

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement



The Third Sunday after Epiphany Liturgy of the Word

**January 25, 2026
10:00 a.m. on ZOOM**

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

Prelude

Opening Hymn 381

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Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Praise to God

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy speak-ing.
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, dark as night and.
 3 Thy strong word be-speaks us right-eous; bright with thine own.
 4 God the Fa-ther, Light-Cre-a-tor, to thee laud and.

it was done; for cre-a-ted light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal-va-tion,
 ho-li-ness, glo-rious now, we press toward glo-ry,
 hon-or be; to thee, Light of Light be-got-ten,

while thine or-dered sea-sons run: Al-le³-lu-ia, al-le-
 breathed thine own life-giv-ing breath: Al-le-³-lu-ia, al-le-
 and our lives our hopes con-fess: Al-le-³-lu-ia, al-le-
 praise be sung e-ter-nal-ly; Ho-ly Spi-rit, Light-Re-

lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al-le³-lu-ia,
 lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al-le³-lu-ia,
 lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al-le³-lu-ia,
 veal-er, glo-ry, be to thee; mor-tals, an-gels,

al-le³-lu-ia! Al-le³-lu-ia with-out end!
 al-le³-lu-ia! Al-le³-lu-ia with-out end!
 al-le³-lu-ia! Al-le³-lu-ia with-out end!
 now and ev-er praise the Ho-ly Tri-ni-ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

Words: Martin H. Franzman (1907-1976)

Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

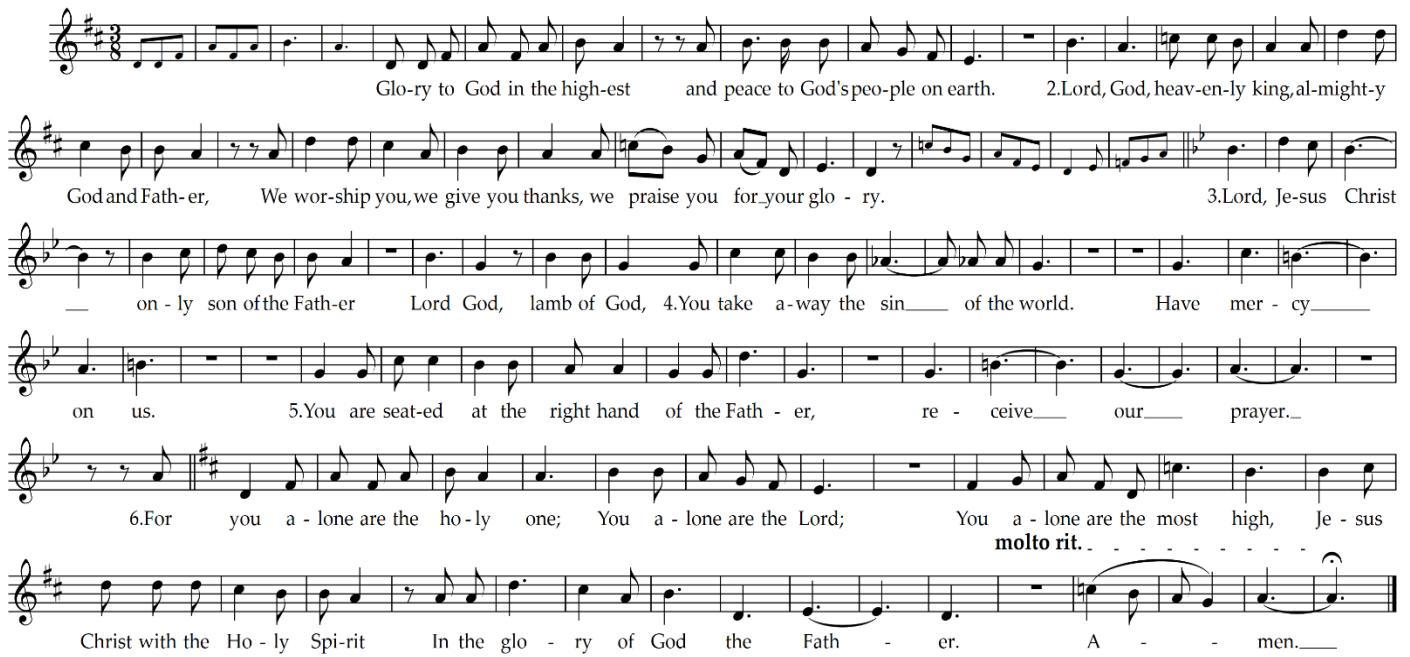
The Presider and People offer the Collect of Purity

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

Song of Praise

Glory to God

by Clifton J. Noble



Glo-ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's speo-ple on earth. 2.Lord, God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fath-er, 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 Fath-er 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 Fath - er, re - ceive____ our____ prayer. 6.For you a - lone are the ho - ly one; You a - lone are the Lord; You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spi - rit In the glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - - - men.

