



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
August 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME



TO ST. JAMES'S

Nursery care is available during the service on the first floor of the parish building. Ask an usher for directions but know that your children are welcome in church during the service.

KFC: Kids for Christ! Young Children age 3 through elementary school are welcome to gather in the narthex (main foyer) for Sunday School. They return during the Peace.

Parking is available in our parking lot and across Walden at Santander Bank.

Hearing devices are available at both entrances to the church.

St. James's is a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith. No matter where you are in your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours.

In this service of Holy Eucharist we give thanks to God and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed. Educational programs afford parishioners of all ages the opportunity to engage their own beliefs and practices as well as those of others.

Empowered by God we go forth into the wider world to serve others in our lives, schools, and workplaces.

HAPPENING TODAY

VISIT: Stick around after the service and introduce yourself to a friendly-looking stranger.

SANDWICHES: Help make sandwiches for Loaves and Fishes today after the service. Just come to the kitchen and join us!

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Please join us after the service today for lemonade and refreshments on the front lawn. All are welcome!

PRELUDE *Concerto for 2 Violins in D minor, BWV 1043* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
John Kramer, violin; Thomas Tarutin, viola *II. Largo*

The people stand

OPENING HYMN 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* Schmücke dich

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit

THE LESSON

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ~ I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit~ I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the

adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 17:1-7, 16 (*said*)

Exaudi, Domine

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;

give heed to my cry; *

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *

let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *

melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *

I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *

in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *

incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand

from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face; *

when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding

your likeness.

SEQUENCE HYMN 323 *Bread of heaven, on thee we feed* Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 14:13-21**Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.*People* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.***The people sit*

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Bob Hooper**The people stand*

THE NICENE CREED

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and 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,
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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Essie Womble on the anniversary of her death, that your will for them may be fulfilled. And we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For Sean, our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura, our own bishops, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the poor and oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, for refugees and victims of violence, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, and for all the departed, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those children and youth in our community celebrating birthdays this week, that they continue to grow in your image and spread your love to others, let us pray.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant will conclude the prayers with a collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME

If you would like to make an online offering to the Mission and Ministry of God through the work of the people of St. James's, please use this QR code.

Thank you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

Prelude in C major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Anya Fisher, pianist; John Kramer, violinist

adpt. Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

This is Anya's debut performance on the piano, after beginning lessons earlier this year. We're so thrilled to support her musical journey! Joining her for this first performance is John Kramer, who's playing a descant of sorts, which was later added by Charles Gounod and often sung to the lyrics of Ave Maria.

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 our thanks and praise.**

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

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -

This system contains the first line of the hymn. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are "Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo -".

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system contains the second line of the hymn. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are "ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.".

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

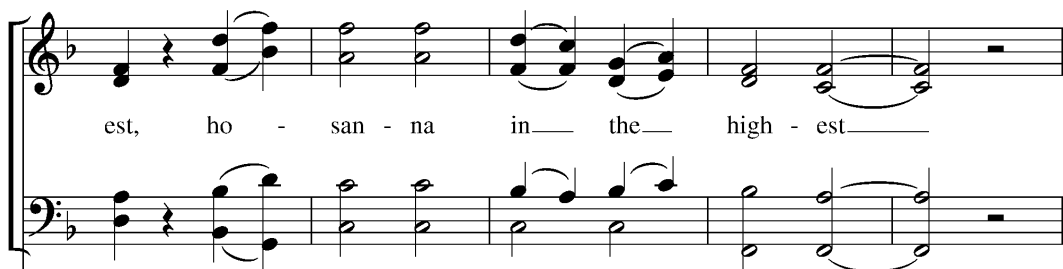
This system contains the third line of the hymn. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are "Bless-ed is He who comes in the name".

of the Lord, of the Lord.

This system contains the fourth line of the hymn. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are "of the Lord, of the Lord.".

Ho - san - na in the high -

This system contains the fifth line of the hymn. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics are "Ho - san - na in the high -".



