

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 16, 2016*

*10:30 a.m.*

## *Welcome to Saint John's*

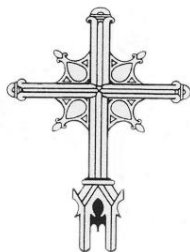
We are very pleased to have you with us. If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable, and stay for coffee following the service. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please sign our guest book or fill out a card, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found, here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available as is nursery care. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or with any other request. Again, welcome.

### *The Season after Pentecost – Ordinary Time*

The photograph of the flowers, both stone-carved and real, that graces our front cover was taken by parishioner Ginny Kemp. This lovely image from our Cloister Garden reflects both our rock solid faith and our blossoming hope in Jesus Christ's promise of new and eternal life.

The Episcopal Church follows a liturgical calendar that helps us keep holy time and brings order to our lives through Scripture readings and prayers. The calendar includes various feasts and seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and Easter. In the fall we observe the liturgical season of "Ordinary Time." The term "ordinary" does not mean mundane or common. Quite the contrary. The word is from the Latin word for "order." We count in ordinal numbers the number of Sundays and weeks in this season, until late November when we begin all over again with the season of Advent, the beginning of a new church year.

No matter the season we know that God is with us, always and without end. For that we continue to give thanks. We do that best as we gather together each Sunday to offer God our praises, prayers and thanksgivings in this beautiful sacred space of St. John's. Again, welcome. We are glad you are here.



## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Introduction - Choral  
Morning Song

Leon Boellmann (1637-1897)  
Joe Utterback (b. 1944)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 372 Praise to the living God!

LEONI

*All stand and sing.*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 31:27-34*

*All sit.*

**T**he days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 119:97-104*

*The people say the text in bold and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

Your word is ev - er with me, O LORD.

97 Oh, how I love your law! \*  
all the day long it is in my mind.

98 **Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, \***  
**and it is always with me.**

- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, \*  
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 **I am wiser than the elders, \***  
**because I observe your commandments.**
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, \*  
that I may keep your word.
- 102 **I do not shrink from your judgments, \***  
**because you yourself have taught me.**
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! \*  
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 **Through your commandments I gain understanding; \***  
**therefore I hate every lying way.**

*Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

**A**s for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 630 Thanks to God whose Word was spoken

WYLDE GREEN

*All stand and sing.*

*The children will be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.*

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 18:1-8*

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

*Minister* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

**W**e 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 man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

*A period of silence is kept*

Be present with us, O God, that in our intercessions we might bear with you the needs of your world. So merge our wills with your will that we are swept into your compassion and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we come together to seek and embrace your ways to be your mission near and far. May we be in union with our sisters and brothers in Matthew's wake in Haiti and here at home. Quiet the clamor of our lives so that we hear and respond to their cries unto you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In this election season, O Father, still any minds filled with anger and self-will. Open hearts to the goodness you intended in this great land, and the courage to speak in the face of racism, bigotry, and hate. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Oh, Christ, the Great Physician, bring your healing light upon those hampered with any malady of body, soul, or mind. Deepen their trust in your caring presence and restore them with joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we remember those suffering in the throes of poverty in this land. Guide us to so use our public and private wealth that all may find their talents used, and receive just payment for their labor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord, we remember those who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Accept our intercessions, O Lord; for it is your power working in us and through us that can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit from generation to generation in the Church. **Amen**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

Karan Emerick

## THE WELCOME

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY Come Sunday  
Britt Emerick, Soloist

Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty,  
God of love, Please look down and see my people through.  
I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.  
I don't mind the gray skies  
'cause they're just clouds passing by.  
I believe God is now, was then and always will be.  
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity.

*Famous jazz musician and composer Duke Ellington didn't like categories of any kind. He resisted the designation of "jazz" as too narrow for his compositions and preferred that his works be known just as "music." This applied to other areas of his life as well. He once said, "I don't believe in categories of any kind, and when you speak of problems between races in the U.S.A., you are referring to categories again." This song is ultimately about the providence of God in our lives. The refrain addresses God directly, "Lord, dear Lord above, God Almighty, God of love," and then makes a petition, "please look down and see my people through." The stanzas point to hope and heaven, concluding that, "With God's blessing we can make it through eternity." (Notes courtesy C. Michael Hawn)*

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

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:

## THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Title:* The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

*Music:* William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

*All remain standing or kneel.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.



He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*  
 Music: Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

*To request healing prayers, proceed to the baptismal font in the back of the nave immediately after receiving communion.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.  
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me,  
Where is now thy God?