The Presider then says

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader Our first reading is a hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem. The prophet hails the one born to be the ruler of his people, one who will end oppression and bring justice, righteousness, and lasting peace.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in
his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an
oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my
face.” *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Reader In this lesson we hear that Paul is disturbed by news of factions in the young Corinthian church, with new converts dividing into groups based on who it was who baptized them and whose teaching they were following. They must instead be unified in Jesus, in whose name alone they are baptized

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

The Church's Mission

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1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
 2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How their just, King of saints, and true come to thy ways!

O thy who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme. God.
 till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*
 Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

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The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Sandi Albom

The People stand.

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 became 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

Leader: Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Leader: Help us, O God our Savior;

People: **Deliver us and forgive our sins.**

Leader: Look upon your congregation;

People: **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;

People: **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

People: **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Leader: Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;

People: **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving kindness in the morning;
People: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.**

Leader: We pray especially in thanksgiving for Mike Cassanelli's 37th birthday, for which altar memorials have been given; we also pray for Irakli G. Kallfa and Georgiana T. Kallfa, for whom the sanctuary lamp burns. Thank you for our blessings and may all have a place in your eternal kingdom. Everyone is invited to add their own prayers, silently or aloud, at this time.
People: **Loving God, we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our lives.**

The Presider may a concluding Collect.

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn.
Amen. —*prayer by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King*

Then the Presider says

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.**

Announcements

1. This Nazarene I met while I was fishing
 Turned out to be a really wild guy.
 Me and my brother decided to go with him
 Left our fishing and our nets behind.
 The first thing he did was cast out a demon
 Told the spirit to pack up and leave
 The guy who was possessed was healed that
 very minute
 All the scribes in the synagogue believed.
 Then my mother-in-law got sick with a fever
 And we all thought she was gonna die.
 But the man from Nazareth took her hand
 Lifted her up and looked her in the eye
 And her fever was gone and she got out of bed
 And fixed us a really good meal
 And I got to thinkin' this guy from Nazareth
 He's gotta be the real deal!

2. We got up the next morning – he wasn't in the
 house
 And me and the boys looked around.
 Found him down by the water prayin'
 Gathered 'round him without a sound.
 Eventually one of us cleared his throat,
 Said "Everybody's looking for you,"
 And Jesus said, "We've got to move along,
 'Cause I need to preach in the next town, too."
 And then one day a leper came down,
 It could've been an awkward scene
 He said "Master, if you're willin'
 I know you can make me clean."
 Jesus said, "I'm willin'"
 Touched the leper with his hand
 The leper was healed that very minute
 And word spread throughout the land.

REFRAIN:

The son of God, we call Him Jesus
 He's got a way that saves and frees us.
 The son of God, the true Messiah
 He's gonna light the world on fire!

REFRAIN:

Of the Son of God - the man named Jesus
 Reached out his hand and healed and
 freed us.
 The Son of God – the true messiah
 He's gonna light the world on fire.

The Son of God – our savior Jesus
 If you want to be saved, believe us.
 The Son of God – the true messiah
 He's gonna light your soul on fire.

Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage

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Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
 2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
 4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 5 Sa - vior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
 2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.
 Music: *Restoration*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. *Hymnal 1982*,
 after *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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.

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.

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)

The General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may we give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Concluding Hymn 537

Christ for the World We Sing

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The Church's Mission

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to

Christ we bring with loving zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring with fervent prayer; the wayward
 Christ we bring with one accord; with us the
 Christ we bring with joyful song; the new-born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver-borne,
 and the lost, by rest-less pas-sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re-proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re-claimed from er-ror's ways,

sin-sick and sor-row-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re-deemed at count-less cost from dark de-spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in-spired with hope and praise, to Christ be-long.

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,
 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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	8:00 am	10:00 am
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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 thanksgiving for Mike Cassanelli's 37th birthday.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of for Irakli G. Kalfa and Georgiana T. Kalfa. May they all have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

Diocesan Prayer for St. John's Episcopal Church, Athol; Church Without Walls, Springfield; Spouses of deceased clergy; the House of Deputies; and Jubilee Ministries.

