

# The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 5, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services**

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

## Prelude

### Entrance Hymn 360, vss. 1-4

*Only Begotten, Word of God Eternal*

*Presider* Blessed be the one holy and living God.

*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.**

*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 Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

Let us pray.

All-loving and everliving God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; 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 Habakkuk. The prophet bitterly complains to the Lord about the injustice and violence in the world. God answers that justice will come in time. Those who are right with God will continue to live by their trust in God.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous--therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

*Sung at 8:00 am. Chanted at 10:00 am.*

**Psalms 37: 1-10**

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of | ev/il - **doers**; \*  
do not be jealous of | those | who do | **wrong**.
- 2 For they shall soon wither | like the | **grass**, \*  
and like the | green grass | fade a/**way**.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord | and do | **good**; \*  
dwell in the land and | feed | on its | **riches**.
- 4 Take delight | in the | **Lord**, \*  
and he shall | give you your | heart's de/**sire**.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your | trust in | **him**, \*  
and he will | bring | it to | **pass**.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as | clear as the | **light** \*  
and your just | deal/ing | as the | **noonday**.
- 7 Be still be|fore the | **Lord** \*  
and wait | pa/tient|ly for | **him**.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the | one who | **prosper**s, \*  
the one who suc|ceeds in | ev/il | **schemes**.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave | rage a/**lone**; \*  
do not fret yourself; | it leads | on/ly to | **evil**.
- 10 For evildoers shall | be cut | **off**, \*  
but those who wait upon the | Lord shall possess the | **land**.

*Reader* A reading from the second letter to Timothy. Paul is keen to see Timothy rekindling the gift of faith. He prays that he will grow into a mature understanding of the Gospel.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

*Sung at 10:00 am.*

**Gospel Hymn 11, vss. 1-3**

*Awake My Soul, and With the Sun*

The Gospel

*Luke 17:5-10*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*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.*

Creating and sustaining God, in faith we lift our voices to you that we might be transformed by your love saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

We pray for the church, that it may manifest your grace and mercy in the world. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Sandi, our Priest; and all other bishops, ministers, and spiritual leaders.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation, that it might fulfill its promise and be a nation where people know justice, peace, and the opportunity to thrive.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly, that we might be a place where each of us can discover our call and find ways to minister together as the body of Christ. You are invited to add your own petitions, silently or aloud, at this time.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the natural order, that the abundance and diversity of creation might be preserved through our choices and advocacy.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the injured, the anxious and despairing, grant them hope and wholeness through the power of your healing presence.

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

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dead and the dying, that they might fulfill your will for them and rest in the glory of your eternal love. We pray especially in memory of all those who have lost their lives or their loved ones in the past year, for whom altar memorials have been given; and in memory of Ruth, Norman, Bruce, James, and John Oyler, for whom sanctuary lamp burns; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

You have promised to hear and respond to us when we gather in your name; answer us with your loving kindness that our hopes may be fulfilled. All this we ask through the One who showed us your love most perfectly, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **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:* 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://www.tithe.ly) or scan the QR code in the pews.*

*Sung at 10:00 am.*

#### **Offeratory Anthem**

*Surrender*

*by Tania Coletta*

Surrender to your rhythm  
Surrender to your song.  
Dance the beat your heart sings,  
Know that you belong  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.

Nothing lives without you  
Nothing stands alone  
Breathe love in ev'ry moment,  
Give your light a home  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.

Make your truth a haven,  
Set your spirit free.  
Ride that river's current,  
Let your soul just be  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.

Open to the heart's cry.  
Feel it deep within.  
Know it is the time now  
And let your life begin  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.

Surrender to your rhythm  
Surrender to your song.  
Dance the beat your heart sings,  
Know that you belong  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.  
In this world, in this joy, in this heaven.

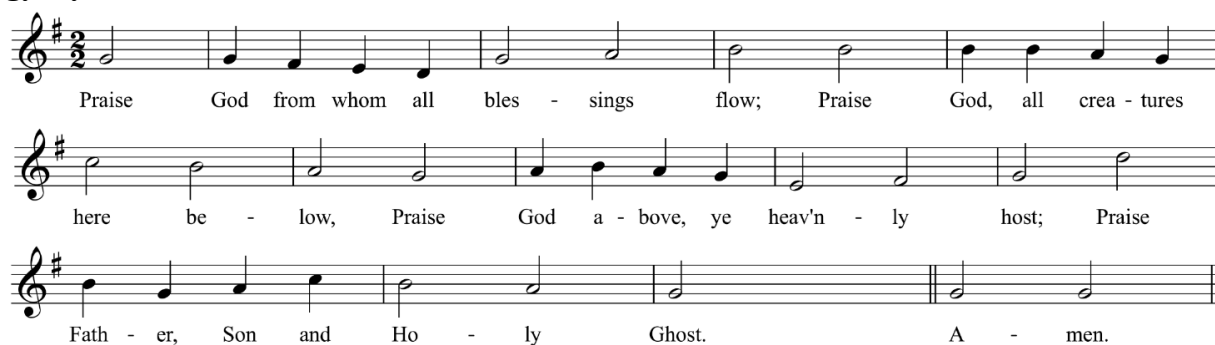
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## Presentation Hymn 488

