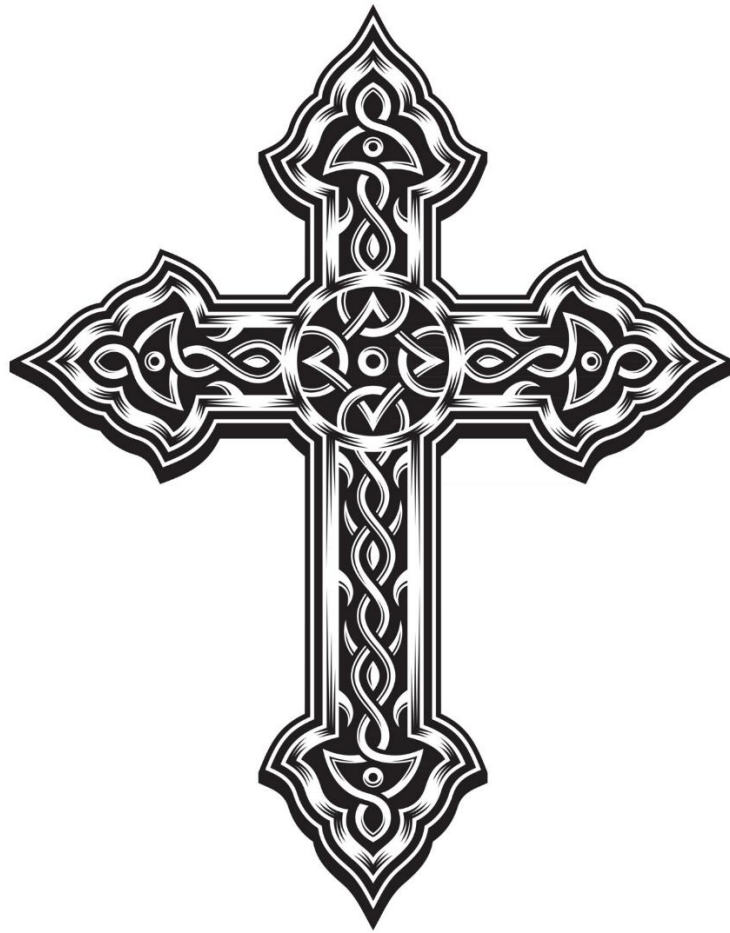


The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**August 3, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

*Please observe silence during the musical prelude.
The service is live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 427

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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.

Song of Praise

by Clifton J. 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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

Psalm 49: 1-11

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world,
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days,
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves,
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great,
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever,
 and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation,
 though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever;
 they are like the beasts that perish.

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these, the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

Gospel Hymn 497

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

The Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

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.

Fill our hearts with gratitude for our many blessings and for the love and joy you give us.

We trust in our all-loving God.

Embolden Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, 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 Irene Kellogg and Irakli and Georgiana Kallfa, for whom altar memorials have been given; and Peter and Irene Myette for whom the sanctuary lamp burns.

We trust in our all-loving God.

The Presider may add a concluding 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 or scan the QR code located in the pew.

Offertory Anthem

Transfiguration

by Clifton J. Noble

West of the Sea of Galilee
Mount Tabor stands alone
In the east of the Jezreel Valley
Or Armageddon, as it's better known.

Jesus took Peter and James and John
They climbed to summit alone
Suddenly Jesus started to shine
And His clothing shimmered as white as snow.

And standing there talking to Jesus
Moses and Elijah appeared
Representing the law and the prophets
The three apostles looked on in fear

It was Transfiguration—Divine radiation—
No explanation—They didn't know what to say—
The future was told that day.
TRANSFIGURATION—Glorification—
Holy Implications—it was clear He was the Son of
God.

Peter said “Jesus, Master”
It's good to be here with you.
We'll fix you up a tabernacle
And one for Elijah and Moses too.”

