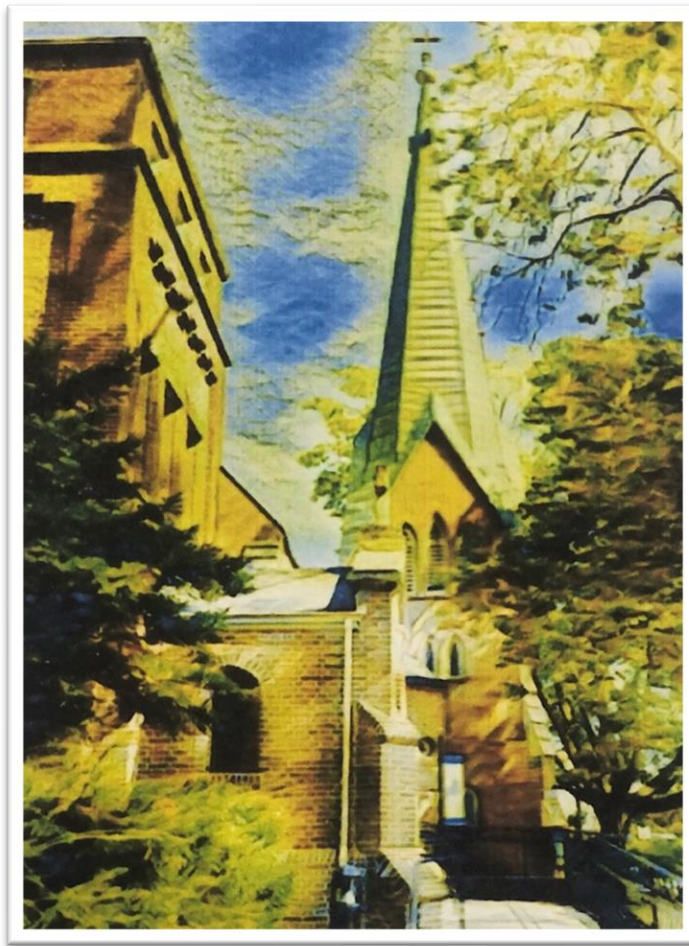


THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
OCTOBER 15TH AT 10:15 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the courtyard. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Committee is excited to launch our 2024 Annual Giving Campaign, "Abundant Life!" Abundance is a word we are very familiar with here at St. John's. We are a parish with an abundance of heart, resources, and opportunity. Over the next week, consider the *abundance of community* that you have experienced as a member of this parish and all the ways in which God has so graciously given to you!



know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

GRADUAL HYMN*The King of love my shepherd is***HYMN 645***Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel Reading; Verse 5 & 6 after the Gospel Reading***THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:1-14 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)**BCP 358**

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. *(pause)*
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 worshiped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM II *(please kneel as you are able)*

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg and the Anglican Church of Kenya; for our Bishops, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people, especially Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian; Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for Michael Stank, Debbie Carter, Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kent Strickler, Tiny Nolan, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Kevin, Judy Modene, Angie Stamm, Andrew Gilpin, Jesse Rutledge, Sandi Killian, Ann Marie, Ted Griswold, John Manger, Kathy Plaxa, Erica Kelvy, Marie Mohn, and Nicholas Lester. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. We pray for our friends at home especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

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.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The flowers of the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Richard P Roher, Jr. by Jean Roher & family*

THE OFFERTORY *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Mark Hayes

PRESENTATION HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* **HYMNAL 376, vs. 3**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C **BCP 369**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies,
suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might* **HYMNAL S-129**
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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

