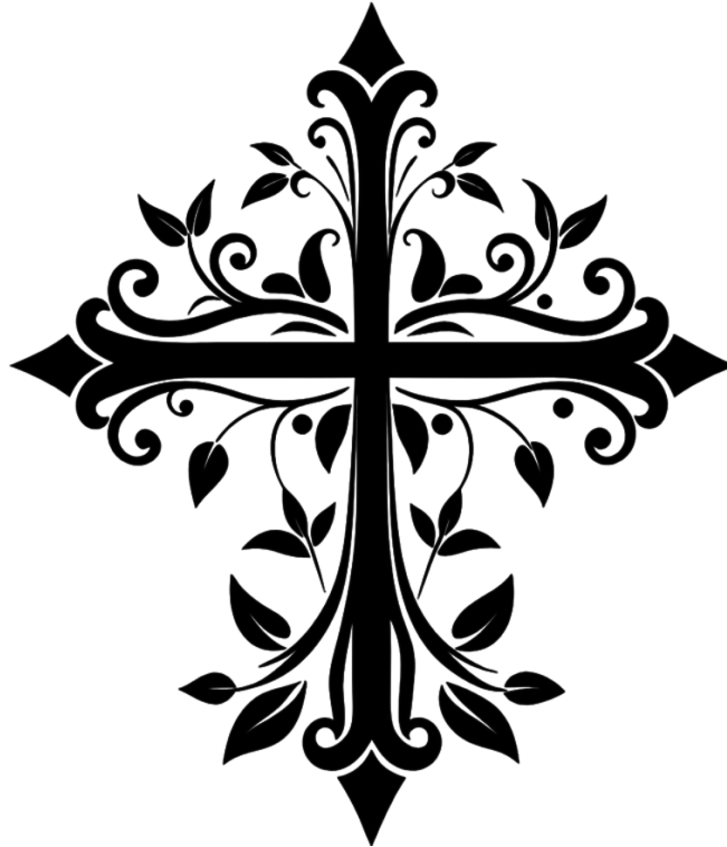


The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter with Baptism
and Youth Sunday**

**May 10, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

Please observe silence during the musical prelude.

The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

— *Book of Common Prayer, p. 308*

Easter greetings! The church devotes 50 days to the Easter season celebrating Christ's resurrection. During this season, the "Alleluia" is back, sung and spoken in many places. We omit the general confession as a sign of our joy that we have been forgiven through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 191

Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity

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, arr. Noble

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2.Lord, God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y
 God and Fath-er, We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3.Lord, Je-sus Christ
 — on - ly son of the Fath-er Lord God, lamb of God, 4.You take a-way the sin___ of the world. Have mer - cy___
 on us. 5.You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath - er, re - ceive___ our___ prayer...
 6.For you a - lone are the ho-ly one; You a - lone are the Lord; You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus
molto rit.
 Christ with the Ho - ly Spi-rit In the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - - - men.---

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Reader In this reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul addresses the citizens of Athens, using their altar addressed to an unknown god as an opportunity to tell them of the one true Lord of heaven and earth, the time of judgment, and of Christ raised from the dead.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

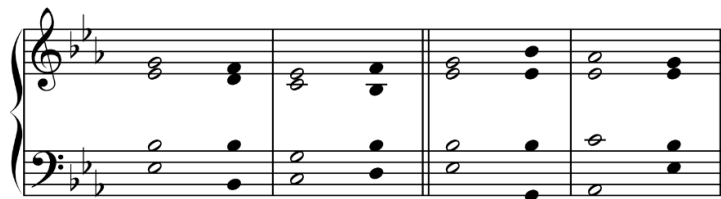
‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66: 7-18



7 Bless our **God**, you **peoples**; *
make the voice of his praise to be **heard**;
8 Who holds our souls in **life**, *
and will not allow our feet to **slip**.
9 For you, O God, have **proved us**; *
you have tried us just as silver is **tried**.
10 You brought us into the **snare**; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our **backs**.
11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and **water**; *
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.
12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my **vows**, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in
trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the
smoke of **rams**; *
I will give you oxen and **goats**.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear **God**, *
and I will tell you what he has done for **me**.
15 I called out to him with my **mouth**, *
and his praise was on my **tongue**.
16 If I had found evil in my **heart**, *
the Lord would not have **heard me**;
17 But in truth God has **heard me**; *
he has attended to the voice of my **prayer**.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**,*
nor withheld his **love from me**.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Reader The First Letter of Peter was written at a time when Christians in Asia Minor were experiencing persecution. The author advises all Christians to live together in love and humility, always being willing to suffer patiently for doing what is right and to speak in defense of their Christian hope.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gospel Hymn 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider continues

