

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Welcome to St. Paul’s! We are grateful for your prayers and presence on this day in the life of the parish community. We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table.

Our worship service takes place here and online; it is also being recorded for later viewing. Feel free to greet one another as is your custom as you gather. When we are ready to start, our Angels Aloft will sound an opening bell. This signals those gathered that our service is now being recorded. Please maintain quiet and turn your attention to our opening activities at this time.



The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Opening Bell

Welcome..... Celebrant

AnnouncementsMember of Vestry

Prelude..... Amazing Grace Arr. Labenske

Land Acknowledgement..... Celebrant

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, especially the Skagit Nation who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of the land, who have lived here and continue to live here since time immemorial.

Mission Statement

Presider and People:

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The Word of God

Please stand as able.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Collect for Purity

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

Hymn of Praise

GloriaHymn S280

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Lector: A Reading from Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, `These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, `It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, `I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-11Be Merciful, O Lord*This page and next*

Refrain

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord. Have mer-cy on us, for
we have sinned. We come be-fore you; cleanse
us from with-in. Have mer-cy on us, Lord.

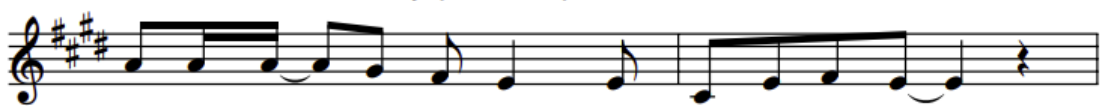
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Have mer-cy on us, Lord.

Verses



1. Have mer - cy on me in your good-ness, Lord.
2. Cre - ate a clean heart___ for me, O God.
3. Give me the joy of your sal - va - tion, Lord,



1. In your great com-pas-sion wipe out my of-fense.
2. And a stead - fast spir - it, re - new with-in me.
3. and a will - ing spir - it sus - tain with-in me.



1. Wash me from guilt, Lord,___ cleanse me from my sin.
2. Cast me not out from your pres - ence, O___ Lord.
3. O - pen my lips, let my mouth pro-claim your praise.



1. Have mer - cy on___ me, Lord.
2. Take not your Spir - it from me.
3. Have mer - cy on___ me, Lord.

to Refrain

Lector: A Reading from 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual HymnLord of All HopefulnessHymn 482

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 15:1-10

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Presider: All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Reverend Dale McQueen

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

*The Leader reads regular type, the **People** respond **boldly***

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 Sean, our presiding bishop, and Philip, our bishop, and 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.

Leader: Let us pray for the search process for our congregations;

Eternal Guide, please watch over our steps as the congregations of Resurreccion and Saint Paul's walk the path of selecting a new rector. Guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose a spiritual leader and pastor for us – a leader who will care for your people and prepare us for our ministries. We ask that you bless them with insight, faithfulness, patience, and joy, so that they may truly hear your voice during their decision-making. Open the hearts of those who feel called to embark on this journey to an unfamiliar place, and walk with us as we trust in this process together. For the wonder of your love, Amen

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

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider speaks an Absolution.

The Peace / La Paz

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. / La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

People: **And also with you. / Y con tu espíritu.**

If you are worshiping with us virtually, use the chat function to “say” peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Offertory You Alone

Refrain

You a-lone are ho - ly, you a-lone are Lord.
 You a-lone are wor - thy to be hon-ored and a -
 dored. Mer-cy you have giv - en, kind-ness you have
 shown. Love is you a - lone.

1 to Verse 1

2 7 to Verse 2 Final

Love is you a - lone.

Verses

1. Who of us is sin-less in this place?
 2. What is there to do but thank you, then,

1. Who of us de - serves your sav - ing grace?
 2. for the gift that we might call you friend?

1. Who of us is good at all with-out your bless-
 2. Great - er love has not been known than that for which

1. - ed love that falls up - on our hearts to
 2. you gave your on - ly son, that you might

2 to Refrain

1. heal our bro - ken - ness?
 2. see us, pure and blessed.