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

For these families and individuals Nyla, 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, Katie, Sherry, Niko, Mervin, Frances, Toby, Theresa, Philadelphia, David, Jean, Jonathan, Natalie, Lisa, Jacques, Elaine, Tracey

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday January 25

The Third Sunday After Epiphany
10:00 am Worship Service on ZOOM
6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

Monday, January 26

5:00 pm *Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) (SMGR)*
5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Upstairs)*
8:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Tuesday, January 27

6:00 pm *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*
6:30 pm *Music Together*
7:00 pm Bridge Fellowship Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, January 28

10:30 am ECOTA Coffeehouse
12:15 pm Healing Service & Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study: Revelation
7:00 pm *Overeaters Anonymous (*SMGR)*

Thursday, January 29

5:30 pm *Girl Scouts (Upstairs)*
6:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
7:30 pm *Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Friday, January 30

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

Saturday, January 31

9:00 am *Adult Children of Alcoholics (Little Chapel)*
4:00 pm *Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)*

Sunday, February 1

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
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

*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.



The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Priest in Charge*

Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, *Bishop, The Episcopal Church of Western MA*

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

The Vestry

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ECOTA Happenings

January 25, 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 10am Worship on Zoom

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

ECOTA Coffeehouse ~ Wednesday, January 28 @ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Good coffee (or tea). Good friends. Good music. Come join us for all three at our first **ECOTA Coffeehouse** on Wednesday, January 28 starting at 10:30am. We'll set up the St. Margaret's Guild Room and the Narthex with comfy places to sit, sip, socialize, and listen to music provided by Jerry and Kara Noble. Can you help make it happen? We need volunteers to set up, make coffee, and clean up. We won't turn down donated baked goods.... If you can help, sign up in the Narthex or contact Kara. If you enjoy it, we can do it every month!

Bible Study ~ Revelation: Hope in Uncertain Times

Wednesdays, January 28 & February 4 @ 1:00 pm (following the 12:15 Healing Eucharist)

What is the Book of Revelation, really? A code to crack? A vision of doom? Or a word of hope written to faithful communities living under pressure? Join Rev. Sandi for a 30-minute Bible study as we continue exploring Revelation through historical, political, and theological lenses. Together we'll look at the world John of Patmos knew, how Revelation has been portrayed in popular culture, and what meaning (if any!) this mysterious book holds for us today.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training Session ~ Wednesday, January 28 @ 2:00-3:30 pm

Rev. Sandi will hold a 90-minute training session for anyone interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) beginning at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, January 28. The session will cover both the theology and the practical elements of serving as a LEM. After completing this session, new LEMs will be paired with experienced ones to do mentored practice under Rev. Sandi's guidance.

Laundry Love Needs Help on January 28

Laundry Love offers free laundry services to low-income or no-income individuals and families; it also provides a good meal for participants while their clothes are in the machines. Laundry Love could use non-perishable, individually wrapped snacks, bottles of water, detergent pods, and dryer sheets. They are looking for volunteers for their session on January 28 (a shift is from 4:10-6:45 pm). Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or talk to Holly Rodriguez for more information.

ECOTA's Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, February 8, ONE SERVICE @ 9:00 am, Meeting @ 10:30 am

On Sunday, February 8, we will have just one worship service at 9:00 am to make time for the church's Annual Meeting, which will start after everyone has a chance to grab a tasty snack and a cuppa at coffee hour. This important meeting will keep you up-to-date about ECOTA's projects and ministries and will give you a voice in making decisions and plans for the coming year. We've accomplished a lot this year, and we want you to be part of this important process of celebrating what we have achieved and reflecting on what we want to do next.

Westfield Food Pantry Lunches @ First Congregational Church**Mondays & Thursdays in January, February, & March ~ 12:15 – 12:45 pm**

From January through March, the First Congregational Church, 18 Broad St., will host the Westfield Food Pantry lunches on Mondays & Thursdays. This is a huge job, and they have asked ECOTA (and other area churches) if a couple of our parishioners would be willing to help each day to make sure no one goes hungry—and no one gets burned out! They could use 1-2 people each Monday & Thursday from 11:45am to 1:00pm. Lunch is served from 12:15pm to 12:45pm. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Westfield High School Community Closet Needs Clothing & Personal Hygiene Products

Students at the Westfield High School are seeking donations of gently used clothing, new underwear and socks, personal care items, and personal care/hygiene items for its Community Closet (financial donations are also welcome). If you can help, place your donations in the plastic tote just outside the sanctuary door!

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

MONDAY:	Closed
TUESDAY - FRIDAY:	9:00am -1:00pm
SATURDAY:	Closed
SUNDAY:	During Worship Services