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, and by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church. **Amen.**

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor: I present Deborah Ann Tassinari to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate to be baptized

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Parents and Godparents: We present Marcus Edward Padilla to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child your present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Deborah and Marcus in their lives in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Deborah and Marcus, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Reader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water on the candidate, saying

Deborah Ann, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying
Deborah Ann, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Marcus Edward, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Marcus Edward, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Celebrant says

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and has bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Commissioning of the Profile and Search Committee

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of "our life and labor," which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in person. You may also give online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or scan the QR code located in the pew.

Offertory Anthem

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
arr. Clifton Noble

by Charles H. Gabriel
Civilla D Martin

1. Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home?
For Jesus is my portion
My constant friend is He

2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear
And resting on His goodness
I lose my doubts and fears
Though by the path He leadeth
But one step I may see.

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His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me
I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
For his eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me.

REFRAIN

3. Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
And hope within me dies.
I draw me closer to Him
From care He sets me free

REFRAIN

Presentation Hymn 291

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
 here be - low, Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
 Fath - er, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. In Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Sanctus WLP 785

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zon te a - dor - a! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
 co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir; san - to e - res, Se - nor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

The Presider and the People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voice of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine—and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available—ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup or you may intinct (dip the bread) into the cup. Please cleanse your hands with the alcohol-based hand cleanser in the dispensers at the foot of the stairs leading to the altar rail prior to receiving. Thank you.

Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — (Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)

Communion Meditation

*After Communion, the People stand when the Presider says
Let us pray.*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Concluding Hymn 292

O Jesus, Crowned With All Renown

The Dismissal

Presider: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

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ECOTA Happenings

May 10, 2026

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8am Worship & Holy Eucharist | 10am Worship & Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Wednesday: 12:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

Meeting the Ancestors: A Five-Week Bible Study on Genesis – Wednesdays, 1:00-1:45pm, May 20, 27, June 3 and June 10

Join us for week 2 of our five-week conversation as we talk through **Genesis**, where we'll meet our spiritual ancestors. They are faithful and flawed, brave and bewildered, sometimes inspiring and sometimes a complete mess. Genesis has creation and chaos, siblings who fight, people who wrestle with God, family drama worthy of modern television, and again and again, a God who keeps showing up. *No Bible expertise needed. Just bring your curiosity, a sense of wonder (and humor), and maybe a story or two from your own family.*

Week Two — Floods, Towers, and Abraham and Sarah Leave Home

Readings: Genesis 6–9

Noah, Babel, and Abraham and Sarah heading off into the unknown. What does trust look like when you don't have a map?

Week Three — Sarah, Hagar, Jacob, Esau...and Family Systems in the Bible

Readings: Genesis 16, 21, 25–28

Sibling rivalry, blessing and deception, complicated family loyalties.

Week Four — Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and Wrestling with God

Readings: Genesis 29–33

Love and longing. Sisters and struggle. Jacob the trickster getting tricked. Wrestling all night by the river and coming away changed. The Bible does not shy away from family drama.

Week Five — Joseph and More Family Drama

Readings: Genesis 37, 39–45, 50

Dreams, betrayal, forgiveness, and God working even through broken things.

ECOTA Book Group: A New Book for May and June ~ *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse and sees pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. Portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, this is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder. We'll read independently and meet in mid-June to discuss.

ECOTA Coffeehouse – Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | 10:30am – 12:00 pm

Good coffee (or tea). Good friends. Good music. Come join us for all three at our next ECOTA Coffeehouse on Wednesday, April 22 starting at 10:30am. Do you have a favorite song you'd like to hear played? Let Kara or Jerry know (program@atonementwestfield.org). We could use volunteers to set up, make coffee, and clean up—and we welcome donations of baked goods. If you can help, sign up in the Narthex.

Roger Page Funeral – Saturday, May 16, 2026 | 11:00

Funeral services for Roger Page will take place on Saturday, May 16 @ 11:00 am at Firtion Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad St., Westfield. Committal will take place on Monday, May 18 @ 9:00 am at Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam.

