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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

HOLY EUCHARIST & YOUTH SUNDAY

May 21, 2017

10:30 a.m.

An Easter Message from the Rector

During Holy Week we walked with Jesus as he made his way to Jerusalem for the last time. We shared a last supper and washed one another's feet as Jesus showed us what it means to love and serve others. Along with Mary his mother, and Mary Magdalene, one of his inner circle, we stood at the foot of the cross and witnessed Jesus's agonizing death. We know too well the sting of death as we kept watch at Jesus' tomb. But, as Christians, we know there is more. This Easter we sing our "Alleluias" as testimony to the world that love, not death, has the last say. For the 50 days of Eastertide we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ as we live into our calling to be the living body of Christ in the world. Life and love, not death and despair, have the last word. Together we celebrate the good news that death has been defeated once and for all as we join our voices, singing, "Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed!"

Today is Youth Sunday, when we recognize and celebrate the essential roles that our children and youth play in parish life. Our younger parish members will be contributing their efforts and voices to every aspect of the service, including reading scriptures, offering vocal and instrumental music, and leading the prayers. We will honor those who serve as acolytes, Christian education volunteers and in the choir.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, 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 for young children. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests. Again, welcome.

Cover images: The beautiful art adorning our Youth Sunday service bulletins was created by St. John's children and youth while listening to Mary Scripko's performance on viola of Bach's Prelude from his Cello Suite No. 1.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Morning has broken Fred Bock (1939-1998)

THE VOLUNTARY WITH PIANO AND VIOLA Morning has broken *Instrumentalists:*
& Amazing grace *Elsa Ciscel and Britt Emerick*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 287, v. 1-4 For all the saints, who from their labors rest SINE NOMINE
All stand and sing.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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 HYMN OF PRAISE Morning has broken

Sung by the St. John's Children and Youth

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 17:22-31

All sit.

Read by Emma Evica

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 66:7-18

Read by the Middle School Youth.

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13-22

Read by Margaret Babbitt

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 293 I sing a song of the saints of God
All stand and sing.

GRAND ISLE

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION When the saints go marching in

St. John's Youth Orchestra
 Traditional, arr. Mary Scripko

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE YOUTH SUNDAY PROGRAM

All sit as we recognize participants in the Christian education, acolyte and youth choir programs.

THE REFLECTION

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made 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

*Prayers read by the Middle School Youth. The people say the words in **bold**.*

A period of silence is kept.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our presiding bishop, for Ian and Laura, our bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **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 ANTHEM I sing a song of the saints of God

Michael Bedford, 2004

Words: Lesbia Scott, found at hymn 293

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may

be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver has been
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jeffrey Rickard, 1986; used by permission.

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.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

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.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM O Gracious Light

David Hogan (1949-1986)

THE POST-COMMUNION ANTHEM The Lord is my shepherd

The Children's Choir

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 405 All things bright and beautiful

ROYAL OAK

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Offertorio

Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

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.

The mobile hanging in the church was inspired by the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE) 5 Marks of Love: Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure. If we are "marked as Christ's own," what are the "marks of love" that characterize the Divine Life abiding and at work within us? Members of St. John's traced their handprints on plastic folders, which we decorated and cut out for this Easter mobile. Design by Brad Babbitt. For more information about 5 Marks of Love go to: <http://ssje.org/ssje/5marksofloveresources>.



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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney**Layreaders:** Margaret Babbitt and Emma Evica**The St. John's Youth Choir****Organist/Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Children's Choir Directors:** Daaé Ransom and Katherine Foust**Acolytes:** J.P. Evans, Eddie Genece, Ethen Worrell, Caleb Worrell**Ushers:** Courtney Bass, Ross Hatch, Julia O'Brien, Jim O'Brien**Healing Prayers:** Buffy Cech**Altar Guild:** Conny DeLuca and Audrey Walker**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader and Musician:** Doug Engwall**The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of:**

Earl and Lilly Biscoe

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 School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

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

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulants, Stacey Kohl and Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

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

Those who have died:

Nathan Weidner Miller

*Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***Those in need of healing:**

Jim Evans	Jim Tracy	Andrew Lee	Chas	Jay
Kim Green	Cheryl Trahan	Ann Weberg Linton	Susan	William
Carol Grieco	Marlene Lambert	Helen Moore	Kathy	Ian
Janet Ray	Louis Neuchterlein	Gluchoff Family	Jim	Alec
Kent Lawrence	Grayson Moore	Will	Barbara	Julia
Regenold Moton				

Those who are celebrating birthdays this week:

Alison Hardy	Huck Whittemore	Jacob Tummescheit
Antonia John	Anne Hayes	Craig Wilkinson
Catherine Needham	Shannon Scott	Ben Bainbridge

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Ngbo, Enugu, Nigeria.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; St. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; and for Camp Washington: staff, counselors, and campers.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH PROGRAM: GUIDE TO THE SAINTS

These are the saints that our children and youth have learned about in this year's Christian education program.

St. Patrick and St. Brigid

Patrick and Brigid are both great spiritual representatives from Ireland. They used everyday objects to help teach people about God.

