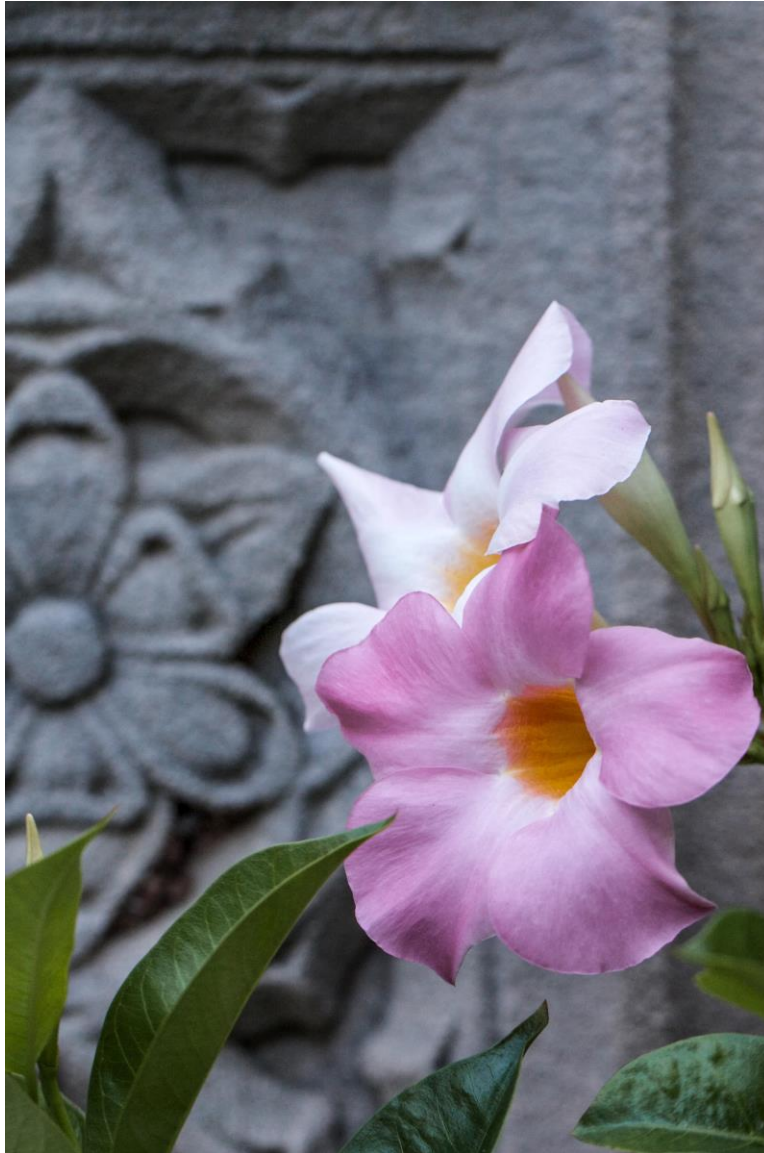


# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*October 2, 2016*

*10:30 a.m.*

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    Prelude in D Major, BWV 532  
Prelude

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Johann K. F. Fischer (1665-1746)

*Bach biographer Philipp Spitta (1841-1894) considered the Prelude and Fugue D Major, BWV 532 to be “one of the most dazzlingly beautiful of all the master’s organ works.” Composed in Weimar during Bach’s early years, the work is notable for its charm, drama, and virtuosity of the pedal line. Obviously wanting to demonstrate his skill at the organ, Bach shows his youth in this fugue in other ways as well (the closing Voluntary today) – the relentless repetition of the main theme is reminiscent of a child pulling on a parent’s shirttail, trying to go home!*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 541    Come, labor on  
*All stand and sing.*

ORA LABORA

*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, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

*Lamentations 1: 1-6*

*All sit.*

**H**ow lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE RESPONSE

*Lamentations 3:19-26*

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



- 1 The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!
- 2 **My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.**
- 3 But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:
- 4 **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;**

- 5 they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.
- 6 **"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."**
- 7 The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.
- 8 **It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.**

*Antiphon*

## THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1-14

**P**aul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 660 O Master, let me walk with thee  
*All stand and sing.*

MARYTON

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

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

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

**T**he apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have

done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done’”

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

*The children are invited forward for a brief message by the preacher before the sermon. They will then be led to the education wing for the Word Alive program and will return at the Peace.*