Women’s Luncheon, Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Our next Women’s Lunch will be on Tuesday, May 19 @ noon. Join us for an hour enjoying and pleasant lunch and a nice chat with friends. Theme TBA. Bring your own brown bag lunch; we'll provide beverages and treats. Sign up in the Narthex if you can join us.

Laundry Love – Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | 4:30 pm

Laundry Love offers free laundry services to low-income or no-income individuals and families; it also provides a good meal for participants while their clothes are in the machines. If you can help or make a donation, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you can help.

Westfield Farmers Market Opens on Thursday, June 4, 2026

Since 2015, the Westfield Farmers Market has been at the Episcopal Church of Atonement, bringing the people in our community fresh, locally grown food including produce, dairy products, jams & jellies, raw honey, maple products, breads, baked goods, coffee, fresh lemonade, and hand-made pizza. The Market also features craftspeople and artists selling hand-made products, as well as live music throughout each Market day. We’re looking forward to another great season! Shop, volunteer, or spend some time at the ECOTA Welcome Table to introduce people to the church and help them get to know more about our community.

Ecumenical Pride Worship Service ~ Sunday, June 7, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

As part of this year’s Pride Month observance, ECOTA members have been invited to join our friends and neighbors from other local churches and the community for an Ecumenical Pride Service at the First United Methodist Church, 16 Court Street, Westfield, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Kid’s Night Out ~ Saturday, June 13, 2026 @ 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Let’s Go Camping! There are so many fun things to do when you go camping. Playing games. Singing songs around the campfire. Scavenger hunts. Fun food and snacks. Stargazing and bird watching. We’re bringing that kind of fun to our next camping themed Kids Night Out on Saturday June 13 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Great Hall! It will be great fun for kids aged Kids from 3-12. Register online or sign up in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATE for ECOTA’s Strawberry Festival ~ Friday, June 19, 2026 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

It’s time for the mouth-watering wonderfulness that is ECOTA’s Annual Strawberry Festival! Planning has just begun, and tickets will be available soon. Proceeds will benefit the Westfield Food Pantry. More details coming soon!

THE MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider	The Rev. Sandi Albom
Music Director	Clifton J. Noble
Vestry Person of the Day	Steve Adams
Opener	Linda Zielinski
Linens	Lisa Reinhagen
Flower Guild	Tanya Kellogg
Sunday School	Judy Harvester, Debbie Auclair
Counters	Kathy DeJean, Gail Meehan
Office Angels	Linda Zielinski, Margo Halton
Closer	Sue Cole
Altar Guild	Alice Ehresman
Greeter:	Samantha Hemmingsen, Michael Richmond
Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Siska, Kathy DeJean
Lectors	Youth Readers
Ushers	Samantha Hemmingsen, Michael Richmond
Stream Team	Kara Noble

PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Travis Jeck and of Shirley White for all the work she has done for the church.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jeremy Paul Emmonds.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for The Church of Pakistan (United).

Diocesan Prayer for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow; Commission on Ministry; Third Order of Franciscans; Faith Alive; and The Episcopal Network for Stewardship.

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes, and disease.

For these families and individuals Janet, Caroline, Liz, Chris, Caryl, Frank, Jenny, Mark, Sally, Fred, Sue, Hala, Tom, Michael, Mark, Jessica, John, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Lily, Bill, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick.

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday May 10	The Sixth Sunday of Easter with Baptisms Youth Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person live-streamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, May 11	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Tuesday, May 12	6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)</i> 6:30 pm <i>Music Together (SMGR)</i>
Wednesday, May 13	12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
Thursday, May 14	5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)</i> 7:30 pm <i>Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Friday, May 15	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
Saturday, May 16	4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Sunday, May 17	The Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person live-streamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)

“Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love”

God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us. And together all of us reach out with God's love.



