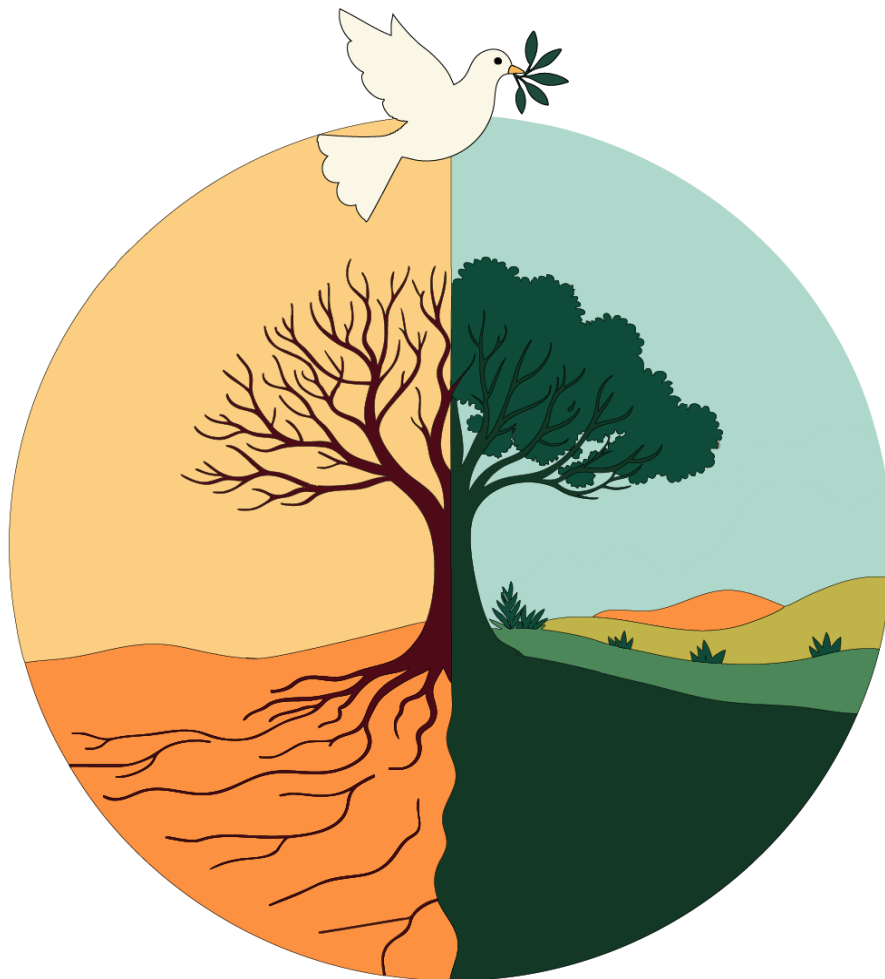


The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

*Please observe silence during the musical prelude.
The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 410

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things
People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

We give glory to God, who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.

Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce the first fruits of hope.

We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all Creation.

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all, we gather here, made in the image of the Creator.

Who created in love.

We gather in the name of the redeemer, our Savior, Jesus Christ,

Who reconciles all of Creation.

We gather in the presence of the life Giver, your Holy Spirit,

Who inspires new life and instills hope.

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.

Sung at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Song of Praise

by Clifton J. Noble

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

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

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

The Creation Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray.

O God, having shown us how far your love goes in saving the lost and forgotten, mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of reuniting with all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. “For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.”

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken at 8:00 am. Chanted at 10:00 am.

Psalm 14



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lo/ving-| **kindness**; *
in your great compassion | blot out | my of/fenses.
 - 2 Wash me through and through | from my | **wickedness** *
and | cleanse me | from my | **sin**.
 - 3 For I know | my trans/**gressions**, *
and my | sin is | ever be/**fore me**.
 - 4 Against you only | have I | **sinned** *
and done what is | ev/il | in your | **sight**.
 - 5 And so you are justified | when you | **speak** *
and | up/right | in your | **judgment**.
 - 6 Indeed, I have been wicked | from my | **birth**, *
a sinner | from my | moth/er's | **womb**.
 - 7 For behold, you look for truth | deep with/**in me**, *
and will make me | under/stand | wis/dom | **secretly**.
 - 8 Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be | **pure**; *
wash me, and I | shall be | clean in/**deed**.
 - 9 Make me hear of | joy and | **gladness**, *
that the body you have | bro/ken | may re/**joice**.
 - 10 Hide your face | from my | **sins** *
and blot | out all | my in/**iquities**.
- (2nd half)
- 11 Create in me a clean | heart, O | **God**, *
and renew a | right spi/rit with/**in me**.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Reader A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung at 10:00 am

Gospel Hymn 489 vss. 1-3

The Great Creator of the Worlds

The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

Presider The Holy Gospel of Christ according to Luke.