*A powerful, pleading "Where is my God?" is the central message of the Howells Psalm setting, but even more powerful is the imagery of the deer in placid fields, yet thirsty. From the first notes of the introduction, the listener is drawn into a musical landscape, which sounds as if it was already in progress long before we began hearing it.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.*

## THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

GOTT SEI DANK

*All stand and sing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*The minister dismisses the people and they respond, Thanks be to God.*

## THE VOLUNTARY Fantasia in C Major, BWV 570

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.*

*Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Osmond W. Cooke and Wendy F. Vance.  
Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.*

**The Participants in the Liturgy:****Celebrant:** The Reverend William Eakins**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Assisting Organist:** Kari Miller**Ushers:** Jeffrey Gostyla (*Team Leader*), Troy Gostyla, Julia O'Brien, Ross Hatch, Will Smith, Chris and Kim Byrd**Healing Prayers:** Ginger Gillespie**Altar Guild:** Conny DeLuca and Audrey Walker**At Hughes Convalescent Home:****Layreader:** Bess Amamoo**Musician:** Steve Metcalf*Readings from Holy Scripture are reprinted courtesy of the American Bible Society.**Hymns used by permission of OneLicense, No. A-724992.**Psalm Antiphon from A HymnTune Psalter, Revised Common Lectionary Edition ©2007 Carl P. Daw, Jr., and Kevin R. Hackett.**All rights reserved. Used by permission.***In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba and Saint Sauveur, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séinaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford, and the Hughes Convalescent Home.

Our postulant, Stacey Kohl, our aspirant, Michael Corey, and our missioner in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing:**

Dorothy Kagan            Kathy

Dan Newcomb            Jay

Jim Evans                Chas

Jim Tracy

**Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:**

Jayne Bleicher            Bess Amamoo

Barbara Brunjes            Merrilee Leonhardt

Dawson Biondi

**Those who were married this weekend:**

Dale Hoidalén and Christoph Stretz

John Nowacki and Don Polk

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Church of Ceylon and the Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

All Saints, Cornwall; St. James's, West Hartford; St. John's, West Hartford; St. Paul's Mission to the Deaf, West Hartford; and ministries with older adults.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

St. John's will hold two **Newcomers Receptions** for those who have begun attending St. John's in the past year or so. One reception will be on **Sunday, October 23 after the 10:30 service and the other will be on Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Rev. Susan Pinkerton's home**. The receptions will provide information about the St. John's community and ministries, and refreshments will be provided. Not sure if you qualify as a "newcomer"? If in doubt, please come! All are invited! **Please RSVP to the church office by October 21** at office@sjparish.net or (860) 523-5201.

Les Cayes, Haiti, where our ministry partner St. Sauveur school is located, was heavily damaged by **Hurricane Matthew**. While reports indicate that the school and the headmaster's home survived, the area is devastated. The Global Missions committee is in contact with people in the area, and will keep our congregation up to date. The Global Missions committee and the Vestry will discuss specific ways that St. John's can support our friends in Haiti. In the meantime, Episcopal Relief and Development is in need of funds for their disaster relief services in the hurricane's aftermath. To learn more and donate, go to [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org).

Would you like to know more about how Episcopal Relief and Development responds to disaster like the hurricane in Haiti? All are invited to attend a **free workshop on ERD's U.S. disaster response program, at St. John's on November 5, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Lura Steele, ERD's Training Coordinator, and St. John's own Mike Corey will cover the basics of the disaster program and how individuals and parishes can be involved. Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-episcopal-relief-development-us-disaster-program-tickets-28453780022>.

All middle and high school students interested in serving as an acolyte are invited to a training session **TODAY after the 10:30 service** in the St. John's room. Lunch will be provided.

**This year's Diocesan Convention includes a Sunday service, on November 20 at 10:30 a.m.**, with sermon from the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Our St. John's choir will be one of three "core choirs" providing service music. Registration for Sunday is free to all attendees, but requires advance registration (including for choir members). To register, go to <https://www.episcopalct.org/news-and-events/annual-convention/2016/> and click on "Register for Sunday only" (all family members must be registered as individuals, but the system allows one person to register everyone in their party). St. John's will still hold regular services that morning for those who cannot attend the Convention worship service.

**A women's retreat, "Restoring and Rediscovering Your True Self," will be held at the Simsbury Inn on Friday, November 4 at 6 p.m. to Saturday, November 5 at 12 p.m.** Our agenda will include collective and individual prayer and reflection as well as use of the beautiful facility and grounds. Special room rates are reserved for our group starting at \$149/night. Please call the hotel directly to reserve your room (860) 651-5700.

Not your dad's Bible study (but he's welcome too). **Men's Bible study is held every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.** in the Reception Room. Join us!

The first **Youth Night** of the fall will be on **Friday, October 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Bring \$5 to cover pizza and be ready to join in on improv and karaoke!

**Sacred Circle** is a small group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Our meeting this month will be on **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. John's Room. The topic is Seasons: How do these rhythms of the earth connect with the spirituality we experience in our lives? All women are welcome!

