# What Is Being Revealed

### **As We Look Ahead to a New Rector**







Make me to know your ways, Oh Lord; teach me your paths.









# To Our Faithful Holy Spirit Community

Here at Holy Spirit, this season of anticipation—as our rector search gains momentum—asks quite a bit of us. It's asking us to exercise our faith muscles. As hard as it is, we're called to sit back and ask for the Spirit to guide us through the unknown. What's next is just out of our grasp. So we wait with a spirit of hope and possibility.

This season also is when we consider our financial support of our church community for the next year. As we think about making these important gifts, we naturally tilt from today to tomorrow. We're looking to the future, we're reaching for what's next. And, especially this year, we're waiting for what is being revealed.

As we think about what's ahead, the present should give us ease and confidence, and a good deal of joy. We can look around and take heart in Holy Spirit as it is today. Clearly, we're not a blank slate or untested clay. We're a community of deep connections, open doors, new friends, old friends, beautiful music and restorative worship, care for neighbors near and far, and now even green grass!

At Holy Spirit we are building on many strengths that continue to surface. Creativity, energy, resilience, flexibility, leadership, and fun—they're all around us. As Gretchen says: "Look at all the good 'juju' bubbling up." Our next steps, our new clergy leadership, and the excitement and potential he or she will bring, will take all of this and build on it. That "new thing" is bound to be connected—by love, history and God's presence among us—to all that we are today.

We hope you also have expectations about something more: the new relationship that one day we'll be making with a new rector. When an important relationship begins in our lives, with a close partner or friend, we change and grow. This is like that. New people tap different parts of us. As if they were playing a piano, they'll play different notes that will resonate differently in the life of the church. New leadership can bring forward new things, and that's exciting to think about.

This will be a rich time of discovery. What will touch us? Will we be led to new pursuits? What will inspire us in unique ways to live out the life of the Spirit? We have so many questions, as we know you do, too. The only answer we have is to look ahead with faith and trust, as the future of our Holy Spirit community is revealed.

May we find blessings in our time together.

The Reverend Gretchen Strohmaier The Reverend Terri Grotzinger Molly Bowler, Senior Warden



### Your Gifts Do It All.

In fact, annual gifts from parishioners support fully 80 percent of our expenses for clergy and staff salaries, utilities, programs, supplies, insurance, upkeep and outreach.

We invite you to make a difference with a meaningful gift to support our Holy Spirit community as we follow God's call to us.

Your ongoing support of this congregation is most appreciated. This year, we look ahead to increased compensation needs as we call a new rector in 2026. We're sure that the people of Holy Spirit will respond generously, as you always have.

**Thank you** to everyone who makes Holy Spirit's people, programs, worship and connection possible. We hope you will join in with a new gift or an increased gift on Stewardship Sunday, November 2. This year our goal is \$420,000.

## Everything at Holy Spirit is brought to you by you.

#### **NOVEMBER 2**

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Spirit community. Please complete the enclosed Annual Gift Card and place it in the offering plate on or before Sunday, November 2.

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