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

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

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence is kept.

For all people and creatures in their daily life and work

For our families, friends, neighbors, companions, those who are alone, and all living beings.

For our waters, lands, and air; for this community, the nation and the world.

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

For the just and proper sharing of your Creation.

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

For all your creatures who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

For the sick, the friendless, and the needy; and for those facing climate change and extinction.

For the peace and unity of the Creation of God.

For all people and all of nature who proclaim the Gospel.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Sandi, our Priest; and all bishops, other ministers, and all spiritual leaders.

For all who serve God in Creation.

We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of this life and the gifts of your Creation. Today we pray especially in thanksgiving with Sandra Petrucelli, who has given altar flowers in celebration of her grandchildren, Noah, Mia, and Coral.

Thank you for all the gifts you give us.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

The People may add their own prayers silently or aloud at this time.

We pray for all who have died, especially remembering David Warren Spinning and Warren Howard Spinning for whom the sanctuary lamp burns, and all of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks, that they may they have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own prayers silently or aloud at this time.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Presider may add a concluding Collect.

The Confession

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

Silence is kept

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

The 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: Peace with yourself
 Peace with Creation.
 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 offer "our life and labor," which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations. You may also give online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com) or scan the QR code in the pews.

Sung at 10:00 am

Offertory Anthem

An Excerpt from The Creation (Introduction)
The Choir

by Franz Josef Haydn

In the beginning, God created the Heav'n and the Earth:
And the earth was without form and void;
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.
And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters,
And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
And God saw the light, that it was good;
And God divided the light from the darkness.

A new created world
A new created world
Springs up, springs up at God's command.

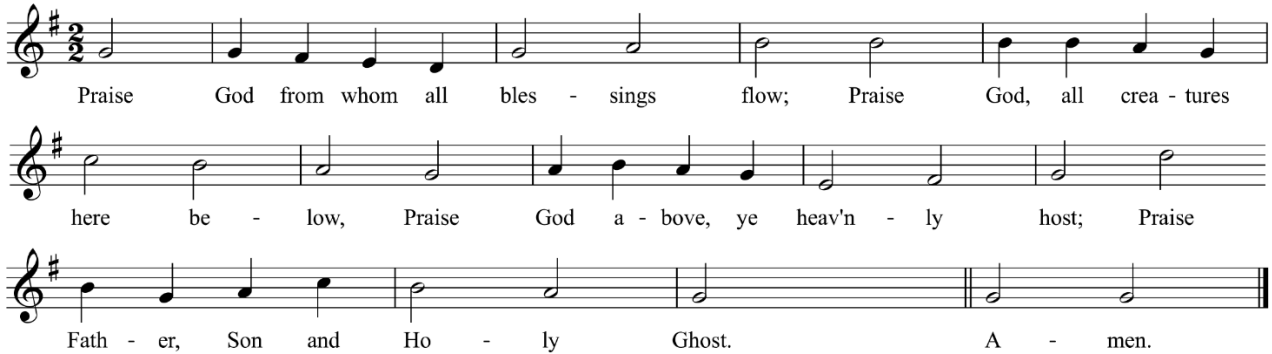
Sung at 8:00 & 10:00 am. The People stand to sing.

Presentation Hymn 148

Creator of the Earth and Skies

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts



Sursum Corda

Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am.



Presider: The Creator be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider: Let us give thanks to our loving God.