## 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

Gracious God, we offer prayers for our community, the world and the Church. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the safety of all peacemakers as they strive to bring peace and justice in a broken and fragmented world. We pray for the people of Syria and all the victims of war. Guide us in the ways of love and justice. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all of Creation. Help us to be mindful of the sacred bounty God has bestowed upon us and for all future generations. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the mission of the Church, working together as we seek to live out the Gospel in our daily lives, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer from economic misfortune, homelessness, hunger and unemployment. Guide us to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, and that all may be given the assurance of God's healing grace. We commend to our community for loving support all those who desire healing and all those who provide their care. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that they may find God's perfect peace. Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.*

### THE WELCOME

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY O Lord, increase my faith

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

O Lord, increase my faith.  
Strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;  
endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience  
in all my adversity.  
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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**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.*

*Healing prayers are offered at the font immediately after receiving communion.*

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Draw us in the Spirit's tether

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

Text attributed to Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

*The hymn-tune 'Union Seminary', named after the institution in New York City, was written by Harold W. Friedell when he was organist of Calvary Church in New York and then set as an anthem after he became organist of St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue. The matched Percy Dearmer text 'Draw us in the Spirit's tether' is a powerful message of our common gathering as disciples, offering our lives as sacrifice to God.*

## 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 Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*All stand and sing.*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



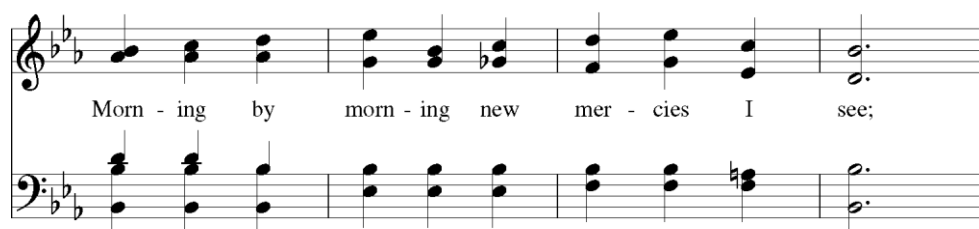
1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



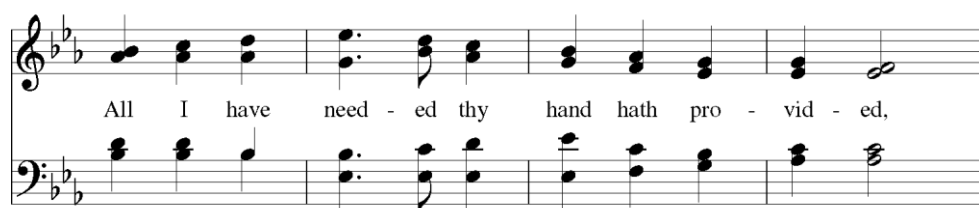
1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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## THE DISMISSAL

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** Fugue in D Major, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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.*

*Vestry members are on hand today to welcome you to St. John's.  
This morning's greeter is Tim Goetz.*

**The Participants in the Liturgy:****Celebrant:** The Reverend Helen M. Moore**Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreader:** Christoph Stretz**Ushers:** John Amamoo (*Team Leader*), Shirley Blean, Bette-Jane Harderson, Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman**Healing Prayers:** Paul Shaker**Altar Guild:** Conny Deluca and Karen Stook**At Hughes Convalescent Home:****Layreader:** John Hardy**Musician:** Steve Metcalf

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**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 missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.  
All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing:**

Stephen Bepler	Paul Hamer	Katherine White	David	Matt
Sydney Clemow	Andrew Lee	Kristen Zeleny	Jay	Nancy
Kim Green	Janet Ray	Bill	Jim	Seamus
Carol Grieco	Barry Walker	Chas	Laurie	Susan

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

John Brunjes	Jenifer Hartt	Brittany Bass	Douglas Hyland
Paul Fraipont	Helen Moore	Katie Cech	Jeff Gostyla
Jennifer Evans	Heather Simson	Ford Gillespie	Andrew Alemany
Alexander Thaxton	Joan Warner	Natalie Puzzo	

