

# **The Episcopal Church of the Atonement**



## **Trinity Sunday The First Sunday After Pentecost**

**May 31, 2026  
8:00 a.m. & 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 362

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Sung at 8:00 am & 10:00 am*

### Song of Praise

*Glory to God*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace\_\_\_ to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y\_ God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, - you a - lone\_ are the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most - High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God\_\_\_ the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

*Reader* This reading from the book of Genesis is the story of creation.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

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

**Canticle 13**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**The Second Reading**

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

*Reader* When Paul writes this letter to new converts in Corinth, there have been disagreements, and some have shown tendencies to set themselves up as superior in faith and practice to others. Paul closes his letter with words of hope, peace, and love.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Sung at 10:00 am  
**Gospel Hymn 385**

*Many and Great O God Are Thy Works*

## The Gospel

*Matthew 28:16-20*

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Let us pray with confidence in a faith that is alive with the wonder and awe of new life all around us:  
**We trust in our all-loving God.**

Embolden Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Miguelina, our Bishop; Sandi, our Priest; and all other church leaders with your grace that they may proclaim your truth and minister your justice with compassion.  
**We trust in our all-loving God.**

Inspire all our local, state, and national leaders to speak with truthfulness and govern with mercy.  
**We trust in our all-loving God.**

O God, from whom all good proceeds, put away from us all hurtful things and give us those things which are beneficial for us as a nation and as a world.  
**We trust in our all-loving God.**

Through your merciful guidance, O God, may we act to benefit those who are in need within our communities.  
**We trust in our all-loving God.**

Almighty God, grant that those who suffer and those who are faced with great difficulties may know the healing dimensions of your mission here on earth.  
*The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions.*

We entrust all those who call out to your care.  
**We trust in our all-loving God.**

We are joined together in unity of spirit with those who have died, and we especially remember William Ring, for whom altar memorials have been given, and Jeremy Paul Emmonds for whom the sanctuary lamp burns.  
*The congregation is invited to add their personal intercessions.*

We entrust all those who remember and grieve to your care.  
**We trust in our all-loving God.**

*The Presider may add a closing collect.*

### **The Confession**

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

*The Presider says*

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

### **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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

*Sung at 10:00 am*

**Offertory Anthem 370**

*I Bind Unto Myself Today*

1. I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three.
2. I bind this day to me forever,  
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,  
his baptism in the Jordan river,  
his death on cross for my salvation,  
his bursting from the spiced tomb,  
his riding up the heavenly way,  
his coming at the day of doom,  
I bind unto myself today.
3. I bind unto myself the power  
of the great love of cherubim;  
the sweet 'Well done' in judgment hour;  
the service of the seraphim;  
confessors' faith, apostles' word,  
The patriarchs' prayers, the prophets'  
scrolls;  
all good deeds done unto the Lord,  
and purity of virgin souls.
4. I bind unto myself today  
the virtues of the starlit heav'n,  
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
the whiteness of the moon at even,  
the flashing of the lightning free,  
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
the stable earth, the deep salt sea  
around the old eternal rocks.
5. I bind unto myself today  
the power of God to hold and lead,  
his eye to watch, his might to stay,  
his ear to hearken to my need,  
the wisdom of my God to teach,  
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,  
the word of God to give me speech,  
his heav'nly host to be my guard.
6. Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
7. I bind unto myself the Name,  
the strong Name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three,  
of whom all nature hath creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;  
salvation is of Christ the Lord!