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

The Presider proceeds

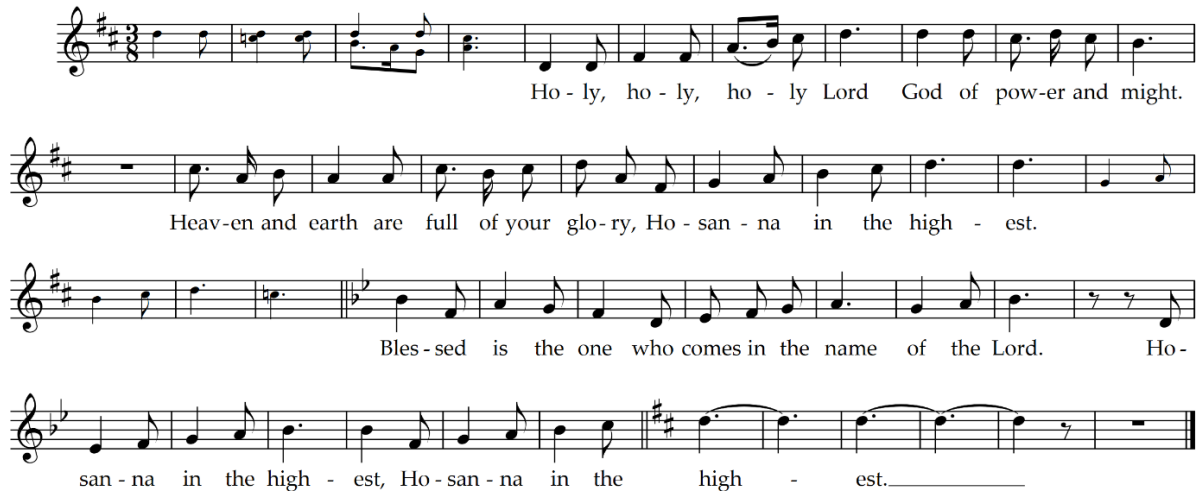
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am.

Sanctus

by Clifton J. Noble



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles-sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

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 in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us from not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and for ever. Amen.

Presider: This is Living Bread, given for all Creation;

People: **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am.

The Breaking of the Bread

by Clifton J. Noble

Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world

Have mer-cy on us. Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world,

have mer-cy on us, Je - sus, lamb of God, You take a-way the

sins of the world, Grant us your peace.

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. Both wine and grape juice are available—ask for juice if you prefer 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.

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.

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that these gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Concluding Hymn 408

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit and the beauty of God's Creation.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

PERMISSIONS

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	8:00 am	10:00 am
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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 celebration of Noah, Mia, and Coral, the grandchildren of Sandra Petrucelli.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David Warren Spinning and Warren Howard Spinning.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for The Anglican Church of South America.

Diocesan Prayer for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Stockbridge; Accounting Manager, Kristina Cincotta; Church Musicians & Artists; and the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church.

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

For these families and individuals Gail, Mark, Jessica, John, Ray, Chris, Richard, Uncle Billy, 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, Samantha, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Sandy & George, 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, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Jacques, Elaine, Tracey

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday September 14

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (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, September 15

5:00 pm *Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)*
8:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Tuesday, September 16

12:00 pm Women's Luncheon
6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*
7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship

Wednesday, September 17

12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study
7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)*

Thursday, September 18

12:00-5:00 pm *Farmers Market*
7:30 pm *Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Friday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 20

10:00 am-12:00 pm Prayer Shawl/Knitting Ministry (*SMGR*)
4:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Sunday, August 21

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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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ECOTA Happenings

September 14, 2025

Welcome back to our fall schedule of services @ 8:00am & 10:00am! Welcome back Church School!

Food Donations Critically Needed

There is a critical need for food donations for both our Little Free Food Pantry and for the Westfield State University Interfaith Food Pantry. Lists are available in the Narthex indicating the food items, toiletries, and household items that are most urgently needed. Please help if you can!

Leis in Lieu of Mums

Our annual Mums Sale to raise funds for Action Centered Tutoring Services (ACTS) is always popular, but the farm that provides the mums had a devastating fire in March and cannot provide flowers this year. But ACTS, a faith-based nonprofit that provides one-on-one tutoring to elementary students in Springfield, still needs funds to ensure tutoring is available to all students who need it. So we're holding a special fundraiser called *Leis in Lieu of Mums*. Donors will receive a *lei*—a garland of flowers that is a traditional symbol of love, respect, and unity in the South Pacific—along with a big thank you for your continued support! Fill out the order form and drop it in the donation box in the Narthex as you leave.

Rummage & Bake Sale Information Session ~ After 10:00 am Worship Today

We will hold a planning session to begin working on the logistics for the TWO weekends of this fall's Rummage & Bake Sale after our 10:00 am worship service next week. The sale will take place on **Friday, October 17, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm, Saturday, October 18, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**; then again on **Friday, October 24, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (bag sale) and Saturday, October 25, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (bag sale)**. We'll discuss handling and organizing donations to cover both weekends, plan how to have enough baked goods, plan set up and take down, and work on finding volunteers to cover the sale on both weekends. If you can help, but can't make the meeting, sign up to volunteer or bake on the sheets in the Narthex.

