

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost with Baptism

**July 19, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

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

Prelude

Aria from Goldberg Variations
Michael Stancill, guest organist

J. S. Bach

Entrance Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is One Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

Reader This canticle reminds us that God, who is sovereign over all things, is also a God of mercy and forbearance.

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

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

Psalm 86:11-17

- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
- 12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.
- 13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
- 14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Reader In this reading, Paul teaches us that if we follow our lower nature, we are enslaved and destined to death, but when we are moved by God's Spirit, we become God's children and heirs with Christ.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 643

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Sandra J. Albom

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor: I present Lauren Margaret Dicessa to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate to be baptized

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: **I do.**

Parents and Godparents: We present Ellie Josephine Lajoie to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child your present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God’s help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children:

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Lauren and Ellie in their lives in Christ?

People: **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Lauren and Ellie, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Reader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water on the candidate, saying

Lauren Margaret, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying
Lauren Margaret, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Ellie Josephine, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying
Ellie Josephine, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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.

Offertory Anthem

Duet in F Major

J.S. Bach

Presentation Hymn LEVAS 54

Nearer, My God, to Thee

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 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:

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.

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)

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 LEVAS 221

This Little Light of Mine

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

Fugue in G minor
Michael Stancill, *guest organist*

J.S. Bach

PERMISSIONS

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Counters	Debbie Bruno, Karen Newman
Office Angels	Karen Newman, Donna Tatlock
Opener	Gail Meehan
Closer	Gail Meehan (with Helpers)

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 by Rob and Lesley Frazar in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ethel Smith Rudat; Michael Aaron Page; and Richard and Doris Tierney.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Diocesan Prayer for Christ Trinity Church, Sheffield; the Archdeacon, The Ven. Jane Griesbach; the United Thank Offering; and the National Network of Episcopal Church Employees

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

For these families and individuals Jesse, Siobhan, Ginger, Ed, Barbara, Mike, 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

Sunday July 19	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 am Holy Eucharist (in person live-streamed) 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, July 20	5:00 pm <i>Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)</i> 5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)</i> 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Tuesday, July 21	7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship (<i>Chapel</i>)
Wednesday, July 22	12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Chapel)</i> 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (SMGR)</i>
Thursday, July 23	12:00-5:00 pm <i>Farmers Market</i> 5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts (Upstairs)</i> 7:30 pm <i>Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Friday, July 24	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon (SMGR)</i>
Saturday, July 25	9:00 am <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Chapel)</i> 4:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Sunday, July 26	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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Drawn in by Grace • Reaching out in Love

The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

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

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ECOTA Happenings

July 19, 2026

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

A Celebration of Ministry Honoring The Reverend Sandi J. Albom ~

Saturday, August 1, 2026 @ 2:00pm

As Rev. Sandi steps down from active ministry, we want her to know how deeply she is loved and appreciated by all of us at Atonement. Please join us as we give thanks and say goodbye to our beloved Priest in Charge on Saturday, August 1 @ 2:00 pm. Our celebration will be held under a large tent on the front lawn of the church; lunch, beverages, and music will be provided. Help us celebrate her ministry and wish her well in her next adventures.

Laundry Love ~ Wednesday, July 22, 2026 | 4:30 pm

This month, Laundry Love needs salty snacks, sandwiches, desserts, 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 (plus give them a good meal during the wash cycle), sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

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, and water to provide a support ministry to hikers on the Appalachian Trail on Saturday, July 25. If you are donating supplies but you will not be coming to the trail, please drop off your items by Tuesday, July 21.

Bishop Miguelina Howell Visit ~ Sunday, August 9, 2026 | 9:00am Worship Service

On Sunday, August 9, The Rt. Reverend Miguelina Howell, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, will preach and preside over our 9:00am Worship Service and Holy Eucharist. Please join us for worship and for the opportunity to meet the Bishop in person. If you can help us put together a coffee hour after the service, let the office know.

Westfield Farmers Market Church Table | Thursdays, June - October

We would like to show the community that ECOTA is a welcoming community, but we have not had enough volunteers to staff our Market Table. Can you help us greet visitors to the market and show them what a welcoming place ECOTA is? Do you have suggestions about how to make it easier to encourage volunteers to sit at our table? We'd love to hear your ideas! Contact the ideas to share them or to volunteer.

Support Those Affected by the Earthquake in Venezuela

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with its regional partners to support people affected by the Venezuela earthquakes on June 24. Its International Disaster Fund helps in responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. Use this link to learn more or to contribute to their earthquake relief efforts. <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-releases/earthquakes-in-venezuela/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you can volunteer to help with any of the jobs below, email the church office (program@atonementwestfield.org).

Little Free Food Pantry: Pantry Filler Needed Saturdays

Do you have 15 minutes to spare on a Saturday morning? Join the Little Free Food Pantry Team! ECOTA's Little Free Food Pantry (LFFP) needs someone to fill the two outdoor food pickup boxes outside the side door of the church on Saturdays. You can choose the time (mornings are best) and all the food is provided. If you can carry groceries up and down stairs, you can do it!

Ushers

Our church ushers work with our greeters to make sure everyone is on the same page by welcoming people to the church, handing out leaflets, giving newcomers nametags, taking the offering, carrying the offering and the gifts to the altar to be blessed, closing the altar rail and setting the cushions for communion, and taking a headcount of how many people attend. If you have a warm smile and you can point people in the right direction, you're perfect for the job!

Farmers Market Table Volunteers

Yes, this is a repeat of an announcement that appeared on the first page. We'd really like to have some church folks be present at the Farmers Market to welcome people and show what a wonderful community we have at ECOTA. If you can sit at the table in the fresh air for an hour or two, please let the office know!