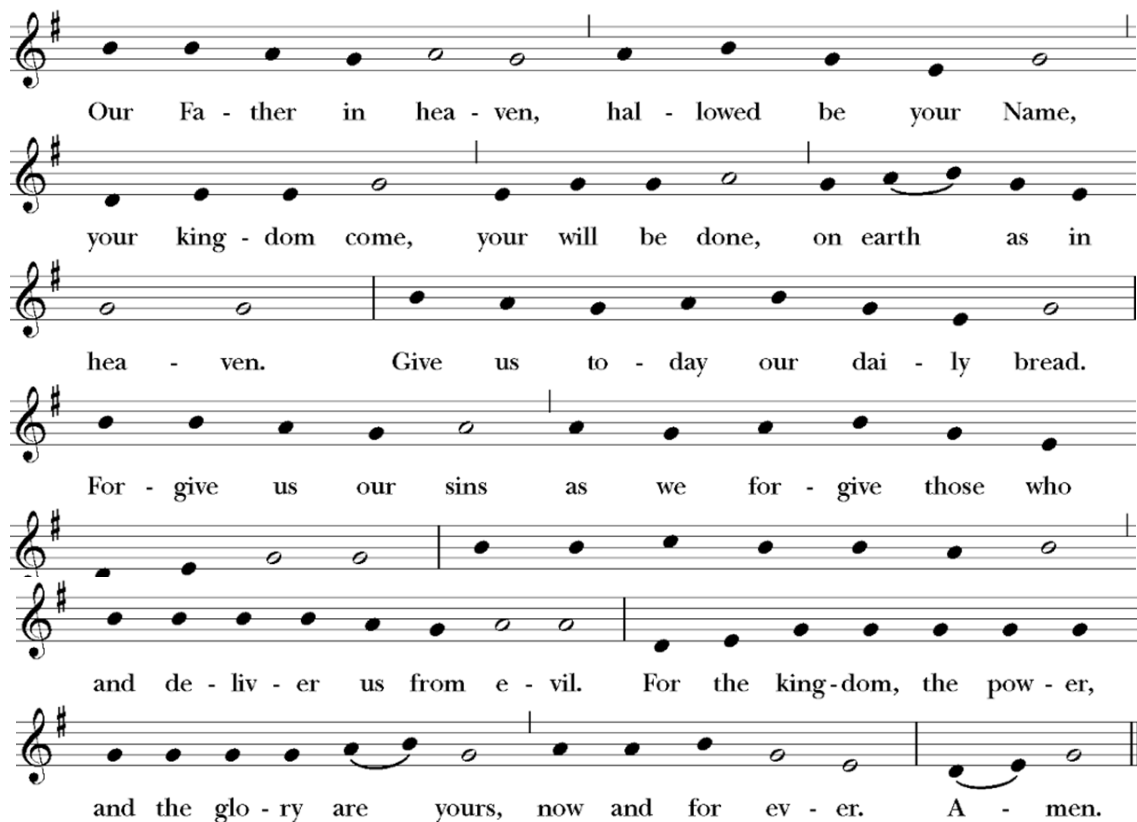
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping your wafer into the separate intinction cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel* **HYMN 574**
 There's a wideness in God's mercy **HYMN 470**

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
People We, who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Holy God, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

A mighty fortress is our God

HYMN 688

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

from the Oboe Concerto No. 1

Trumpet Tune

G. F. Handel
arr. Mark Williams

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday, November 5, 2023
9:00 a.m. - Joint Worship Service
10:30 a.m. - Parish Breakfast & Meeting

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Connecting to our siblings in Christ across the world

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Habari, again, from Kenya. You may remember I visited here last December, and I've returned to check in on our friends at the Rafiki school in Alendu. This village is in western Kenya, very close to the massive and beautiful Lake Victoria. The well that St. John's helped to build as part of a Millennium Development Goal project is operating and providing fresh water to the village. This is Dorothy Dulo's home village, and she and Roger and their staff are doing good work to educate more and more of the young people here. As we've seen in other parts of the world, education is a key component of lifting a village out of extreme poverty. The world will be a better place thanks to the work of Rafiki in Alendu. I hope that some day some people from St. John's will be able to visit the school and meet the students that you have supported.

The Anglican Church in Kenya continues to grow under the leadership and guidance of Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit. While the Anglican Church was established here by the English Bishop James Hannington, it is good that the current Archbishop was born and raised in Kenya. He is of this land, and Kenyans appreciate his native-born leadership.

On another note, Kenyans are very excited about something that happened recently in the world of sport. Kenya has given the world many excellent long distance runners, and there's someone new you should take note of. Last weekend 23 year old Kelvin Kiptum won the Chicago Marathon in a new world record time of just 2 hours and 35 seconds! People have thought a two-hour marathon is not humanly possible, and yet now it seems to be within reach. There may be no end to the marvels that we can accomplish, with God's help.

Blessings to you on your journeys,

John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30 AM Adult Forum
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:00 PM Daughters of the King

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:00 PM Healing Service
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM J2A Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 (cont.)

6:30 PM Men's Gathering
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Rector's Day Off

Diocesan Convention (State College)
5:30 PM Music in the Courtyard

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Diocesan Convention (State College)
9:00 AM Community Breakfast
at First Reformed

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Coffee Hour to follow each service

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School for ALL
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30 AM Adult Forum

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

CREATION CARE GUEST SPEAKER: KATIE RUTH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

Join us on October 15th in the Parish Hall after the 10:15 AM service to learn what is happening in our environment and what small steps we can take individually and as a faith community in caring for God's creation. Katie Ruth is a wealth of information when it comes to being faithful stewards of God's creation and practical steps to making a difference. Mark your calendars and please join us for this informational meeting!

MUSIC IN THE COURTYARD: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

Join us Friday for a night of fun in the courtyard. Our very own Paul West will kick off the evening with a set of traditional folk songs followed by Doug Beach and his quartet with a set of four-part harmonies. Music will begin at 5:30 P.M.!

WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Members

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Mary Waskowicz (Senior Warden), Leslie Morgan (Junior Warden),
Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, John Modene
Liz West, Ted Loose, Kathy Kyper

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Drew Dorgan, Webb Cook,
David Rutledge, Heather Trenary, and Sue Heilman

STAFF

Douglas Beach, Minister of Music & Communications
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper
John Knouse, Property Manager
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