



The Holy Eucharist – Eucharistic Prayer C

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold.

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

The Word of God

THE ENTRANCE RITE

WELCOME

We acknowledge that our worship is taking place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

The Presider may say

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 • GLORY TO GOD

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

All say in unison.

**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 FOR THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹¹At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²²“For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good.”

²³I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.
²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.
²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.
²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.
²⁷For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.
²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;
for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People remain seated.

THE PSALM

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Reader Our response to the first reading is Psalm 14, found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 14

¹**The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." ***
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
²**The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, ***
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.
³**Everyone has proved faithless;**
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
⁴**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers ***
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD?
⁵**See how they tremble with fear, ***
because God is in the company of the righteous.
⁶**Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, ***
but the LORD is their refuge.
⁷**Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! ***
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

The People remain seated.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

Priest	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

Valerie Hess, Lay Preacher

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

The People stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.

**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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: HONORING GOD IN CREATION

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

The People stand, sit, or kneel as they are able.

Intercessor The Prayers of the People are guided by the Season of Creation. Please pray them with me.

During the silence after each reading, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Intercessor and People

In the beginning,

God was.

Here and now,

God is.

In the future,

God will be.

Intercessor

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and curiosity for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and grow our thankfulness for the abundance of your blessings.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially:

Frank, Anthony, and Benjamin Horton	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Bert and Nora Horton	Jennifer, Mark and Jacob	Sullivan
Joan Chaussee	Bob Simons	Graham
Betty Rice	Robert Hadlow	Peg
Dolores Criswell	Laura and Cannon	Janel
Lew and Robin Mueller	Linda T.	Paula
Nancy Callen	Christina Errebo	Patrick
Kathy Adams	Maggi Teague	Ray
Paula and family	Dan	Shannon
Michael Ayers and family	Jeanne	Greg
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Mari, Brian and baby	Mary
Doug Harris and family	Jone and Jesse	Moe
Danielle Dimmock	Peter and Malcolm Smith	Sam
Ben and Alexis Clark	Tom Ard	Wanda
Margaret Francis	Dylan Taylor	Tim
Rev. Terri Grotzinger	Barbara Behan	

The staff and patients of al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially John Talbot, Florence and Don Anderson, Rosalie and John Talbot, and those who we lift to you now.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, to whom all 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

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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 Priest stands and says

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 as able.

<i>Presider</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code below to give to the General Fund:



The altar is prepared for Holy Communion

DOXOLOGY

All say in unison as the Offering is received and blessed

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing as able.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

**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:

SANCTUS

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel as able.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

The Celebrant continues

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 Forebearers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah; 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.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

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

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

FRACTION ANTHEM

<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available, and you may drink from the common cup or dip your wafer in the intinction cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When this prayer is needed, the Presider and People say

In the name of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church we 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. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. *Amen.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Life is short, and there is too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind.

May the blessings of our God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, descend upon us and remain now and for ever. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband John and her parents, Florence and Don Anderson, John's parents, Rosalie and John Talbot, by Sue Talbot.



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Steve Oreskovich</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Valerie Hess, Lay Preacher</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Lori Cordis</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Judy Parock</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Mark Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Elaine Brown, Lori Cordis, Bev Maas</i>

GROW WITH US

Everything we do at Holy Spirit, including today's in-person and online services, is made possible because of people like you. We rely on your donations to make our mission and ministry possible. In these challenging times, your support is needed more than ever. If this service has been meaningful for you, we encourage you to give as you're able to help Holy Spirit continue to serve our community and the greater world. Visit <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/> or give on our church app or text **HOLYSPIRITGIVE** to **(833) 714-3270** to give on your smartphone. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

WE WELCOME THOSE NEW TO OUR WORSHIP!

Newcomers and guests are always welcome at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Our service today uses the service leaflet, and a service leaflet is also available online. The QR code to access the bulletin page of the website is available in the pews. Just scan it with the camera on your phone. We hope you will take a moment to complete the blue Visitor's Card found in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Rev. Terri is currently recuperating from knee surgery. During this time, please remember to support Rev. Gretchen and the staff, and keep Rev. Terri in your prayers for a smooth and complete recovery.

SPECIAL WELCOME!

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to The Rev. Steve Oreskovich, who is joining us for worship today. Rev. Oreskovich served as the Rector of Holy Spirit from 1993 to 2010. We are grateful for his presence here and for the time he continues to share with our community. We are also grateful to our Lay Preacher, Valerie Hess, for delivering today's sermon.

SOCIAL MEDIA/MARKETING OPT-OUT

Holy Spirit posts photos of activities and events on Facebook and Instagram, as well as on our website. We know many people are just fine with this and enjoy seeing their photos at everything from picnics to baptisms. However, if you would like to opt out of this practice for yourself or your family, please let the office know. We will do our best to honor this request.

DISCOVER GODLY PLAY: FAITH, FRIENDSHIP & FUN FOR KIDS EVERY SUNDAY

Stories of our faith, wondering out loud, getting to know each other, snacks... our Godly Play kids experience all this and more each Sunday during a portion of the 10:15AM worship. Kids, we'd love to have you join us as often as you can! For Godly Play registration and questions, contact Deacon Dorcie Dvarishkis through the church office, 406-542-2167.

LET'S GET CRAFTY!

