

# **The Episcopal Church of the Atonement**



## **Worship and Holy Eucharist YOUTH SUNDAY**

**The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, October 18, 2026  
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**

*The 10:00 a.m. service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*



On All Saints' Sunday, **November 1, 2026**, we will read the Necrology, a list of loved ones who have departed this life.

We will use last year's list as a starting point; copies of the 2025 Necrology are available in the Narthex.

If you wish to add the names of other loved ones to be read this year, complete and return the form in this leaflet. Print as clearly as you can and offer pronunciation help if necessary.

**Please return this form no later than Sunday, October 25.**

## Prelude

### Entrance Hymn 362

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

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

*The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity*

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

### Song of Praise

*Lord Have Mercy, Music by 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.

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 45:1-7*

*Reader* In this reading, God chooses Cyrus, a Persian King who does not know the Lord, to conquer Babylon and set free the people of Israel from exile. The prophet reminds the people that God is responsible for everything that happens in the world.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 96: 1-13



- 1 Sing to the Lord a new **song**; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole **earth**.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his **Name**; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day  
to **day**.
- 3 Declare his glory among the **nations** \*  
and his wonders among all **peoples**.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be **praised**; \*  
he is more to be feared than all **gods**.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but **idols**;  
\*  
but it is the Lord who made the **heavens**.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his **presence**! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his **sanctuary**!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the **peoples**; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and **power**.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his **Name**; \*  
bring offerings and come into his **courts**.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of **holiness**; \*  
let the whole earth tremble **before him**.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is **King**!"  
\*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be  
moved;  
he will judge the peoples with **equity**."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is **in it**; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is **therein**.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he **comes**, \*  
when he comes to judge the **earth**.
- 13 He will judge the world with **righteousness** \*  
and the peoples with his **truth**.

## The Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

*Reader* In this lesson, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy greet the new Christians of Thessalonica and give thanks for their faith and their conversion to worshipping the true and living God.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

**The Gospel***Matthew 22:15-22**Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Sermon***The Rev. Rick Bellows***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.

**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.

**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.

***You are invited to add your own petitions and thanksgivings, 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. Edward and Florence Palmer, for whom altar memorials have been given; and Eric David Moller and Rita and Don Hannigan, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

***You are invited to add your own prayers, silently or aloud, at this time.***

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

Let us pray for our needs and those of others.

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

*The Presider may add a closing collect.*

## **The Confession**

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

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

*The Presider says*

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

## **The Peace**

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

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

*Presider:* Let us greet one another with peace in the name of the Lord.

## **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.*

*The Presider says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### Offertory Anthem

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

*Spiritual/Folk Hymn*

*REFRAIN:*

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk, close to Thee.

*REFRAIN*

Through this world of toils and snares  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

*REFRAIN*

### Presentation Hymn 684

*O For a Closer Walk With God*

### 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 Lord.**

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

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

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

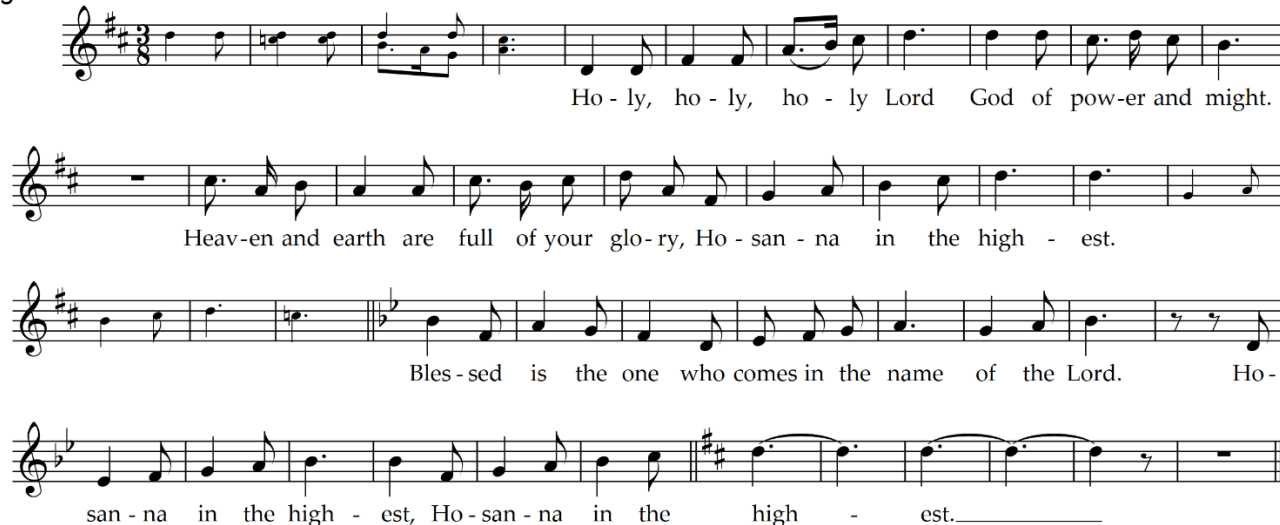
For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

*Spoken at 8:00 am*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sung at 10:00 am*



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

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

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

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

*The Presider continues*

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*The Presider and the People*

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

*The Presider continues*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Sung at 10:00 am*

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. 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.

