



The Holy Eucharist – The Season of Creation

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025 • 8 a.m.

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 as able, the Presider says

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

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 • CANTICLE 12: A SONG OF CREATION

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.

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
 In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
 praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

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 Creator be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

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.

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
 my heart is sick.
¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people
 from far and wide in the land:
 “Is the LORD not in Zion?
 Is her King not in her?”
 (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
 with their foreign idols?”)
²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
 and we are not saved.”
²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
 I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
²²Is there no balm in Gilead?
 Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.
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 a portion of Psalm 79, found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 79:1-9

¹O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
²They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
³They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
⁴We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
⁵How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
⁶Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
⁷For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
⁸Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
⁹Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

¹Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier

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	Babara 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 J.B. Errebo and Myrtle Anderson and for those who we lift to you now.

Silence

God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

The Priest stands and says

Great Spirit God,
we give you thanks for another day on this earth.
We give you thanks for this day
to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator.
We acknowledge with one mind
our respect and gratefulness to all the sacred cycle of life.
Bind us together in the circle of compassion
to embrace all living creatures and one another. **Amen.**

*Source: Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies
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CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth
as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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. The Celebrant says to the people

<i>Presider</i>	The God of heaven has made a home on earth
<i>People</i>	Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
<i>Presider</i>	The peace of Christ 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

<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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

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.

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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,

gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with [_____ and] all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

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.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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 Celebrant 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

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.**

**May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.**

**Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen**

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father J.B. Errebo and her grandmother Myrtle Anderson, by Nancy Errebo.



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider, Preacher and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Gretchen Strohmaier</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Ven. Dorcie Dvarishkis</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Leslie McShane</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Jody Thomasson</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Jody Thomasson</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.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION, SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 4

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect God's creation. During this Season

of Creation at Holy Spirit be sure to listen for creation-focused prayers during worship, anticipate sermons that highlight creation and our interconnectedness with it. Discover more at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.

PARISH SURVEY RESULTS AND UPCOMING FEEDBACK SESSIONS

Your Holy Spirit Search Committee has carefully reviewed over 100 parish survey responses—thank you for sharing your thoughts and hopes. We've compiled your feedback into a summary that will help shape our parish profile as we begin the search for our next Rector.

To continue the conversation, we're hosting two parish-wide Feedback Sessions where you can ask questions, share concerns, and help guide this important process:

- **Today**, following the **10:15 service**
- **Tuesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM**

Both sessions will be held in the **Parish Hall** and are open to all Holy Spirit parishioners.

Your voice matters. The Search Committee wants to hear what's most important to you as we discern together who God is calling to lead our parish next. If you have questions or thoughts to share, feel free to reach out to any member of the Search Committee: *Bill Drummond, Gary Swartz, Tracey Gage, Michael Irwin, Lindsay Iudicello, Natalie Jaeger, Sue LaRose, Zara Renander, or Adrienne Tranel.*

We look forward to seeing you there.

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 BYOBs 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!

JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY SPIRIT BLOOD DRIVE ON OCTOBER 2

Be a Hero. Give Blood. Save Lives.

- **Date:** Thursday, October 2
- **Time:** 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Parish Hall, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 130 S. 6th St. E., Missoula

Your donation can make a life-saving difference for someone in need. Whether it's your first time or your fiftieth, your gift of blood is powerful act of compassion. **Sign up today** at redcrossblood.org (search by zip code or parish address to reserve your spot) 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 come together as a community of faith and generosity. Every pint counts!

UNITED THANK OFFERING FALL INGATHERING: WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

On Sunday, September 28, we invite you to bring your gratitude to life during our Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering (UTO). Special envelopes will be available in the pews, and your Blue Boxes can be placed in the basket at the back of the church. You may also contribute through our giving platform Pushpay, either on our church website or on the church app. Just choose “United Thank Offering” from the dropdown menu of funds.

Every coin, every bill, every prayer of thanks helps support vital ministries across The Episcopal Church. Our collective offering will be shared at the Diocesan Convention in Kalispell, October 3–5—joining with gifts from congregations across Montana. Let your thankfulness ripple outward.

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.

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.

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.umt.edu/um-osher-lifelong-learning/>.

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