**The 2016 St. John's Christmas Festival will be Saturday, December 4 in Hubbard Hall.** This year's committee members are looking for table volunteers or anyone interested in helping make this year's event another successful one. We especially need experienced wreath decorators this year. Please contact Joellen Weidenmiller and Karen Licht via e-mail if you are interested, at [j.weidenmiller@gmail.com](mailto:j.weidenmiller@gmail.com) or [karen\\_licht@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_licht@yahoo.com).

In her role as Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Ministries, the Rev. Helen M. Moore offers private **pastoral counseling or spiritual direction** sessions. Call or e-mail her to discuss how these practices might support you in your relationships, work, and faith journey. Helen also invites all interested parishioners to a new **discussion group on dealing with loss**. The group will read Jerry Sitter's book *A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss* together and reflect on their own experiences. An initial meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 23 at 1 p.m.**

in the St. John's room. Helen holds regular office hours on Tuesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Helen in the church office for more information, to sign up for the grief and loss discussion group, or to make an appointment for pastoral counseling or spiritual direction..

Are you interested in a vital behind-the-scenes ministry? **Consider joining the Altar Guild!** Members commit to only four months per year, working with sacred vessels to prepare the altar for services and enjoying fellowship with other members. Please contact Altar Guild director Nancy Pedersen (860-561-4212 or npedersen218@comcast.net), or stop by the Sacristy after the 10:30 service to learn more about what we do.

Do you have a **working DVD player** that you no longer use? The Christian Education program would love to take it off your hands! Contact Janet Babbitt in the church office if you have a working DVD player to donate.

For the next few weeks, St. John's is collecting **donations of premium bird seed to feed the birds who visit our Cloister Garden.** Premium seeds are preferred, as they provide the best nutrition and attract the greatest variety of birds. Look for Nyjer seeds (sometimes referred to as "thistle"), black oil sunflower seeds, or seed blends labeled "premium." Please bring in your bird seed donations on Sunday or drop them to the office during the week. The birds will thank you by bringing their grace and beauty to the Cloister Garden as the cold weather moves in.

Every week, we offer **prayers for those in need of healing** and publish their names in the bulletin. Please let us know when you or someone you know (they don't have to attend St. John's) is in need of healing prayers. Our practice is to keep people on the list for two weeks, unless there is a special request to keep someone on the list for a longer time. Let Susan Pinkerton, any of our priest associates (Helen Moore, Bill Eakins and Hope Eakins), or Ellen in the Parish Office know if there's someone you'd like to add. We can publish their first name only if privacy is a concern.

Bethany Lutheran Church will host an **organ recital** by Benita Rose on Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m., with a reception to follow.

**Keep up with St. John's online!** Join our email list to receive our weekly e-blast, which will alert you to events, where you can help, pictures and more! Check out our website at [www.SJParish.net](http://www.SJParish.net), connect with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/StJohnsWestHartford](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnsWestHartford), and follow us on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/st.johnswhtfd/](http://www.instagram.com/st.johnswhtfd/)

**Please sign up to provide food for Coffee Hour** on the sign-up sheet in Hubbard Hall.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

10/18	Sacred Circle
10/21	Youth Night with pizza and karaoke
10/23 & 10/27	Newcomers' Receptions
10/23	Discussion group on loss and spirituality
10/26	Women's Fellowship Book Discussion
10/30	Choral Evensong sung by the St. John's Choir
11/4 – 11/5	Women's Fellowship Retreat
11/5	Episcopal Relief and Development Free Training at St. John's
11/6	All Saints' Day

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**  
**OCTOBER 16, 2016 – OCTOBER 23, 2016**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: St. Sauveur School and Haiti Update
- 10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 A.M. Acolyte Training and Lunch, St. John's Room

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 5:00 P.M. Ancient Burial Ground Committee, St. John's Room
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, St. John's Room
- 7:00 P.M. Sacred Circle, St. John's Room
- 7:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting, Hubbard Hall

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

- 9:00 A.M. ESOL Classes, Education Wing
- 9:30 A.M. Madsingers
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M. House Committee Meeting, St. John's Room
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Dinner
- 6:00 P.M. Hartford Family Institute, Library
- 6:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Reception Room
- 7:00 A.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**

- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 P.M. Refuge to Recovery, Reception Room
- 6:30 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Night, Education Wing

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

- 6:30 P.M. Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 23**

- 8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes
- 9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: Medicine, Mortality and Mercy, Part 1
- 10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist
- 11:45 A.M. Newcomers Reception, Reception Room
- 1:00 P.M. Grief and Loss Discussion Group, St. John's Room

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning  
5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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Ellen Painter Dollar ..... *Clerk*

2014-16: Eleanor Barnes, Lynn Brooks, David Beers, Marki Ware

2015-17: Courtney Bass, Jan Hickcox, Heather Simson, Wes Winterbottom

2016-18: Mike Corey, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

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Sundays, 10:30 a.m., in the church

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