*Be Thou My Vision*

## Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

*Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts*



*Presider:* The Lord 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 the Lord our 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

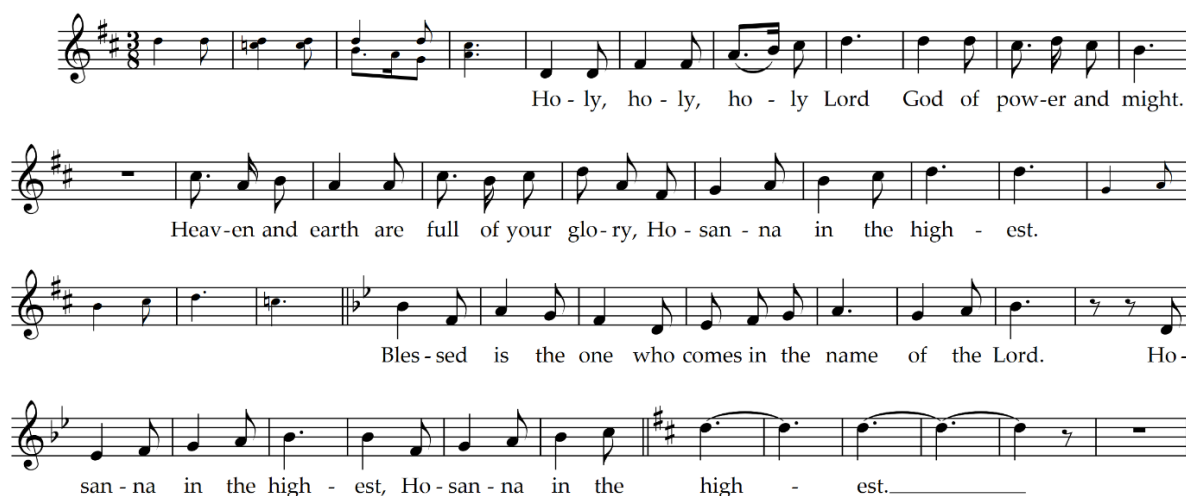
*by Clifton J. Noble*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One 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 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

*Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

*by Sebastian Temple*

*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 607**

*O God of Every Nation*

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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<b>Counters</b>	Kathy DeJean, Lesley Frazar
<b>Office Angels</b>	Deb Bruno, Donna Tatlock-Calkins
<b>Closer</b>	Holly Rodriguez

	8:00 am	10:00 am
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Zielinski	Tanya Kellogg
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Linda Zielinski	
<b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b>	Josh Veléz	Jan Parks Karen Newman
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<b>Stream Team</b>	NA	Holly Rodriguez

## 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](mailto:program@atonementwestfield.org) or call 562-5461.*

**Altar Memorials** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all those who have lost their lives or their loved ones in the past year, for whom altar memorials have been given.

**Sanctuary Lamp** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth, Norman, Bruce, James, and John Oyler.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

**Diocesan Prayer** for the Church of the Reconciliation, Webster; for the Episcopal Church Building Fund; for our Covenant Relationship with Diocese of Kumasi, Ghana; and for the spiritual life of our people.

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

**For these families and individuals** Michael, 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, October 5

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist (*in person*)  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (*in person & live-streamed*)  
4:30 pm Bill & Lois: Their Journey in Letters (*Sanctuary*)  
6:00 pm Ecumenical Recovery Service (*Sanctuary*)  
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

### Monday, October 6

5:00 pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)  
5:30 pm Girl Scouts  
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)

### Tuesday, October 7

6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)  
6:00 pm No Kings Meeting (SMGR)  
7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship

### Wednesday, October 8

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

### Thursday, October 9

12:00-5:00 pm Farmers Market  
6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)  
7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)

### Friday, October 10

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

### Saturday, October 11

4:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (SMGR)

### Sunday, October 12

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Youth Sunday  
8:00 am Holy Eucharist (*in person*)  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with the Baptism of  
Nora Julianne Godden (*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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*Drawn in by Grace • Reaching out in Love*

The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, *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* ~ Gene Giacometti, *Treasurer* ~ Deborah Bruno, *Clerk*

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Tanya Kellogg ~ Phil Siska ~ Josh Vélez