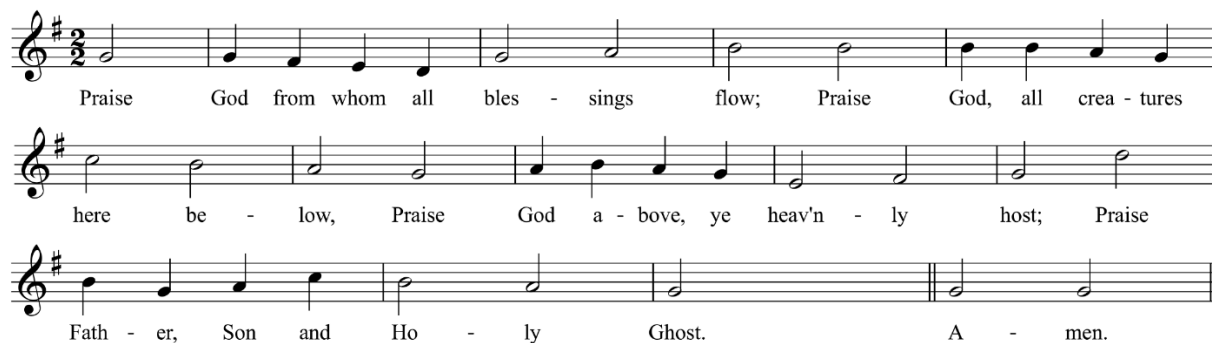
Then a great cloud gathered above them
And voice came booming out
Saying “This is my beloved Son
Listen to Him – what He's talkin' about!”

Suddenly they looked around them
Moses and Elijah were gone.
After they came down the mountain
Jesus made them promise to tell no-one

About the
TRANSFIGURATION—Divine radiation—
No explanation—They couldn't tell anyone 'bout
what they had seen and done.
TRANSFIGURATION—Glorification—
Holy Implications—and they kept the secret as He
said ‘Til the Son of Man was risen from the dead.

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3

Old Hundredth, Isaac Watts



Sursum Corda

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.**

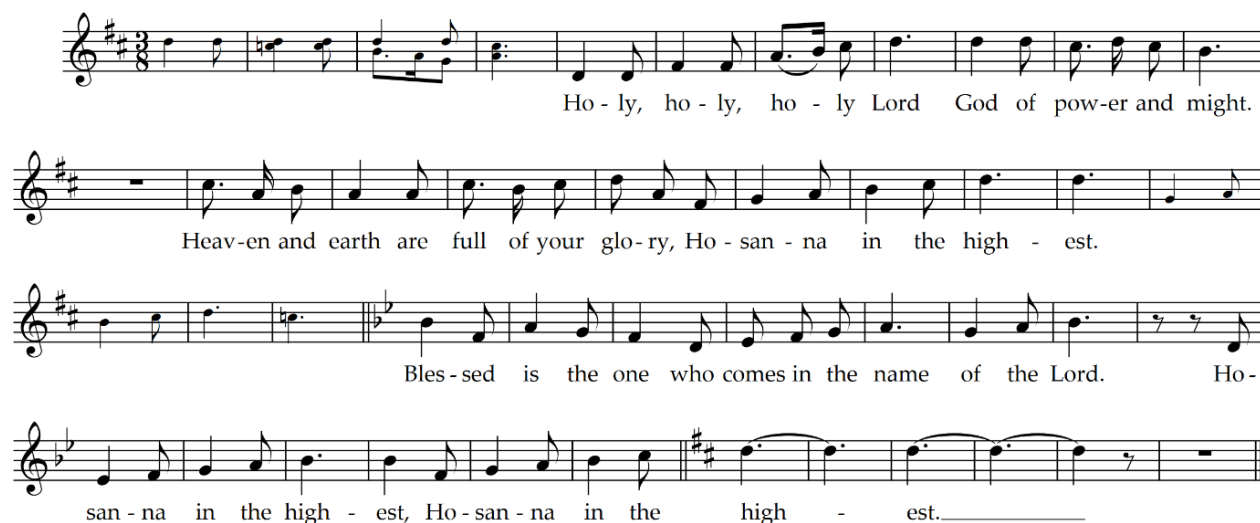
The Presider proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

Sanctus

by *Clifton J. Noble*



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 in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

by Clifton J. Noble

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.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Concluding Hymn 542

Christ Is the World's True Light

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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| Opener | Kara Noble |
| Closer | Jan Parks |

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 or call 562-5461.*

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Irene Kellogg and Irakli and Georgiana Kallfa.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peter and Irene Myette.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Diocesan Prayer for Trinity Church, Shrewsbury; the Hampden Region & Dean of Clericus; the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless, Worcester; and Worcester Interfaith.