**Those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week:**

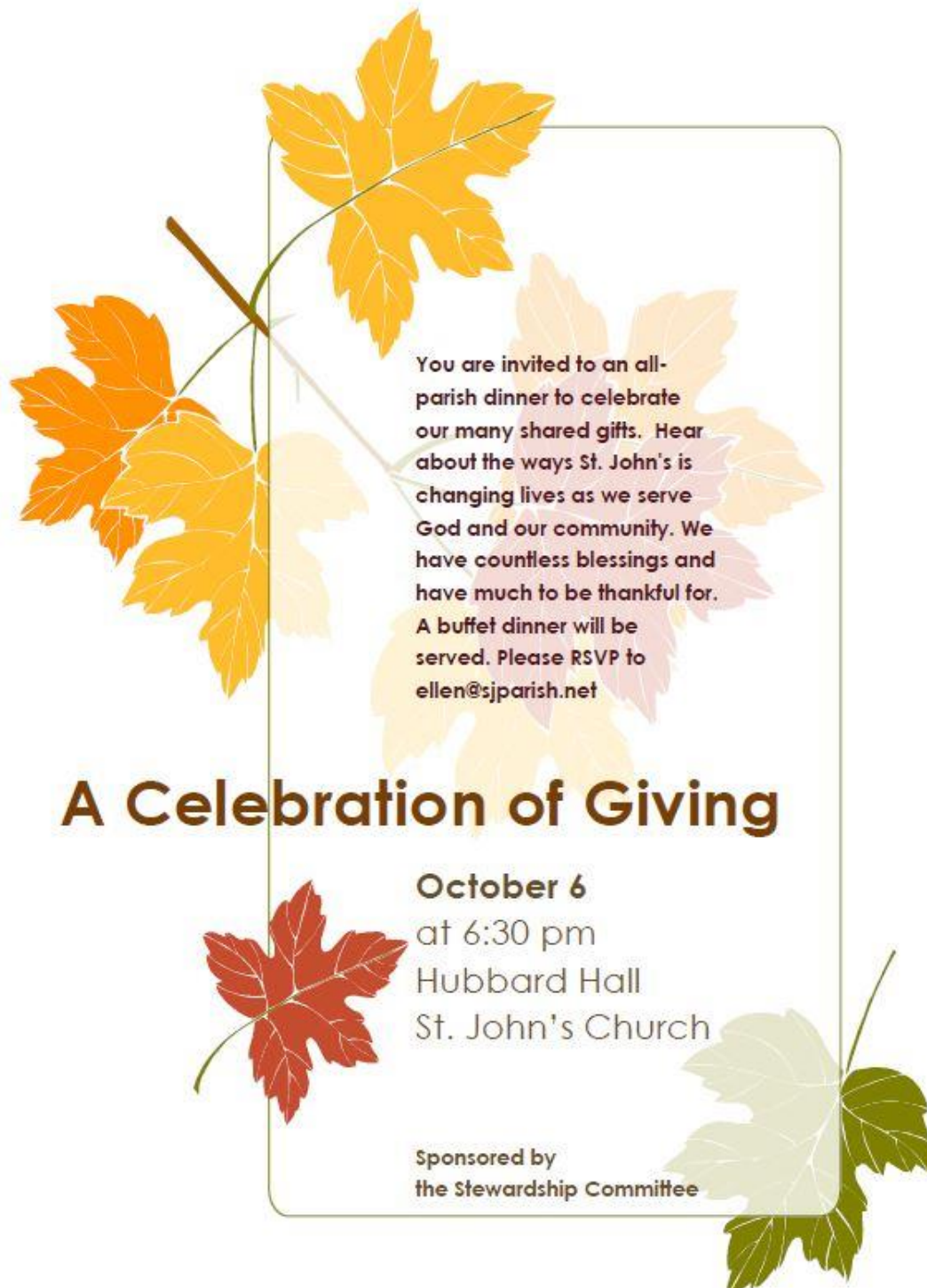
John and Buffy Ineson	Scott and Stephanie Donofrio
John and Laura Roche	

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

The Church of the Province of West Africa; The Most Revd Dr Daniel Sarfo, Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA, Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

St. John's, Vernon; St. Paul's, Wallingford; St. John's, Washington. Youth and youth ministries: J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith & discipleship



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

"A Day in the Life of St. John's" will be presented TODAY after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Reception Room. Meet the clergy and lay leadership as we describe who we are, and how we worship, grow in faith, and come together in fellowship. Lunch will be provided.