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The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

The Rt. Rev. Miguelina Howell, *Bishop, The Episcopal Church of Western MA*

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

The Vestry

Holly Rodriguez, *Sr. Warden* ~ Robert Frazar, *Jr. Warden* ~ Steve Adams, *Treasurer* ~ Deborah Bruno, *Clerk*
Mike Ehresman, *Asst. Jr. Warden* ~ Sue Cole ~ Gene Giacometti ~ Phil Siska ~ Gail Meehan

ECOTA Happenings

May 10, 2026

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8am Worship & Holy Eucharist | 10am Worship & Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Wednesday: 12:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

Meeting the Ancestors: A Five-Week Bible Study on Genesis – Wednesdays, 1:00-1:45pm, May 20 & 27, June 3 & 10

Join us for week 2 of our five-week conversation as we talk through **Genesis**, where we'll meet our spiritual ancestors. They are faithful and flawed, brave and bewildered, sometimes inspiring and sometimes a complete mess. Genesis has creation and chaos, siblings who fight, people who wrestle with God, family drama worthy of modern television, and again and again, a God who keeps showing up. *No Bible expertise needed. Just bring your curiosity, a sense of wonder (and humor), and maybe a story or two from your own family.*

Week Two — Floods, Towers, and Abraham and Sarah Leave Home

Readings: Genesis 6–9

Noah, Babel, and Abraham and Sarah heading off into the unknown. What does trust look like when you don't have a map?

Week Three — Sarah, Hagar, Jacob, Esau...and Family Systems in the Bible

Readings: Genesis 16, 21, 25–28

Sibling rivalry, blessing and deception, complicated family loyalties.

Week Four — Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and Wrestling with God

Readings: Genesis 29–33

Love and longing. Sisters and struggle. Jacob the trickster getting tricked. Wrestling all night by the river and coming away changed. The Bible does not shy away from family drama.

Week Five — Joseph and More Family Drama

Readings: Genesis 37, 39–45, 50

Dreams, betrayal, forgiveness, and God working even through broken things.

ECOTA Book Group: A New Book for May and June ~ *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse and sees pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. Portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, this is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder. We'll read independently and meet in mid-June to discuss.

ECOTA Coffeehouse – Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | 10:30am – 12:00 pm

Good coffee (or tea). Good friends. Good music. Come join us for all three at our next ECOTA Coffeehouse on Wednesday, April 22 starting at 10:30am. Do you have a favorite song you'd like to hear played? Let Kara or Jerry know (program@atonementwestfield.org). We could use volunteers to set up, make coffee, and clean up—and we welcome donations of baked goods. If you can help, sign up in the Narthex.

Roger Page Funeral – Saturday, May 16, 2026 | 11:00

Funeral services for Roger Page will take place on Saturday, May 16 @ 11:00 am at Firtion Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad St., Westfield. Committal will take place on Monday, May 18 @ 9:00 am at Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam.

Women's Luncheon, Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Our next Women's Lunch will be on Tuesday, May 19 @ noon. Join us for an hour enjoying and pleasant lunch and a nice chat with friends. Theme TBA. Bring your own brown bag lunch; we'll provide beverages and treats. Sign up in the Narthex if you can join us.

Laundry Love – Wednesday, May 27, 2026 | 4:30 pm

Laundry Love offers free laundry services to low-income or no-income individuals and families; it also provides a good meal for participants while their clothes are in the machines. If you can help or make a donation, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you can help.

Westfield Farmers Market Opens on Thursday, June 4, 2026

Since 2015, the Westfield Farmers Market has been at the Episcopal Church of Atonement, bringing the people in our community fresh, locally grown food including produce, dairy products, jams & jellies, raw honey, maple products, breads, baked goods, coffee, fresh lemonade, and hand-made pizza. The Market also features craftspeople and artists selling hand-made products, as well as live music throughout each Market day. We're looking forward to another great season! Shop, volunteer, or spend some time at the ECOTA Welcome Table to introduce people to the church and help them get to know more about our community.

Ecumenical Pride Worship Service ~ Sunday, June 7, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

As part of this year's Pride Month observance, ECOTA members have been invited to join our friends and neighbors from other local churches and the community for an Ecumenical Pride Service at the First United Methodist Church, 16 Court Street, Westfield, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Kid's Night Out ~ Saturday, June 13, 2026 @ 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Let's Go Camping! There are so many fun things to do when you go camping. Playing games. Singing songs around the campfire. Scavenger hunts. Fun food and snacks. Stargazing and bird watching. We're bringing that kind of fun to our next camping themed Kids Night Out on Saturday June 13 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Great Hall! It will be great fun for kids aged Kids from 3-12. Register online or sign up in the Narthex.

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