

# **The Episcopal Church of the Atonement**



## **The Third Sunday After Pentecost Youth Sunday**

**June 14, 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 610

*Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service*

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

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

*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 S280*

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.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

*Exodus 19:2-8a*

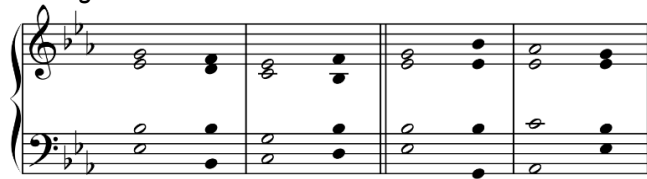
*Reader* In our first reading, the people of Israel arrive at Mount Sinai after being brought out of Egypt. Through Moses, the Lord offers to make a covenant with them.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

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

**Psalm 100** Spoken at 8:00 am. Sung at 10:00 am.



- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you **lands**; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a **song**.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is **God**; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his **pasture**.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with **praise**; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his **Name**.
- 4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is **everlasting**; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to **age**.

## The Second Reading

*Romans 5:1-8*

*Reader* In this reading, Paul bids the disciples to rejoice in the reconciliation and hope that they have because of the sacrifice of Christ on behalf of sinners.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

**The Gospel**

*Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)*

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.""]

*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. We especially remember Thomas Smith, recently deceased; and Debbie and Catie Randzio, Ruth and Bill Smith, Helen and Leo Randzio; and Clare Albom, for whom altar memorials have been given. We also remember Bill Davis and Steve Davis, and all those who died enslaved, 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.

*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.**

## **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**

*Draw the Circle Wide*  
*Church School Youth Singers & Chancel Choir*

*Mark Miller*

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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

**Presentation Hymn 686**

*Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

**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**

*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 535**

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

## 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>Presider</b>	The Rev. Sandi Albom
<b>Music Director</b>	Clifton J. Noble
<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>	Sue Cole
<b>Opener</b>	Linda Zielinski
<b>Linens</b>	Dianne Legalos
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Sandy Petrucelli
<b>Sunday School</b>	Judy Harvester, Jean Brown
<b>Nursery</b>	Tammy Joseph, coordinator
<b>Counters</b>	Debbie Bruno, Karen Newman
<b>Office Angels</b>	Margo Halton, Karen Newman
<b>Closer</b>	Sue Cole

	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Zielinski	Alice Ehresman
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Linda Zielinski	Jody Brown
<b>Eucharistic Minister(s)</b>	Kara Noble	Phil Siska
<b>Lector(s)</b>	Sandra Chamberlain	YOUTH READERS
<b>Usher(s)</b>	Linda Zielinski	Jody Brown
<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 Debbie and Catie Randzio, Ruth and Bill Smith, Helen and Leo Randzio; and Clare Albom.

**Sanctuary Lamp** burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Davis and Steve Davis and of all those who died enslaved.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer** for The Church of the Province of South East Asia.

**Diocesan Prayer** for St. John's Episcopal Church, Northampton; the Trustees for the Diocese; and the Covenant of Friendship with Diocese of Asante-Mampong, Ghana.

**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 14</b>	Third Sunday After Pentecost   Youth Sunday 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 15</b>	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Tuesday, June 16</b>	6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)</i> 6:30 pm <i>Music Together (SMGR)</i> 7:00 pm Fellowship Bridge
<b>Wednesday, June 17</b>	12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
<b>Thursday, June 18</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 19</b>	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
<b>Saturday, June 20</b>	4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
<b>Sunday, June 21</b>	Fourth 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 14, 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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#### **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 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.