Women's Luncheon ~ Tuesday, September 16, 2025 @ 12:00pm

Join us for our next Women's Luncheon on Tuesday, September 16 at 12:00 pm in the St. Margaret's Guild Room. Let's come together to share a good meal, good conversation, and good company—it will lift your spirits! Bring a brown bag lunch (we'll provide beverages and treats). If you can, bring an item to donate to the Little Free Food Pantry. They particularly need peanut butter, breakfast cereal, single toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Let us know if you are coming on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group ~ Saturday, September 20 @ 10:00 am

Love is woven in every stitch when our Knitting Group gathers to knit and crochet prayer shawls to donate to Baystate Noble Hospital (as well as other items to help warm hearts and hands and heads). Don't know how to knit? That's OK! We have all the necessary supplies, and our supportive members are happy to teach you. Contact Donna Tatlock Calkins for more information.

Free Narcan Training Course Sessions Available on:

Thursday, September 25 : 12:30-1:30 pm OR 3:30-4:40 pm

Thursday, October 9: 12:30-1:30 pm OR 3:30-4:40 pm

ECOTA has two Narcan stations to assist people in the event of an opioid drug overdose (one outside the church office and the other in the Great Hall). The Westfield Farmers Market, in conjunction with Tapestry Health, will hold a free training course to teach Market and church volunteers, staff, vendors, and customers how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and how to administer Narcan, the opioid overdose reversal drug. Each one-hour training session includes the complete course. All participants will be given a free Narcan kit if they would like one. Sign up for the session that best fits your schedule on the sheets in the Narthex.

Ecumenical Worship & Picnic @ Stanley Park ~ Sunday, September 28, Service begins @ 10:30 am

Save the date! Our neighbors from the First Congregational Church and the Southwick Congregational Church have invited us to a joint ecumenical service at Stanley Park at 10:30 am Sunday, September 28. We will have our 8:00 am Holy Eucharist service at ECOTA as usual that morning. At 10:30 am, there will be an interfaith ecumenical service at the pavilion in Stanley Park, followed by a picnic for all our church communities to share.

Blessing of the Animals ~ Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Westfield Feed

Rev. Sandi is going to the dogs (and cats, parakeets, guinea pigs, goats, and other critters) at a special Blessing of the Animals at Westfield Feed, 288 Union Street, Westfield on Saturday, Oct. 4. Let her bless your pet! If your animal is uncomfortable in crowds, feel free to bring a photo instead. All pets and humans are welcome! Rev. Sandi could also use a couple of volunteers to help her on

Bill & Lois Wilson: Their Journey in Letters ~ October 5 @ 4:30 pm

As part of our recognition of National Recovery Month, ECOTA is delighted to present this performance, which uses the letters of Bill and Lois Wilson, co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, to tell the story of their strength, resilience, and creativity. The one-hour dramatic reading will feature Sam Noble as Young Lois, Rev. Sandi as Older Lois, Dan Harvester as Young Bill, and Raymond Brow as Older Bill. The performance begins at 4:30pm; doors open at 4:00 pm. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the work of Stepping Stones Foundation and Bridge Fellowship @ Atonement.

Ecumenical Recovery Service ~ Sunday, October 5 @ 6:00 pm

Recovery is worth celebrating—and it is easier to achieve with the support of a caring community that encourages the recovery journey. Offer your support for those celebrating recovery and those working to achieve it at this ecumenical worship service on October 5 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary at ECOTA.

Bridge Fellowship: A Community of 12-Step Spirituality for Everyone ~ Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm

Looking for a way of living that works? Curious about 12-Steps? Seeking a welcoming community of faith and discovery? Bridge Fellowship offers all that and more! We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month we have a healing service with music and fellowship. On the second and fourth Tuesdays, we join in a prayer circle with reading, discussion, sharing, and fellowship. If there are five Tuesdays in the month, we'll use the fifth one for Dinner Church! We hope you'll join us!

Season of Creation ~ September 1 – October 4

The World Council of Churches designates September 1 through October 4 each year as the Season of Creation. The season begins with a Day of Prayer for Creation and ends with the Feast of St. Francis. Our Collect of the Day this morning is the Creation Collect to mark the beginning of the Season. Over the next few weeks, we will incorporate special prayers, salutations, confessions, and other elements into our services as part of our celebration of the Season of Creation. For more information, visit [www. SeasonofCreation.org](http://www.SeasonofCreation.org) or www.episcopalchurch.org/season-of-creation-and-st-francis-day-resources.