

# The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



## The Second Sunday After Pentecost

**June 7, 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 401

*The God of Abraham Praise*

*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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

Genesis 12:1-9

*Reader* The first reading is the story of God's call to Abraham, (who was then known as Abram) to leave his own country and become the father of a great nation.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

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

### Psalm 33: 1-12

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you **righteous**; \*  
it is good for the just to sing **praises**.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the **harp**; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and **lyre**.
- 3 Sing for him a **new song**; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon **the trumpet**.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is **right**, \*  
and all his works are **sure**.
- 5 He loves righteousness and **justice**; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole **earth**.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens **made**, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly **hosts**.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a **water-skin** \*  
and stores up the depths of the **sea**.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the **Lord**; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in **awe of him**.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to **pass**; \*  
he commanded, and it stood **fast**.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to **naught**; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the **peoples**.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for **ever**, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to **age**.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the **Lord**! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his **own!**

## The Second Reading

*Romans 4: 13-25*

*Reader* In this lesson, Paul explains that righteousness before God comes through God's free gift and the response of faith—not because of obedience to the law—and this relationship with God is open to everyone who follows the way of Abraham's faith.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

*Sung at 10:00 am*  
**Gospel Hymn 393**

*Praise Our Great and Gracious God*

## The Gospel

*Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*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 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**

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 Lieutenant Alfred C. Chamberlain Sr., for whom altar memorials have been given, and Bill Davis and Steve Davis 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**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Thomas A. Dorsey*

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone;  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand, lest I fall,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone;  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

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

**Presentation Hymn 709**

*O God of Bethel by Whose Hand*

**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*

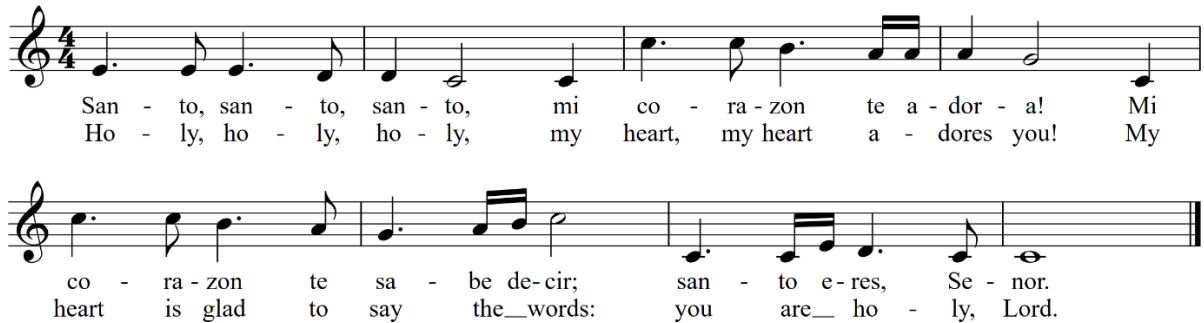
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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, 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.**

### **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.

*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**

*Balm in Gilead*

*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 493

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## 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

Except as noted within the text of the service leaflet: The structure and words of our service are taken from The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language; Enriching Our Worship; The Book of Occasional Services; Liturgy for the Whole Church, by Susan K. Bock, and Prayers for an Inclusive Church, by Steven Shakespeare; Hear Our Prayer by Jon White and Lisa Graves (all by Church Publishing). Today's Greeting and Call to Worship are from the World Council of Churches, Eco-School at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece, 11-18 November 2023. The Biblical texts of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Hymns are taken from The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and Wonder, Love, and Praise (all by Church Publishing) and Songs & Prayers from Taizé, (GIA Publications, Inc.). Permission to print/post hymns for congregational use is granted by Rite Song and/or One License and permission to podcast/stream the music in this service is granted by One License: #A-723294.

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<b>Music Director</b>	Clifton J. Noble
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<b>Opener</b>	Kara Noble
<b>Linens</b>	Dianne Legalos
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Tanya Kellogg
<b>Sunday School</b>	Judy Harvester, Mary Ann Woodbury
<b>Counters</b>	Deb Bruno, Karen Newman
<b>Office Angels</b>	Alice Ehresman, Linda Zielinski

	8:00 am	10:00 am
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lesley Frazar	Alice Ehresman
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Chris Steger	Rich Howitt
<b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b>	Kara Noble	Sue Cole
<b>Lector(s)</b>	Sandra Chamberlain	Mary Hull Margaret Hannigan
<b>Usher(s)</b>	Chris Steger	Mark Mueller
<b>Stream Team</b>	NA	Holly Rodriguez

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.  
Contact office administrator at [program@atonementwestfield.org](mailto:program@atonementwestfield.org) or call 562-5461.*

**Altar Memorials** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Lieutenant Alfred C. Chamberlain Sr.

**Sanctuary Lamp** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Davis and Steve Davis.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

**Diocesan Prayer** for Christ Memorial Church, North Brookfield; the Budget & Finance Committee; National Cathedral Association; Action Centered Tutoring 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** 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 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
<b>Monday, June 8</b>	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 9</b>	6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)</i> 6:30 pm <i>Music Together (SMGR)</i>
<b>Wednesday, June 10</b>	12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
<b>Thursday, June 11</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 12</b>	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
<b>Saturday, June 13</b>	4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	Third 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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*Drawn in by Grace • Reaching out in Love*

The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

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**

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

## June 7, 2026

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### THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

*Wednesday: 12:15pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist*

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#### **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.

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

Please join us as we conclude our conversations about **Genesis** this week. This week we'll discuss Joseph and yet more Family Drama, including dreams, betrayal, forgiveness, and God working even through broken things. *Readings:* Genesis 37, 39–45, 50

#### **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.

#### **Westfield Farmers Market | Thursdays, June - October**

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.

#### **pH Soil Testing Kits at the Farmers Market | Thursdays, June 18, 1:00-3:00 pm**

Soil testing for pH will be offered at the Farmers Market on June 18 from 1:00 – 3:00. Know how much lime your garden or lawn needs to have the best garden ever! Offered by certified soil testers from the Western MA Master Gardeners Assoc. Pick up a flyer from the poster on the bulletin board – it tells you just what to do. Questions – Judy Harvester 413-454-1829.

### **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.

### **Visit from Steven Wilco ~ Sunday, June 21, 2026**

Rev. Steven Wilco, Interim Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, will **preach and preside at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services on Sunday, June 21, 2026.** Following each service, Rev. Wilco will meet with parishioners to discuss our current Transition process, including updates and changes made since 2024. This will be an important opportunity for the parish to hear directly from the Diocese, ask questions, and gain clarity about the work ahead. The Vestry encourages all parishioners to attend this important conversation and to come prepared to listen, learn, and engage as we continue this significant chapter in the life of our parish.

### **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.

### **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.