Join the Holy Spirit Crafters on Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 pm upstairs in the Parish Hall continuing through October 28th. Come any Tuesday and stay as long as your schedule allows. Step by step instructions on making holiday decorations and ornaments are provided. No experience is necessary. This is a great way to meet other parishioners. For more information about the Craft Group, contact Sue Lowery at 406-546-8401 or slower14@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS PRESENTS ‘BAD FAITH’ TO HELP EXPLORE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

On September 17, HSP's Social Concerns Committee will host the next Community Concerns evening for Holy Spirit. It features the 90-minute documentary *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy*, at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. This intensely absorbing and informative video will help you out if you've ever pondered any of the following questions:

- What is the appeal of Christian Nationalism to some evangelical Christians?
- How is this trend impacting our country's democratic institutions and leadership?
- What is the history of this emerging movement? What issue first galvanized this way of thinking?
- Do some evangelicals see democracy as incompatible with their goals, and why?
- What does becoming a "Christian Nation" mean??

There will be refreshments before and after the showing, which will feature an intermission, with discussion afterwards. We encourage a respectful and open-minded discussion, welcoming all viewpoints. Please invite your friends from outside the church to come. Everyone is welcome as we seek greater understanding together.

NOURISHING COMMUNITY: SIGN UP FOR A TOUR OF THE FOOD BANK

Did you know the Missoula Food Bank serves 1 in 5 people living in Missoula County? That is nearly 25,000 people and 7,500 households! The food bank does this with a choice-model store, a network of rural pantries, and special programs for children and seniors. Would you like to see for yourself how the food bank brings it all together to nourish our community? Here at Holy Spirit we are organizing two tours of the food bank, one on Sept. 18 (Thursday) at 11:00 a.m., and another on Sept. 22 (Monday) at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested, you can sign up in the parish hall. Questions? Call Audrey at 612-68-2108.

NEXT UP IN OUR RECTOR SEARCH: LISTENING SESSIONS

Your Holy Spirit Search Committee has recently compiled the results of our parish survey. We analyzed more than 100 responses evaluating your feedback and summarizing an outline to be a key part of our parish feedback sessions. We will offer two opportunities for parishioners to ask questions and express concerns as the Search Committee prepares the parish profile in search for the best person to become our Rector. The first session will be Sunday, September 21st following the 10:15 service. The second session will be two days later, Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00PM. Both sessions will be in the parish hall and are open to all Holy Spirit parishioners. The Search Committee needs to hear what's important to you as we continue the work of finding a new priest. Feel free to contact any member of the Search Committee with questions: Bill Drummond, Gary Swartz, Tracey Gage, Michael Irwin, Lindsay Iudicello, Natalie Jaeger, Sue Larose, Zara Renander, or Adrienne Tranel.

We hope to see everyone at the Feedback Sessions.

Gary Swartz

Search Committee Vice Chair

COMING THIS MONTH: A NEW MUSIC SERIES

A Little Night Music, presented by the Wholly Fun Committee and Dr. Nancy Cooper

The Wholly Fun Committee is excited to announce a collaboration with Dr. Nancy Cooper to help celebrate our "new" Steinway piano in the Parish Hall with a four-week series called "A Little Night Music."

For four Wednesdays, beginning September 24, there will be a 30-minute musicale featuring at least six pianists (including Holy Spirit pianists Nancy Cooper, Steven Hesla, Margery Whatley, Barbara Blegen, and Phil Youngholm), and more than a few community instrumentalists, playing music related to nighttime, and/or autumn, everything from ragtime to the classics to popular music of the 1930s.

The performances will be preceded by a half hour of light sweet munchies and conversations; you are encouraged to BYOB's of all kinds. The parish hall will be candlelit, and (if weather permits) the windows will be open. Tables for 4 will be set up for a more informal listening experience. Atmospheric, and short! Mingling at 7, music at 7:30, homeward by 8.

Come join us for "A Little Night Music!" Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8 and 15. Free!

DONATE AT OUR HOLY SPIRIT BLOOD DRIVE ON OCTOBER 2

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. You can help save lives by donating at our Fall Blood Drive on Thursday, October 2, from 12–6 PM in the parish hall. Sign up at redcrossblood.org or contact Audrey Murray at 612-968-2108 / audreymurray196@gmail.com.

Not able to donate? Volunteers and refreshments are welcome. Just contact Audrey to volunteer. Let's show up with compassion and generosity.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO) will take place on Sunday, September 28, at both services. Special envelopes will be in the pews that day for your donations, and you can bring your Blue Boxes to church and place them in the basket at the back of the church. Our offering will join with those of others around the diocese at our Diocesan Convention on October 3-5 in Kalispell, Montana.

JOIN US FOR BOUNDLESS: A MEMOIR AND MINI-RETREAT

Join author Carolyn Dawn Flynn on September 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the parish hall. Share a meal and hear from her memoir, *Boundless: A Trip to Rejuvenation*, which details a time of personal and spiritual crossroads in her life. Use the opportunity to reflect on your faith journey and God's story within your own life.

Shaped by The Episcopal Church and The Living School at Richard Rohr's Center for Action and Contemplation, Carolyn's journey finds resonance through God's story. She is a friend of Rev. Valerie Webster, a priest within our diocese. Together they are touring the diocese to share her book and inspire others who find themselves at a crossroad in life.

Books will be available for purchase at the event. The meal is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Contact office@holyspiritmissoula.org to sign up.

PASTOR JOHN LUND'S MOLLI CLASS: EMPIRE, DOMINION, AND LIBERATION

Our friend Pastor John Lund of University Congregational Church is teaching a MOLLI course called *Empire, Dominion, and Liberation: The Christian quest for dignity and equity for all life*. Jump into the tension between the deep love taught by Jesus and the atrocities of the Holy Roman Empire, colonization, and the Christian Nationalism of our time. How do we re-capture that radical love of all people and life for our time and place?

MOLLI courses are now open to adults of all ages. The course will run on Tuesdays from 3-4:30 p.m. from September 23-October 28, and the fee for the class is \$70. He would love to have some Holy Spirit folks join in the class! Learn more at <https://www.umn.edu/um-osher-lifelong-learning/>.

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