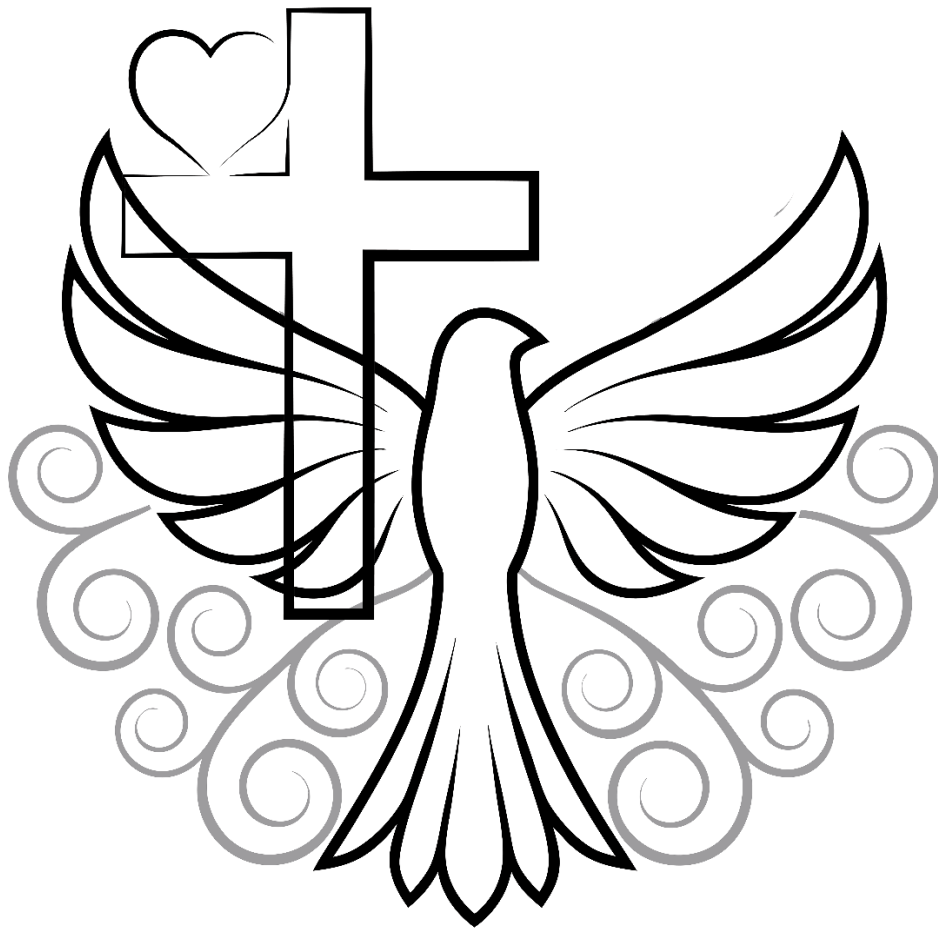


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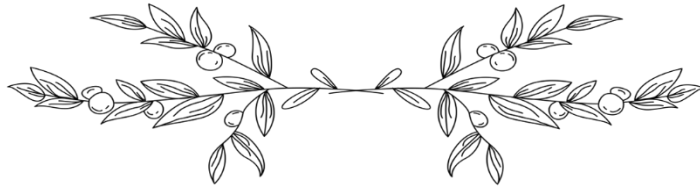
**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Youth Sunday**

October 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Baptism

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

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble.



“She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks her words are wise and she gives instructions with kindness.”

—Proverbs 31:25

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 538

God of Mercy, God of Grace

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed by his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in god's call to us;**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Reader A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah. In this reading, the prophet Jeremiah offers surprising counsel from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, and prophets now in exile in Babylon.

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

Psalm 66: 1-11



- 1 Be joyful in God, | all you | **lands**; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the | glo/ry | of his | **praise**.
 - 2 Say to God, "How awesome | are your | **deeds**! *
because of your great strength your | enem/ies | cringe be|fore you.
 - 3 All the earth bows | down be|fore you, *
sings to | you, sings | out your | **Name**."
 - 4 Come now and see the | works of | **God**, *
how wonderful he is in his | do/ing | toward all | **people**.
 - 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the | water on | **foot**, *
and there | we re|joiced in | **him**.
 - 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep | watch over the | **nations**; *
let no | rebel rise | up a|gainst him.
 - 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 al|low 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 | bur/dens upon our | **backs**.
- (second half)*
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through | fire and | **water**; *
but you brought us out into a | place | of re|freshment.

