

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Worship with Holy Eucharist

**August 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

*Please observe silence during the musical prelude.
The service is live streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 8

Morning Has Broken

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.

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

Lord Have Mercy S91



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-7,16

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do;
I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

The Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 670

Lord, Forever at Thy Side

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

<i>Presider</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

<i>Presider</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

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 truly human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we may all be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Silence is kept. The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions silently or aloud.

Give to the departed eternal rest. We especially remember Seth Kellogg Jr., for whom altar memorials have been given; and Ethel Smith Rudat; Michael Aaron Page; Richard and Doris Tierney; and all those who have been killed by bombs, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Silence is kept. The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions silently or aloud.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

Silence is kept. The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions silently or aloud.

The Presider may add a closing collect.

The Confession

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Presider says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

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

Five Loaves and a Couple of Fish

Clifton J. Noble

After John 6

Jesus looked at the crowd comin’ up the hill
Turned to Phillip and said,
“That’s a whole lot of people and they’re
headin’ this way,
Where we gonna get enough bread?”

Then Andrew said to Jesus,
“There’s a guy right next to you
He’s got five loaves of bread and a couple of fish
But what good is that gonna do?”

They had - five loaves and a couple of fish.
Five thousand people and not even one dish.
How we gonna feed ‘em all? That’s the issue, with
Five loaves and a couple of fish.

Jesus had the whole thing under control
He said “Sit the people down”
And He gave His thanks and He blessed the meal
And then spread the loaves and the fishes around

Everybody filled their bellies
There was more than enough to go ‘round.
Enough left over to fill twelve baskets.
And take a little back to town.

They had - five loaves and a couple of fish.
Five thousand people and not even one dish.
More food than anybody could wish – from
Five loaves and a couple of fish.

When everybody saw what Jesus had done
The disciples laid it on the line.
“He is truly a prophet comin’ into the world
This miraculous meal is an obvious sign.”

Only – Five loaves and a couple of fish
Five thousand people and not even one dish
Everyone agreed that it was delicious
Five loaves and a couple of fish.

Presentation Hymn LEVAS 200

Stand by Me

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts

Sursum Corda

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

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The Presider and the People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit, may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

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.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Concluding Hymn 551

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

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

PERMISSIONS

Except as noted within the text of the service leaflet: The structure and words of our service are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language; Enriching Our Worship; The Book of Occasional Services; Liturgy for the Whole Church, by Susan K. Bock, and Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare; Hear Our Prayer by Jon White and Lisa Graves (all by Church Publishing). Today's Greeting and Call to Worship are from the World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023. The Biblical texts of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Hymns are taken from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and Wonder, Love, and Praise (all by Church Publishing) and Songs & Prayers from Taizé, (GIA Publications, Inc.). Permission to print/post hymns for congregational use is granted by Rite Song and/or One License and permission to podcast/stream the music in this service is granted by One License: #A-723294

ECOTA Happenings

August 2, 2026

Welcome to The Rev. Canon Heather Blais!

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:00am Worship & Holy Eucharist (in person & live-streamed)

Wednesday, July 29: 12:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

No Wednesday Healing Services during August

Bishop Miguelina Howell Visit Cancelled

Unfortunately, Bishop Howell's schedule has changed and she will not be able to join us for Worship and Holy Eucharist on Sunday, August 9. We will celebrate The Liturgy of the Word together instead.

Westfield High School Community Closet Needs Clothing & Personal Hygiene Products

Students at the Westfield High School are again seeking donations of basic toiletries, T-shirts and other gently used clothing, new underwear and socks, personal care items, and personal care/hygiene items for its Community Closet (financial donations are also welcome). If you can help, place your donations in the plastic tote just outside the sanctuary door. Contact Tammy Joseph for more details about the Community Closet.

Western Mass Hospital Adopt a Senior

Beginning next week, on Sunday, August 9, our Compassionate Care Ministry will again begin its "Be a Star for a Senior" program. Next week, they will put up the "Star Tree." Choose a star from the tree and purchase the requested items for an elderly patient at Western Massachusetts Hospital who don't have nearby family. Members of the Compassionate Care Ministry will deliver your gifts to your star senior. Contact Tammy Joseph for more details about the Community Closet.

Westfield Farmers Market Church Table | Thursdays, June - October

We would like to show the community that ECOTA is a welcoming community, but we have not had enough volunteers to staff our Market Table. Can you help us greet visitors to the market and show them what a welcoming place ECOTA is? Do you have suggestions about how to make it easier to encourage volunteers to sit at our table? We'd love to hear your ideas!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you can volunteer to help with any of the jobs below, email the church office (program@atonementwestfield.org).

Sunday School Assistants for the Fall

We are looking for more Church School Assistants to help our Sunday School teaching leaders, Judy Harvester and Jean Brown, beginning in the fall. Church school resumes after Labor Day and volunteers would be asked to serve one or two Sundays per month. Volunteers help with setting up the classroom, supervising the students, distributing materials, and otherwise supporting the lead teachers.

Little Free Food Pantry: Pantry Filler Needed Saturdays

Do you have 15 minutes to spare on a Saturday morning? Join the Little Free Food Pantry Team! ECOTA's Little Free Food Pantry (LFFP) needs someone to fill the two outdoor food pickup boxes outside the side door of the church on Saturdays. You can choose the time (mornings are best) and all the food is provided. If you can carry groceries up and down stairs, you can do it!

Ushers

Our church ushers work with our greeters to make sure everyone is on the same page by welcoming people to the church, handing out leaflets, giving newcomers nametags, taking the offering, carrying the offering and the gifts to the altar to be blessed, closing the altar rail and setting the cushions for communion, and taking a headcount of how many people attend. If you have a warm smile and you can point people in the right direction, you're perfect for the job!

Summer Office Hours

MONDAYS:	Closed
TUESDAYS:	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
WEDNESDAYS:	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
THURSDAYS:	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
FRIDAYS:	Closed
SATURDAYS:	Closed
SUNDAYS:	Open before & after the 9am worship service

THE MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider	The Canon Rev. Heather Blais
Vestry Person of the Day	Gail Meehan
Lectors	Sandra Chamberlain, Holly Rodriguez
Usher/Greeter	Samantha Hemmingsen/Gail Meehan
Stream Team	Holly Rodriguez
Linens	Dianne Legalos
Flower Guild	Donna Tatlock-Calkins
Counters	Gail Meehan, Sue Cole
Office Angels	Gail Meehan, Alice Ehresman
Opener	Sue Cole
Closer	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 memory of Seth Kellogg, Jr.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ethel Smith Rudat; Michael Aaron Page; and Richard and Doris Tierney.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for The Church of the Province of Uganda.

Diocesan Prayer for Trinity Episcopal Church, Shrewsbury; the Hampden Region & Dean of Clericus; Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless, Worcester; Worcester Interfaith.

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

For these families and individuals Jesse, Siobhan, Ginger, Ed, Barbara, Mike, Ann, Anne, Danny, 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 August 2

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 am Morning Prayer (in person | live-streamed)

6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

Monday, August 3

5:00 pm *Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)*

8:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Tuesday, August 4

Wednesday, August 5

12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*

7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)*

Thursday, August 6

12:00-5:00 pm *Farmers Market*

7:30 pm *Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Friday, August 7

7:00 pm *Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)*

Saturday, August 8

9:00 am *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Chapel)*

4:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Sunday, August 9

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 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.



The Episcopal Church of the Atonement

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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

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