Your gifts are much appreciated.

If you are joining this live stream, you may mail your offering/pledge to 415 S. 18th Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at www.stpaulsmv.org

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to come forward
for communion or blessing. Gluten free wafers are available.*

The assembly is invited to stand as they are able for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Intinction, also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not practiced here. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of our chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

Please stand as able

Presider: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, the Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:





Presider: O God, you are holy and gracious: 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, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus 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 Jesus 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, Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is 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:

Presider and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

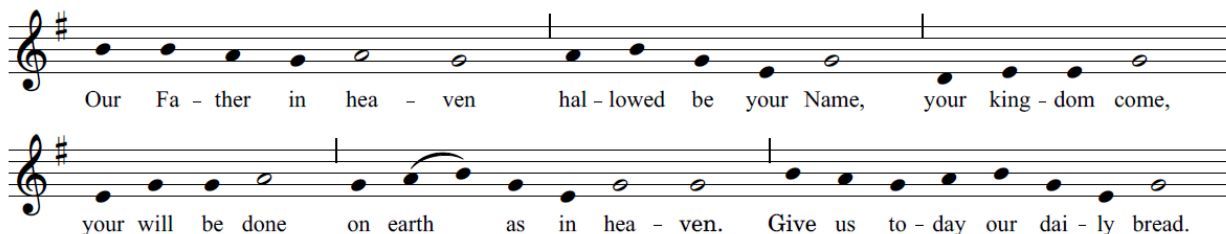
Christ will come again.

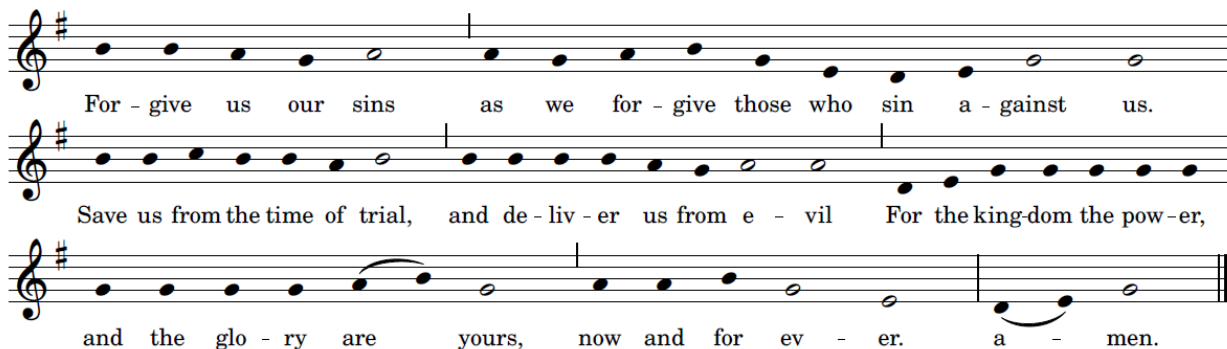
Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Most Holy God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 Christ. 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 Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Most Blessed One, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