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

For these families and individuals Jessica, John, Ray, Chris, Richard, Uncle Billy, Mark P., Jim L., Kate, Rick, Lee, Teresa, Candi, John, Coralee & Gemariah; Nancy, Tracy Davis; Al, Kassia and Jesse; Lily and her parents, Leianne, Fran, Madeline, Debra, Brad, Colin, Bill, Samantha, Jimmy, Billy, Les, Sally, Denise, Heather, Pearl, Sandy & George, Lily, Bill, Ryan Joy, Jim, Kathy, Fred, Tom, Shannon, Joan, Deborah, Matt, Darlene, Rick & family, Anne, Ann, Jean, Ruth, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, David, Christina, Sharon, Marcia, Jan, Lyn, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Jack, Mickie, Chris, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Sheila, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Brittany, Rick, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Jacques, Elaine, Tracey

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday August 3

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Holy Eucharist (*in person & live-streamed*)

6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

Monday, August 4

5:00 pm *Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)*

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

Tuesday, August 5

6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*

7:00 pm Fellowship Bridge Holy Eucharist (*Sanctuary*)

Wednesday, August 6

12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)*

Thursday, August 7

12:00-5:00 pm *Farmers Market*

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

Friday, August 8

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

Saturday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 10

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 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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The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

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ECOTA Happenings

August 3, 2025

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Schedule: One Sunday service @ 9:00am

Tuesdays: Bridge Fellowship, 7pm | Wednesdays: Healing Service & Holy Eucharist, 12:15pm

Interfaith Vigil for the Disappeared ~ Sunday, August 3 @ 2:00 p.m.

Come together with people from many faith-based Western Massachusetts organizations to bear prayerful witness for those indiscriminately detained or deported. The event will be held at Edwards Church, 297 Main Street, Northampton beginning at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 3. It will include presentations by faith leaders from around the area, prayer, meditation, faith-based rituals and a silent procession. Steve and Judy Harvester will host a lunch at 12:30 at their home at 4 Fritz Ave., Westfield for people who would like to gather there and go to the vigil together. Please RSVP with Steve if you plan to join them for lunch. More information about the vigil is available online through the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts at <https://conta.cc/45a1BN0>.

Brown Bag Bible Study ~ Wednesday, August 6, 2025 @ 1:00pm

Join us for a discussion of the Women of the Bible on Wednesdays at 1:00 following the Healing Service. On August 6, we will focus on the Book of Esther.

Book Group Book Discussion ~ Tuesday, August 12 @ 4:00 p.m.

Our book group will meet in the Saint Margaret's Guild Room on Tuesday, August 12 at 4:00 pm to discuss *Four Red Sweaters* by Lucy Adlington, a story of four Jewish girls during the Holocaust, each of whom had a red sweater that played a major part in their lives.

Women's Luncheon ~ Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ 12:00pm

Save the date for our next Women's Luncheon! We'll get together for lunch and conversation on Tuesday, August 19 at 12:00 pm in the St. Margaret's Guild Room. Theme TBA. Bring your own brown bag lunch and we'll provide beverages and treats. Sign up in the Narthex.

Farmers Market Raffle Baskets

Lighthouses. Lakes. Lobsters. L.L. Bean. Maine has all that and more! Give yourself a little Maine vacation without leaving home with our Maine-themed raffle basket! The winner of the Maine Basket will be drawn on Thursday, August 7 at the Farmers Market. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5; you can purchase them in the church office or at the ECOTA table at the Market. Our Maine Basket will also be on display at the market this week!

SAVE THE DATE for Our Next Intergenerational Potluck Picnic ~ August 10 after Worship

Join us for another wonderful Intergenerational Potluck Picnic! There will be fun-filled activities for all ages! Bring your favorite dish to add to the tasty fare we will all share. We will meet on the front lawn of the church.

Westfield Farmers Market Welcome Table Volunteers | Thursdays from 12:00 – 5:00 pm

We need friendly people to staff ECOTA Welcome Table at the Farmers Market. It's easy duty! Just sit comfortably under the tent and chat with visitors about our wonderful church and community. We also sell Raffle Basket tickets and Beech Tree Crosses at the table. Two shifts are available every Thursday, one from 11:45am to 2:15 pm and a second one from 2:15pm to 5:00 pm. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Church Summer Office Hours ~ Through Labor Day

During the summer, church office hours will change. Starting the week of June 23, the church office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. The office will be open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Summer Office Hours

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| MONDAYS: | Closed |
| TUESDAYS: | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| WEDNESDAYS: | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| THURSDAYS: | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| FRIDAYS: | Closed |
| SATURDAYS: | Closed |
| SUNDAYS: | Open before & after the worship service |