# ECOTA Happenings: October 5 2025

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## New Bishop Slate & Petition Process Announced:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese has announced a slate of three candidates to serve as our 10th Bishop Diocesan:

- **The Rev. Susan B. Fortunato**, *Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie, New York*
- **The Very Rev. Dr. Marcus George Halley**, *Chaplain to the College and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut*
- **The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell**, *Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Connecticut*

There will be candidate meet-and-greets scheduled between November 4-6. The new Bishop will be elected at the Diocesan Convention November 14-15 at UMass Amherst. Visit the Diocese website for more information:

<https://www.diocesewma.org/bishop-search-and-transition>

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### Bill & Lois Wilson: Their Journey in Letters ~ Sunday, 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 Brown 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.

### Prayer Shawl Knitting Group ~ Saturday, October 11 @ 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.

### Youth Sunday ~ Sunday, October 12 @ the 10:00 am Worship Service

We're excited to introduce our new Youth Sundays, which will take place on the second Sunday of each month. Our first one will be next Sunday, October 12. On Youth Sundays, our young people will participate actively in the service as acolytes and readers, share their prayers and music, and infuse our worship with their joyful, spirited, creative energy!

### Drumming Circle ~ Sunday, October 12 4:30-5:30 pm

Our friends at First Congregational Church (18 Broad St., Westfield) will be hosting a free drumming circle for all ages run by Janet St. Jean, who introduced the fun of drumming at our last Kids Night Out. Drums will be provided and no experience is necessary; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 413.568. 2833.

### Rummage & Bake Sale Session ~ Two Weekends!

**Friday, October 17, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm | Saturday, October 18, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm;**

**Friday, October 24, 9:00 am-5:00 pm (bag sale) | Saturday, October 25, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (bag sale)**

The Rummage Sale crew has been busy sorting, organizing, and preparing everything for our annual Fall Rummage & Bake Sale—one of the biggest fundraisers of the church year! We're still looking for donations, people to bake, and folks to help with everything from setting up through running the sales and then cleaning up after it's all over. Sign up to volunteer or bake on the sheets in the Narthex!

### **Monthly Drop-In Grief Support Group ~ Beginning Sunday, October 19 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm**

A grief support group allows time and space to share our common, yet different journeys on this path of grief and bereavement towards healing and peace. This group is for all bereaved and grieving individuals who are looking for a welcoming, confidential, and non-judgmental conversational grief support group. Our first meeting will take place on Sunday afternoon, October 19 in the Saint Margaret's Guild Room. We will meet monthly; our next two sessions are planned for **November 16** and **December 14**. For more information, contact Josh Vélez (velez.olv@gmail.com or (413) 386-4707.

### **Women's Luncheon ~ Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ 12:00pm**

Join us for our next Women's Luncheon on Tuesday, October 21 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 and we'll provide beverages and treats. Sign up in the Narthex.

### **Musical Quotations, Tributes & Transformations: A Fundraising Concert with Pianist Danny Holt ~ Saturday, November 7 @ 7:00 pm**

This concert in support of the church & its ministries and also supporting the music education programs of the Tuesday Morning Music Club highlights the creative and playful ways that composers borrow from one another, including Godowsky's inventive and virtuosic reworking of Chopin etudes, Heller's transcription of Schubert's *Erklönig*, Crumb's dream-like meditation on Chopin, Satie's playful parody of Clementi, and more. The concert is free; donations will be accepted.

### **Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program ~ Month of November 2025**

ECOTA's Outreach Ministries have been selected as a nonprofit partner in the Stop & Shop *Bloomin' 4 Good Program* for the month of November. **That means the church will receive \$1 for every specially market \$11.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet that is sold at their store at 57 Main Street in Westfield during November.** They tell us the store typically sells about 80 of those bouquets per month, but we're pretty sure we can raise their average to support ECOTA! Put a trip to Stop & Shop to get a Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet on your calendar for next month!

### **New Book Group Book Selection ~ *The Years of Ripening* by Joyce Rupp**

Our book group is reading *The Years of Ripening* by Joyce Rupp. It focuses on personal transformation, the wonder and goodness of our hidden self, how the qualities of our personhood have been expressed, and in what ways we can claim ever more of the truest reality of our inner being. Rupp is a member of the Servite (Servants of Mary) community and the codirector of the Boundless Compassion program. She is well known as a writer, spiritual midwife, international retreat leader, and conference speaker. We'll read the book over the next few weeks and meet to discuss it in late October.

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sundays:** *Worship & Holy Eucharist, 8:00am & 10:00am (Sunday School & Nursery Care @ 10am)*

**Tuesdays:** *Recovery Bridge Fellowship, 7:00pm* | **Wednesdays:** *Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 12:15pm*

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