**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 544

*Jesus Shall Reign*

## 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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## THE MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

|                                 |                                         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Presider</b>                 | The Rev. Rick Bellows                   |
| <b>Music Director</b>           | Clifton Noble                           |
| <b>Vestry Person of the Day</b> | Phil Siska                              |
| <b>Opener</b>                   | Kara Noble                              |
| <b>Linens</b>                   | Dianne Legalos                          |
| <b>Flower Guild</b>             | Chris Davis                             |
| <b>Sunday School</b>            | Judy Harvester, Jean Brown              |
| <b>Nursery</b>                  | Tammy Joseph, coordinator               |
| <b>Counters</b>                 | Kathy DeJean, Gail Meehan, Debbie Bruno |
| <b>Office Angels</b>            | Margo Halton, Karen Newman              |
| <b>Closer</b>                   | Holly Rodriguez                         |

|                                | 8:00 am               | 10:00 am                                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Altar Guild</b>             | Setup: Alice Ehresman | Setup: Josh Vélez<br>Cleanup: Sharon Rommelman |
| <b>Greeter(s)</b>              | Gail Meehan           | Rich Howitt                                    |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b> | Kara Noble            | Sue Cole, Holly Rodriguez                      |
| <b>Lector(s)</b>               | Sandra Chamberlain    | Gabe Burke, Josh Burke                         |
| <b>Usher(s)</b>                | Gail Meehan           | Jody Brown                                     |
| <b>Stream Team</b>             | NA                    | Deb Curtis                                     |

## 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 loving memory of Edward and Florence Palmer.

**Sanctuary Lamp** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eric David Moller and Rita and Don Hannigan.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** for the Anglican Church of Canada

**Diocesan Prayer** for the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Westborough; The Episcopal Chaplaincy at Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center; Daily Bread Food Pantry, Milford; and Gideon's Garden, Great Barrington.

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

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

## THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

### Sunday October 18

#### Stewardship Begins

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Worship & Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Rick Bellows

10:00 am Worship & Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Rick Bellows

6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

### Monday, October 19

4:30 pm *Take Off Pounds Sensibly (SMGR)*

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

5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Upstairs Classroom)*

### Tuesday, October 20

12:00 pm Women's Lunch (SMGR)

6:00 pm *Music Together (SMGR)*

### Wednesday, October 21

4:30 pm *Laundry Love*

### Thursday, October 22

5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Upstairs Classroom)*

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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

### Friday, October 23

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

### Saturday, October 24

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

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

### Sunday, October 25

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 am Worship & Holy Eucharist with The Rev. John Marquis

10:00 am Worship & Holy Eucharist with The Rev. John Marquis

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 Rt. Rev. Miguelina Howell, *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* ~ Steve Adams, *Treasurer* ~ Deborah Bruno, *Clerk*  
Mike Ehresman, *Asst. Jr. Warden* ~ Sue Cole ~ Gene Giacometti ~ Phil Siska ~ Gail Meehan

# ECOTA Happenings | October 18, 2026

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## *Next Week's Worship Schedule:*

*Sunday, October 25: 8:00 & 10:00 am Worship & Holy Eucharist | The Rev. John Marquis | Sunday School @ 10am*  
*Wednesday, October 28: 12:15pm Mid-Week Healing Service*

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### **Quilt Raffle to Benefit ECOTA's Pastoral Compassionate Care Ministry**

Chelsea Weir has donated a beautiful handmade quilt to be raffled in support of ECOTA's Pastoral Compassionate Care Ministry. Raffle tickets will be on sale after each Sunday service until the drawing; tickets are 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$20. The winner will be drawn on November 22.

### **Fall Clean-up ~ Saturday, November 7 @ 10:00am**

We are looking for people to help clean up the church grounds and make them ready for winter. We will prune back bushes, weed, remove flower pots and planters, move the picnic tables, and clean up the Meditation Garden (facing the parking lot). If you can lend a hand talk to Rob Frazar or email [program@atonementwestfield.org](mailto:program@atonementwestfield.org)

### **Our Stewardship Campaign Starts on October 18, 2026.**

Atonement has always been about connection—with God, with each other, and with our community. God draws us into relationship: calling, guiding, mending, reminding us that we belong to something bigger than ourselves. Your faithful giving is vital to keeping us connected and enabling us to follow Christ's example of love and service. Pledge cards are included this week's leaflet and will be available through November. Please complete and return yours as soon as possible.

### **Women's Luncheon, Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 12:00 pm**

Join us to enjoy a pleasant lunch and a nice chat with friends! Marie Cassetta and Mary Anne Woodbury will host. October's topic is *Postcards and Memories*—we'll bring one or more of our favorite postcards and share why they matter to us. Bring your own brown bag lunch, and we'll provide beverages and treats.

### **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group ~ Saturday, October 24 @ 10:00 am**

Our Knitting Group gathers to knit/crochet prayer shawls to donate to local elder and wellness care facilities on October 24. Don't know how to knit or crochet? That's OK! They have all the necessary supplies, and our supportive members are happy to teach you. Contact Donna Tatlock Calkins for more information.

### **ECOTA Coffeehouse ~ Wednesday, October 28 @ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

Good coffee (or tea). Good friends. Good music. Join Jerry & Kara Noble for all three at our next ECOTA Coffeehouse!

### **Laundry Love ~ Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | 4:30 pm**

This month, Laundry Love needs fragrance-free laundry detergent pods, sweet snacks, salty snacks, 20 PBJ sandwiches, and volunteers. If you can donate any of those things to help provide free laundry services to low-income or no-income individuals and families, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

### **Little Free Food Pantry Wish List Food of the Week: Meal in a Can**

This week the Little Free Food Pantry needs "Meals in a Can"—canned foods that can provide a full meal all by themselves, such as Beefaroni, canned raviolis, stews, soups, clam chowder, chicken a la king or chicken & dumplings, chili, tamales in a can are in high demand. Place your donations in the basket in the Narthex.

### **SAVE THE DATE: InGathering Sunday (One Service) & Potluck Breakfast/Coffee Hour November 29 after a 9:30 am Worship Service**