Reader A reading from the second letter to Timothy. In this reading, Paul bids Timothy to be a faithful worker, reminding him and others of Jesus's resurrection and the new life that is to be known with him.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Gospel Hymn LEVAS 143

Wade in the Water

The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

We present Nora Julianne Godden to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you 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 in the full stature of Christ?

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

Then the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

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.**

After the Candidate has been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Nora in her life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing Nora 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 Nora who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Bring her 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

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

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

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, saying
Nora Julianne Godden, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant prays, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

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 in gratitude for the great joys and many blessings we have received. We pray especially in celebration of the birthday of Connor Turgeon, for whom altar memorials have been given.

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 Laurie, 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.**

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

Youth Song

This Is the Day

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it

This is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made

Offertory Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart

*Music by Healey Willan
Text Psalm 51: 10-19*

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence
And take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And uphold me with thy free spirit.

Presentation Hymn 582

O Holy City Seen of John

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 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:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.

Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Anna Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) © Church Pension Fund

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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 375

Give Praise and Glory Unto 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

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Office Angels	Deb Bruno, Jan Parks
Closer	Sue Cole

	8:00 am	10:00 am
Altar Guild	Lesley Frazar	Tanya Kellogg
Acolyte/Torch Bearer	NA	Gabriel Burke
Greeter	Josh Vélez	Samantha Hemmingsen
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Kara Noble	Jan Parks Phil Siska
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Stream Team	NA	Deb Curtis

*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 Connor Turgeon's birthday.

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 Church of the Province of Uganda.

Diocesan Prayer for the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church / Grace Lutheran, West Springfield; Interim Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Steven Wilco; the Union of Black Episcopalians; Open Pantry Community Services, Springfield

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

For these families and individuals Douglas Anthony, Elizabeth, Tom, 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 12	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Youth Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (<i>in person</i>) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with the Baptism of Nora Julianne Godden (<i>in person & live-streamed</i>) 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, October 13	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Tuesday, October 14	6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)</i> 7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship
Wednesday, October 15	12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
Thursday, October 16	12:00-5:00 pm <i>Farmers Market</i> 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 7:30 pm <i>Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Friday, October 17	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
Saturday, October 18	4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Sunday, October 19	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (<i>in person</i>) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (<i>in person & live-streamed</i>) 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15 <i>SMGR= Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)</i>

“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: October 12, 2025

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>

It's Youth Sunday!

We're excited to welcome the young and young at heart for our first Youth Sundays! On Youth Sundays, some of our young people participate in the service as torch bearers, acolytes, and readers, they share their prayers and music, and they infuse our worship with their joyful, spirited, creative energy! Youth Sundays are celebrated at the 10:00 am service on the second Sunday of each month.

Drumming Circle ~ This Afternoon, Sunday, October 12 | 4:30-5:30 pm

This afternoon 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.

Brown Bag Bible Study ~ Wednesday, October 1 @ 1:00 pm

Brown Bag Bible Study continues next week as we continue reading Paul's first letter to the young church in Corinth. Please read Chapters 13-16 before we meet on Wednesday, October 15 after the 12:15pm Healing Service.

Support the Laundry Love Program on October 22

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. This month, Laundry Love could use bottles of water, sandwiches, detergent pods, dryer sheets, and volunteers to help at Laundry Central on October 22 (a shift is from 4:10-6:45 pm). Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Holly Rodriguez for more information.

Musical Quotations, Tributes & Transformations: A Fundraising Concert with Pianist Danny Holt ~ Saturday, November 7 @ 7:30 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 *Erkönig*, 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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A Message from Rev. Sandi

Dearest Atonemates,

Thank you for the beautiful birthday Tree of Life-themed gift bag. The earrings, necklace, jeweled pin, and ornament (or pendant!) are each so lovely, and together they make such a meaningful symbol of our shared ministry. Thank you, too, for the other generous gifts you tucked in with such care.

I am deeply grateful and humbled by all the ways you continue to nourish me—with your kindness, your creativity, your laughter, and your steadfast partnership in the work God has given us to do together. Like the tree whose roots reach deep and whose branches stretch wide, this community keeps growing in grace and love. And I count it as one of life's greatest blessings to grow alongside you.

With love and gratitude,

Rev. Sandi