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

**Presentation Hymn 365**

*Come Thou Almighty King*

**Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3**

*Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts*

**Sursum Corda**

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

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

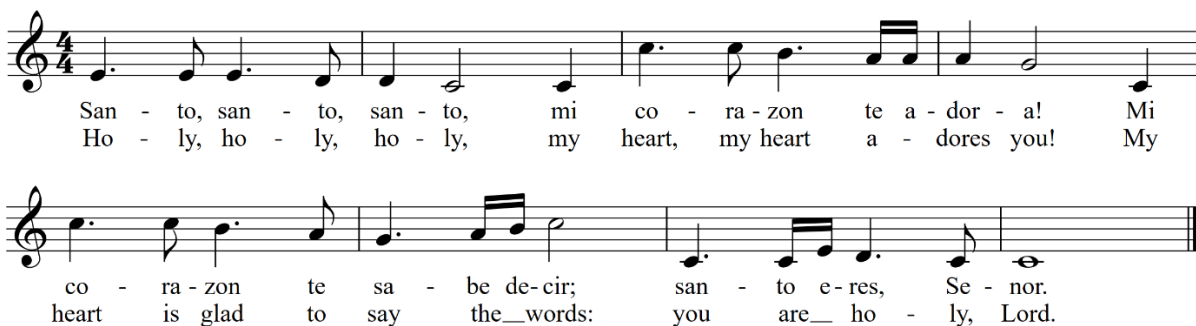
*The Presider proceeds*

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

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

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

**Sanctus WLP 785**



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

*The Presider continues*

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

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

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

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

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The Presider and the People*

- Christ has died.**
- Christ is risen.**
- Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

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

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Spoken at 8:00 am and Chanted at 10:00 am*

### **The Breaking of the Bread S152**

*Spoken at 8:00 am and 10:00 am*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

### **Spiritual Communion**

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

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

### **Communion Meditation**

*After Communion, the People stand when the Presider says*

Let us pray.

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

## **The Blessing**

### **Concluding Hymn WLP 778**

*We All Are One in Mission*

## **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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<b>Music Director</b>	Clifton J. Noble
<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>	Rob Frazar/Gail Meehan
<b>Opener</b>	Gail Meehan
<b>Linens</b>	Deb Bruno
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Chris Davis
<b>Sunday School</b>	Judy Harvester, Mary Ann Woodbury
<b>Counters</b>	Lesley Frazar, Alice Ehresman
<b>Office Angels</b>	Gail Meehan, Kathy DeJean

	8:00 am	10:00 am
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gail Meehan	Tanya Kellogg
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Gail Meehan	Deb Curtis
<b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b>	Kara Noble	Kara Noble Jan Parks
<b>Lector(s)</b>	Sandra Chamberlain	Samantha Hemmingsen Raymond Brown
<b>Usher(s)</b>	Gail Meehan	Deb Curtis
<b>Stream Team</b>	NA	Margaret Hannigan

### 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 in loving memory of William Ring.

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

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

**Diocesan Prayer** for All Saints' Berkshires, North Adams; the Human Resources Committee; the Liturgical Commission; the Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development; Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ

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

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

## THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

<b>Sunday May 31</b>	The First Sunday after Pentecost   Trinity Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist ( <i>in person</i> ) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist ( <i>in person &amp; live-streamed</i> ) 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
<b>Monday, June 1</b>	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 2</b>	6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)</i> 6:30 pm <i>Music Together (SMGR)</i> 7:00 pm <i>Recovery Bridge Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)</i>
<b>Wednesday, June 3</b>	12:15 pm <i>Healing Service &amp; Holy Eucharist</i> 1:00 pm <i>Brown Bag Bible Study</i> 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
<b>Thursday, June 4</b>	12:00-5:00 pm <i>Farmers Market</i> 5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)</i> 6:15 pm <i>Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</i> 7:00 pm <i>Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</i> 7:30 pm <i>Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Friday, June 5</b>	5:30-7:30 pm <i>Strawberry Festival</i> 7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
<b>Saturday, June 6</b>	4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Sunday, June 7</b>	Second 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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Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

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

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

### **The Vestry**

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Mike Ehresman, *Asst. Jr. Warden* ~ Sue Cole ~ Gene Giacometti ~ Phil Siska ~ Gail Meehan

# ECOTA Happenings

## May 31, 2026

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### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

*Tuesday: 7:00pm Bridge Fellowship Holy Eucharist | Wednesday: 12:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist*

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#### **Kids' Night Out Planning Meeting ~ Today (Sunday, May 31) after the 10am service**

We're working on the details of our next Kid's Night Out, which is scheduled for June 13. Our theme is Let's Go Camping! Now all we need are volunteers to help us plan and run it! Can you help? If so, please join us in the Chapel for a planning meeting today after the 10:00am service.

