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Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

August 26, 2018

11:00 AM

Our Mission:

We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to
Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus
Christ.

Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians – regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background – are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries (The Ark Room) are located on the ground floor of Wendler Hall (the building closest to John's Road).

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages:
 Pre-school – 2nd Room C Wendler Hall
 3rd -5th – The Rock Room
 Middle and High School – Youth House
 Adults – Parish Hall

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public Healing
 and Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Prelude
Callahan

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

arr. Charles

Welcome

Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Tune: Liebster Jesu

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

The following is sung, all standing

Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43

All sit.

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

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

Remain seated.

Psalm 84:1-6

Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

All stand.

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal 628

Tune: St. Ethelwald

Holy Gospel

John 6:56-69

All stand.

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

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not

believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

Children's Sermon

Dawn McLendon

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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.**

Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP p. 392

All stand or kneel.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and David and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise
Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Helena and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward.

Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal prayer needs.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymnal 334

Tune: Alles ist an Gottes Segen

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.**

Blessing

Postcommunion Hymn

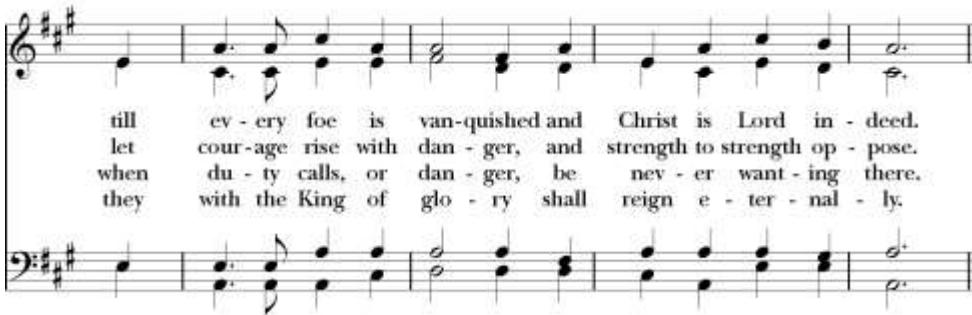
Stand up, stand up, for Jesus

Hymnal 561

1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;
 2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in this strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss;
 forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day;
 the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own;
 this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.

from vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,
 ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch - ing un - to prayer,
 To val - iant hearts tri - um - phant, a crown of life shall be;



till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Tune: Morning Light

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

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Prayers for our Members

Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

Joe	Susan	Pat	Bud
Dorla	John	Don	Matt
Gail	Jim	Bob	Gaye
Carlie			

What You Want to Know

The Gathering on September 9th will bring the family together in our worship, a meal and ministry fair. The 7:45 service will remain the same but, we will combine the 9 & 11 services into a 10:00 AM service in the Historic Sanctuary. Our meal in the Great Room of Wendler Hall will follow this combined service. You will have time then to mingle among the ministries on the Patio filled with God's Word and filled with a great meal.

The Story is coming this fall. We will have the opportunity to read through the Bible together with curricula for all ages. If you are interested in this study please fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate or call/email the office to sign-up. The book and study guide will be ordered at \$20 for the pair. Classes will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesdays beginning Sept. 12th following the Healing Service and Sundays at 10:10 AM beginning Sept. 16th during the Christian Ed Hour. Scholarships are available if you need assistance with the purchase of the study material. Contact Sheryl at sheryl@sthelenas.net

Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study The company is good, the coffee is good and the study is GREAT! All men of the church and their friends are welcome at 7:00 AM in the Annex every Thursday morning for reflections and deep discussions on the scripture readings of the week. The scheduled readings for August 30th will be Colossians 2. This is a continuing, chronological study of Paul's letters. Questions? Contact Ron Tribo

Paws 4 Hearts Working Therapy Dogs will begin new therapy dog training classes on September 6th. The session is a series of 12 weekly classes held Thursday evenings at St. Helena's from 7-8 PM. This is a great opportunity for people who would like to volunteer in our community with their dog. For more information please visit www.Paws4Hearts.net and contact Karen Minson at Karen@paws4hearts.net to register.

Our New Primary School will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 28th at 11:30 AM. Drop by to help start our new S.H.E.E.P. school year off with a show of love and support.

Yahweh Sisters at Noon Our video study will begin on Thursday, September 6, 12-1:00 PM with *We Saved You A Seat*, Finding and Keeping Lasting Friendships, by Lisa-Jo Baker. We will be exploring our relationship with Jesus as the ultimate model for authentic friendship. Study Guide available at Lifeway & Amazon. Contact Erin Barton for more information at erinbarton32@gmail.com

Financial Peace University Dave Ramsey will teach you how to manage your debt and ultimately live a debt free life. Classes will begin on Thursday, September 13th at 6:00 PM in Room 2. Childcare will be provided upon request. Brown Bag your dinner and register at www.fpu.com/1071307. Email your questions to your facilitator Ruth McBride

<p>Young Families Ministry will be meeting at Random to socialize, dine and listen to the music on Sept. 15th at 6:30 PM. Don't be shy....other young families are looking forward to getting to know you and your family. Contact Stefanie if you have questions at stefanie@sthelenas.net.</p>
<p>Make Note: The Gathering - Sept. 9th, <i>Eat, Learn, Serve</i> David Maltzberger Presentation - Sept. 23rd 5 -6:30 PM Flu Shots - Sept. 26th</p>
<p>Phones in Church? Well of course you should "check in" when you get to church. Feel free to let others know how important your church family is to you. <i>Post it!</i></p>
<p>We are blessed and grateful this morning for the skills and talents of our substitute organist, Mary Ann Winden.</p>
<p>Altar Flowers In Thanksgiving for Jonah David Short Given by George and Karen Short</p>

11:00 Worship Leaders		Vestry Officers	
Acolytes:	Kathryn Chisholm, Maggie Chisholm	Sr. Warden:	Tommy Mathews
Altar Guild:	Team: 1	Jr. Warden:	Jasen Hart
EM:	Matt Boutte, Judy McGrew	Secretary:	Julie Vickery
Prayer Team:	Marie Mayfield	Treasurer:	Ron Tribo
Ushers:	Bob Vincent, Buddy Loveless		
Vestry Host:	Paul Johnson, John Howe		

Summer's Weekly Calendar

<u>Sundays:</u>	Worship Services: 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m., 10:10 Christian Ed, 3:00 p.m. Narcotics A, 8:00 p.m. AA
<u>Mondays:</u>	7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
<u>Tuesdays:</u>	6:30 p.m. Worship Band, 5:00 p.m. Women's AA (<i>this group meets every other Tuesday</i>), 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Healing Service, 6:30 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study,
<u>Thursdays:</u>	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Noon-1 p.m. Yahweh Sisters' Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer, 6:00 p.m. Paws4Hearts 6:30 p.m. Women's AA, 8:00 p.m. Narcotics A
<u>Fridays:</u>	9:30 a.m. AA Big Book
<u>Saturdays:</u>	10:00 a.m. Women's AA

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