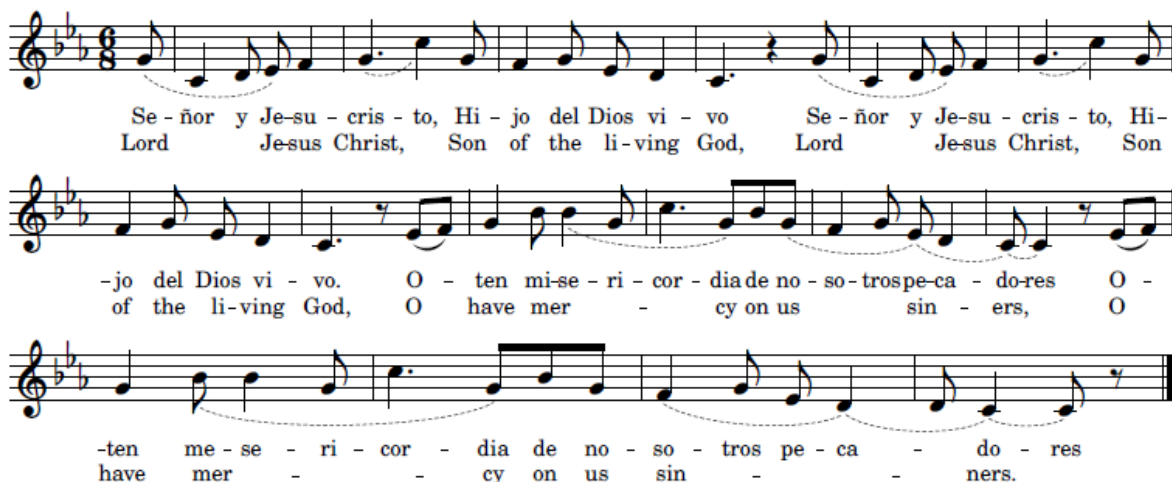


The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Fraction Hymn



Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

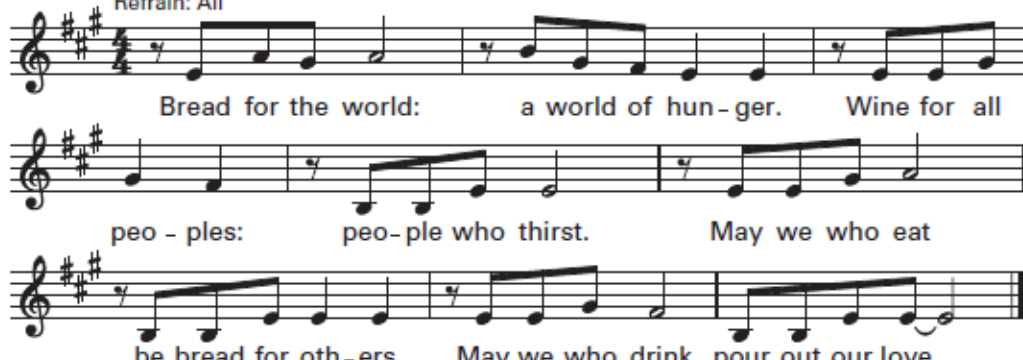
Please be seated.

Those present are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar at the direction of the usher.

Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.

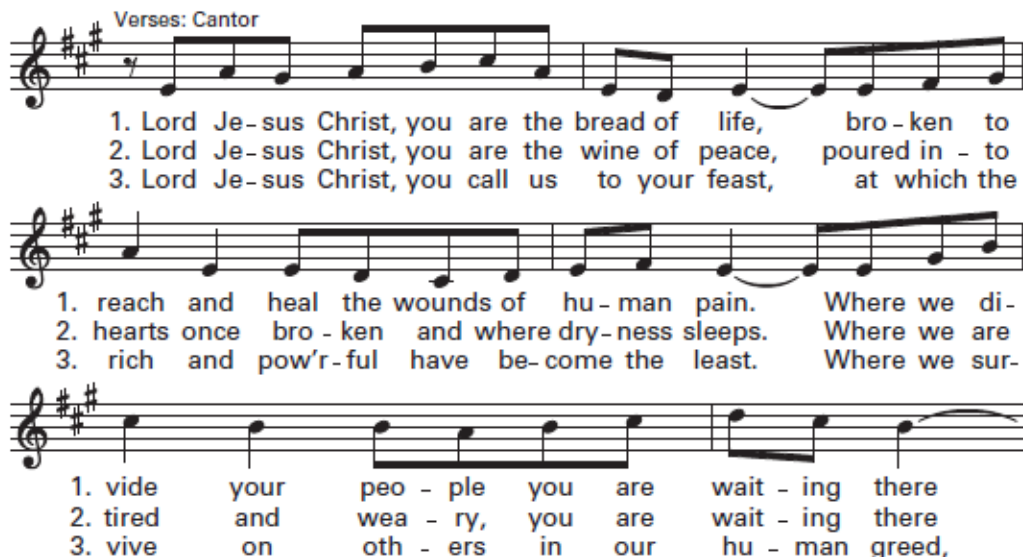
Communion Hymn..... Bread for the World

Refrain: All



Bread for the world: a world of hun-ger. Wine for all
 peo - ples: peo-ple who thirst. May we who eat
 be bread for oth-ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Verses: Cantor