#### **Inquirer's Classes ~ Dates TBD**

*Would you like to learn more about the Episcopal Branch of The Jesus Movement? Would you like to become a "member" of Church of The Atonement? Are you interested in what it means to become a "confirmed member" of the Episcopal Church?* If you answered "YES" to any of the above, Inquirer's Classes are for you! The Episcopal Church recognizes baptism with water and in the name of God – "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" as making us members of the universal Church. Being baptized in an Episcopal Church makes one a member of the Episcopal Church. You are a member of the church you were baptized in for life or until you transfer membership to another church. All baptized members are encouraged to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. In confirmation, as a mature young person or adult, "we express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." After confirmation, you will be a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church. If you were confirmed in another church, you may be "received" into the Episcopal Church in the laying on of hands by the bishop. Please contact Rev. Sandi - [revsandi@atonementwestfield.org](mailto:revsandi@atonementwestfield.org) or 603-303-2435. Inquirer's will meet 3 times. Meeting times TBD based on interest.

#### **Meeting the Ancestors: A Bible Study on Genesis – Wednesdays, 1:00-1:45pm, June 3 & 10**

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

##### **June 3: Week Four — Jacob, Leah, Rachel, and Wrestling with God**

*Readings:* Genesis 29–33

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

##### **June 10: Week Five — Joseph and More Family Drama**

*Readings:* Genesis 37, 39–45, 50

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

#### **Westfield Farmers Market Opens on Thursday, June 4, 2026**

The Westfield Farmers Market has been at ECOTA since 2015 providing fresh, locally grown produce, dairy products, jams & jellies, raw honey, maple products, breads, baked goods, coffee, fresh lemonade, & hand-made pizza. It also features hand-made products, from crafters & artists and music. We're looking forward to another Market great season! Shop, volunteer, or spend some time at the ECOTA Welcome Table to introduce people to the church and help them get to know more about our community.

### **Road Closure Reminder ~ Sunday, June 7, 2026, both services**

Note that the Ironman 70.3 Western Massachusetts race will take place on the morning of Sunday, June 7. The bicycle course goes through Westfield and some roads in the city will be closed to on the bicycle route. A link to the map of the bike course is available on the ECOTA website ([www.atonementwestfield.org](http://www.atonementwestfield.org)); it will also be included in the eNOTE. Please keep their route in mind as you plan your drive to church on June 7.

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

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

### **Kid's Night Out: Let's Go Camping! ~ Saturday, June 13, 2026 @ 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

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

### **Strawberry Festival ~ Friday, June 19, 2026 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

It's time for the mouth-watering wonderfulness that is ECOTA's Annual Strawberry Festival! We're planning a great time loaded with good food, music, friends, and fun. All parishioners will be receiving a letter that includes tickets, along with details about sponsorship opportunities and event plans. As usual, tickets will be \$5 each, and every ticket is good for either a strawberry shortcake or a strawberry sundae. Use the tickets in your mailing yourself or sell them to friends who love strawberries and great parties! Proceeds will go to the Westfield Food Pantry to help people who are facing food insecurity.

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

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

### **Appalachian Trail Magic Day of Kindness ~ Saturday, July 25, 2026 @ 10:00am – 2:00pm**

Imagine you've been walking for 1,000 miles. Your feet are wet. Your water bottle is empty. Your phone is dead. How glad would you be to see someone offering you dry socks, fresh water, something to eat, a place to charge your phone? Make the magic happen and be that help! We need a supply of dry socks, snacks, water, and phone charging cords to provide a support ministry to hikers on the Appalachian Trail on Saturday, July 19 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

### **Magnifica Humanitas**

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), addresses one of the defining questions of our age: how to safeguard human dignity in the era of artificial intelligence. Signed on May 15, 2026, and released on May 25, 2026, the document explores technology, human identity, work, truth, and the Christian vision of authentic humanity. Visit the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (<https://www.usccb.org/magnifica-humanitas>) to learn more about this encyclical and to read it for yourself.