Please come to an **all-parish dinner on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.** to celebrate the many gifts we share. Several parishioners will share ways that St. John's is changing lives as we serve God and our community. We are blessed in many ways and have much to be thankful for. A buffet dinner will be served. **Please RSVP to the church office as soon as possible.** (Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee)

**Next Saturday, October 8, come enjoy fresh air and fellowship on a fall hike.** Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the trail head for the Talcott Mountain/Heublein Tower trail. In honor of St. Francis's Day, Susan Pinkerton will bless any canine companions who come along for the walk. Bring the whole family; this is not a drop-off event. The hike should take a couple of hours, and will be cancelled only if there is heavy rain or thunderstorms. If you and your dog can't attend the autumn hike – or if your pet of any species is of the non-hiking variety! – there's another chance to bring your pets in for a **Blessing of the Animals at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 9.**

**The Rev. Helen M. Moore, our new Director of Pastoral and Spiritual Ministries,** is trained as both an Episcopal clergywoman and a psychotherapist. She is now offering **pastoral counseling and spiritual direction** to anyone (they do not have to be St. John's parishioners!) who would like to explore how these tools can support and enhance their emotional, family, and spiritual lives. Pastoral counseling uses many of the same tools and processes as traditional psychotherapy to help people talk about grief, loss, marital complexities, work, and relationships, but also examines issues from the perspective of religious faith and tradition. Spiritual direction is an ancient practice that involves formal conversation focused on where God might be working in one's life. To make an appointment to learn more about how one or both of these practices might enhance your emotional, psychological and spiritual health, contact Helen by calling the St. John's office or e-mailing her at [helen@sjparish.net](mailto:helen@sjparish.net).

**On October 13 at 7 p.m.** in the St. John's Room, the **Women's Fellowship** invites you to a discussion on **"Wholehearted Living: Cultivating Courage, Compassion and Connection,"** based on the writing of popular author and speaker Brene Brown. **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.

The **Men's Bible Study** is a morning workout for the soul, but with danish and coffee! Join us on **Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Reception Room.**

Hope Eakins will officiate at a brief **service of blessing and thanksgiving for the life of Frances Gordon** (September 11, 1924 - May 24, 2014), who was a member of St. John's for most of her long life. While a memorial service was held at St. John's in May 2014, her ashes have recently been interred. The service will be at 2 p.m. on October 8 at Fairview Cemetery.

**Receptions for newcomers** will be held at two times: **Sunday, October 23 after the 10:30 a.m. service, and Thursday, October 27 in the evening** at the Rev. Susan Pinkerton's home. Mark your calendars now to attend one of these receptions to learn more about St. John's and get to know some members of the St. John's community. Invitations and more information will go out in the next couple of weeks.

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

10/6	Celebration of Giving Dinner
10/8	Talcott Mountain Hike
10/9	St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals
10/13	Women's Fellowship Discussion of "Wholehearted Living"
10/21	Youth Night with pizza and karaoke
10/23 & 10/27	Newcomers' Receptions
10/30	Choral Evensong sung by the St. John's Choir

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK  
OCTOBER 2, 2016 – OCTOBER 9, 2016**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist  
9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes  
9:30 A.M. Youth Forum: Stories from 2016 Scotland Pilgrimage  
10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist  
11:45 A.M. A Day in the Life of St. John's, Reception Room

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**

9:00 A.M. ESOL Class  
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4**

10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, St. John's Room

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

9:00 A.M. ESOL Class  
9:30 A.M. Mad Singers  
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel  
8:00 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6**

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study, Reception Room  
7:00 A.M. AA, Hubbard Hall  
6:30 P.M. Celebration of Giving Dinner, Hubbard Hall

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer, Chancel  
6:30 P.M. Refuge to Recovery, Reception Room  
6:30 P.M. AA, Hubbard Hall

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

8:30 A.M. Talcott Mountain/Heublein Tower Hike  
6:30 P.M. Big Book Step Study Group, Hubbard Hall

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 9**

8:00 A.M. Spoken Holy Eucharist  
9:15 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 A.M. Youth Education Classes  
9:30 A.M. Faith Forum: St. Sauveur School in Haiti  
10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist  
4:00 P.M. Blessing of the Animals

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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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Marki Ware	Interim 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

## SAINT PAUL'S DEAF CONGREGATION

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

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