Martin Luther King Jr.

He was a civil rights activist and minister. He worked so America could be "... a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Johann Sebastian Bach

J.S. Bach is one of the best composers and church musicians in history. He often signed his work "S.D.G." which in Latin stands for Soli Deo Gloria. In English, it translates to, "To the glory of God alone."

Jonathan Daniels

Jonathan was an Episcopal seminary student and civil rights activist. He died taking a bullet for an African American teenage girl in 1965.

St. Francis of Assisi

He is the patron saint of the animals and the natural environment. A feast is held in his honor each year.

Hildegard von Bingen

A visionary woman, Hildegard was a Benedictine nun, author, composer of music, and even invented her own coded language.

St. Nicholas

He is the Patron Saint of children, among others. He had a reputation for secret gift giving, which is why we celebrate him at Christmas!

Frances Perkins

Frances made fair labor laws such as no child labor, and safety rules for adults to work without harm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS 2016-2017

Children's Program - Preschool to Grade 5

Brittany Bass
Annabel Clapp
Caty Dalton*
Ginger Gillespie

Middle School Youth Leaders - Grades 6-8

Jen Evans
Joan Murphy
Susan Murphy

High School Youth Program Leaders - Grades 9-12

Matt Ciscel
Carol Fiske
Buffy Ineson
Mary Scripko*

**Child Care staff*

YOUTH ORCHESTRA MEMBERS 2016-2017*Mary Scripko, director*

Christine Babbitt, flute
 Morgan Babbitt, clarinet
 Teddy Babbitt, oboe
 Dawson Biondi, french horn
 Elise Biondi, baritone
 Bradley Crocker, trombone
 Britt Emerick, viola
 Cate Emerick, clarinet
 Eddie Genece, trumpet
 Claire O'Brien, alto saxophone
 Ethen Worrell, double bass

*Special thanks to Kevin Huhn, double bass***ACOLYTES 2016-2017****Head Acolyte**

John O'Brien#
 Gus Murchie#
 Sophie Murchie#
 J.P. Evans*

Junior Acolyte: 1-2 years service

Morgan Babbitt
 Elsa Ciscel
 Genella Evans
 Abby Thaxton
 Caroline Thaxton
 Olivia Thaxton
 Caleb Worrell
 Ethen Worrell

Senior Acolyte: 3 or more years service

Margaret Babbitt
 Teddy Babbitt
 Britt Emerick
 Emma Evica
 Eddie Genece
 Francis Lamlein
 Kiley Murphy
 Claire O'Brien
 Caroline Smith
 Maisie Smith

*# Served as head acolyte in 2016-2017 and will continue in 2017-2018*** Promoted to head acolyte for 2017-2018***YOUTH CHOIR PARTICIPANTS 2016-2017***Listed by rank; those with an asterisk are promoted in today's service.***Full Chorister (red ribbon)**

Daaé Ransom, *head chorister*
 Christine Babbitt, *lead girl*
 Britt Emerick, *assistant head chorister*
 *Katherine Foust, *deputy lead girl*
 Ted Babbitt
 Margaret Babbitt
 Claire Brouillard
 *Catherine Emerick

Senior (dark blue ribbon)

*Francis Lamlein, *assistant to the director*
 *Morgan Babbitt
 *Naomi Cipriano
 *Elsa Ciscel
 *Olivia Tummescheit

Junior (light blue ribbon)

*Maria Foust
 *Philip Tummescheit

Novice

Rhaili-Em Lowe

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Chelsea Chen, organ
Joseph Lee, cello

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7 1/2 and up

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& special events
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For more information and to schedule an audition, contact
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We continue to collect \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Walgreens, CVS, Subway, Dunkin Donuts and ShopRite to give to people who come to St. John's in need of help. While St. John's is not equipped to provide comprehensive help (and we try to refer people to agencies that can), it is a blessing to them and to us when we can offer something tangible that helps with an immediate need. You may give cards to any staff member on Sundays, or drop them off in the office during the week. **We can also use non-perishable snacks (granola bars, cracker packs, etc.) and basic toiletries to re-stock our "Blessing Bag" supplies, which are running low.** Please leave these in the gray bin in Hubbard Hall or outside the office door.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- ❖ Midweek Bible study — Every Wednesday at noon, with the rector
- ❖ Men's Bible study — Every Thursday at 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Women Together book study — Tuesdays in May at 3 p.m.
- ❖ Youth Sunday & Parish Picnic — TODAY at the 10:30 service
- ❖ Cello and organ concert, Joseph Lee and Chelsea Chen — June 4 at 4 p.m.
- ❖ Summer service schedule (9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays) — June 18 through September 3
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Neighborhood Block Party — September 17, noon to 3 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Fall Ministry Fair — September 24
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Women's Retreat with author Jennifer Grant — October 21, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: Bishop visitation and confirmations — April 15, 2018

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

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Tim Goetz, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

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

Lay leaders: Victoria Crosta – text: 860-478-6524; Melissa Render – text: 860-983-4606