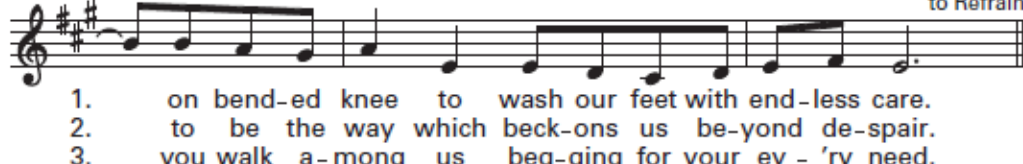


1. Lord Je-sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to
 2. Lord Je-sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to
 3. Lord Je-sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the

1. reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di-
 2. hearts once bro - ken and where dry-ness sleeps. Where we are
 3. rich and pow'r - ful have be - come the least. Where we sur-

1. vide your peo - ple you are wait - ing there
 2. tired and wea - ry, you are wait - ing there
 3. vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed,

to Refrain



1. on bend-ed knee to wash our feet with end-less care.
 2. to be the way which beck-ons us be-yond de-spair.
 3. you walk a-mong us beg-ging for your ev - 'ry need.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Ministers:

Deacon: We who are many are one body;

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

Deacon: In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: As you have been fed, now feed others in the name of Christ.

Deacon: Our prayers go with you, go in peace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Deacon: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn..... Amazing Grace Hymn 671

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Hosanna (Praise Rising) Arr. Labenske

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Dale McQueen

Serving: Deacon Dennis Taylor

Music Director: J.J. Cully

Eucharistic Minister: Dan Niven

Eucharistic Visitors: Shelly Powell & Sandy McDougall

Acolyte: Acacia McDermott

Greeters: Sally Rode & Paul Lowe

Lector(s): Carol Boss & Judy Smith

Counters: Elizabeth Tucker & Dianna Hume

Announcements And Opportunities

Welcome to our guests: We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please put your name and contact information in our guest book so that we may get to know you better.

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary today are brought to you by the McCabe family in memory of Lloyd Cooley for his birthday on 9/13. What a lovely memorial!

Please sign up in the parish hall to contribute to this ongoing ministry.

Coffee Hour

Please sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall to host a coffee hour. We have September 28 and October 12, 19, 26 open. Questions? Contact Melissa Bird 360.622.1008.

Coffee Hour Sept 21

The Coffee Hour on Sept. 21 will be hosted by Tony and Nicole Smith, and is an opportunity for all members to voice their thoughts, concern, and ideas about what kinds of things they see as necessary to be brought forward to the search committee. Please plan to stay for this very important time of sharing.

Participants in Healing Second Half 2025 Ask

We are well into the second half of 2025, and Participants in Healing (PiH) is working on determining where our outreach giving should go for this second giving of the year, which will be made around the holidays. Your input on re-printing organizations is appreciated.

The ask is for you to consider giving an extra six percent, over whatever you believe is appropriate, to Participants in Healing, clearly marked on the gift. Thank you from the members of the PiH, Deacon Dennis Taylor, Carol Boss, Cathey Fredrick, Joe Thomas, Margie Lauer, Susan Sanderson, Darrin Rankin.

Vestry Meetings (New time)

Your vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month, usually in the Fireside Room, at 5:30. This is an open meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday Sept. 16.

Your Vestry are:

Sr. Warden: Tony Smith

Jr. Warden: Eric Bloom

Member: Sue Shepherd

Member: Martha Lum

Member: Bud Burnham

Treasurer: Margaret Bird

Clerk: Joe Thomas

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We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

TELECOIL ASSIST AVAILABLE.



HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE,
PLEASE SEE A GREETER.

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list.

Please email Acacia McDermott redwoodam@proton.me.

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