Title: *Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts* Music: Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948), *A Mass for a Soulful People*
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Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious God: 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 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 you 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

AT THE COMMUNION *To a Wild Rose* Edward MacDowell (1860-1908)

Carolina Byrne, cello (from *Woodland Sketches*), Op. 51, No. 1

Born in New York City, MacDowell studied piano and composition at the Paris Conservatoire before continuing his musical education in Germany, where he was deeply influenced by the Romantic traditions of composers such as Schumann, Liszt, and Wagner. Upon returning to the United States, MacDowell became one of the founding faculty members of Columbia University's music department, helping establish the study of composition as an academic discipline in America. This is Carolina's second time performing cello at St. James's and we're excited to support her!

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

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.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 580 *God, who stretched the spangled heavens* Holy Manna

DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Concerto for 2 Violins in D minor, BWV 1043* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
John Kramer, violin; Thomas Tarutin, viola *III. Vivace*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT – The Rev. Chris Leung

PREACHER – The Rev. Bob Hooper

ORGANIST & MUSIC DIRECTOR – Michelle Horsley

MUSICIANS – Anya Fisher, piano; John Kramer, violin; Carolina Byrne, cello;
 Thomas Tarutin, viola

CHALICE BEARERS – Susan Powers, Tom Rouse

LECTOR – Rob Duncan

INTERCESSOR – Bill Thompson

ACOLYTE – Odin Bergsbaken

USHERS – Doug and Ann Cooke

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR – Jerrod Bowman

ALTAR GUILD – Elizabeth Gallegos

PRAYER LIST

The entire Prayer List is read during the course of the week. If you would like someone to be added, contact the office: info@stjameswh.org or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chris, Rachael, Eileen, Nancy Jo, Fran, John, Karen, and Ken.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Joanie, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Janet, Sue, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia, Suzanne, Karen J., Linda, Tom, Peg, Sharon, and Margaret.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Essie Womble on the anniversary of her death. *May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.*

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Good Shepherd/Immanuel St. James Chapel, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; St. Alban's, Simsbury. All parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; the Companions in Mission Ministry Network.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark and Ed Vera.

CHILDREN & YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers **Sunday, August 9** and every second and fourth Sunday of the month at the 9:30 service. If you would like healing ministers to pray with you and for you during a time of challenge or discernment, come to one of the two stations at the back of the church after receiving the Eucharist. If you would like to participate or have questions about becoming a healing prayer minister, please email Cheri Evans: cheriev98@gmail.com.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery Care will be available **today** during the service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The annual school supply drive continues to **Sunday, August 16**. We collect school supplies and backpacks for children in the Greater Hartford area who are helped by the local shelters and pantries we serve. **The items most needed: backpacks, pencils, pens, notebooks, erasers, crayons, markers, rulers, and gluesticks.** Please bring your supplies to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building no later than **Sunday, August 16**. Join us on that day after the service to help sort and pack the supplies in the parish hall. Lemonade and other refreshments will be served.

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!

Come and enjoy time in the Memorial Garden and pick a few weeds! The Memorial Garden Crew is looking for help in maintaining this beautiful garden! This intrepid team of weeders rotates on a bi-weekly basis through June through September to weed and do some light pruning. You decide which day of the week to weed. This usually takes no more than an hour or two of your time. If you are willing to help, please sign-up by scanning the QR code or email Claire Burnett at claireburnett@comcast.net. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email and/or by scheduling a walk through the garden with Claire after the 9:30am service. Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry!



GRACE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The food pantry at Grace Episcopal Church on New Park Avenue in Hartford is looking for volunteers to help hand out food on Thursdays (8:30a-11:30a). Please email Kathie Rovetti at krovetti@gmail.com for more information.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

We will shift our after-service fellowship to the front lawn for light refreshments and sunshine. Hosting Lemonade on the Lawn is very minimal effort & investment - whether that means time or cash for you. Simply mix up a batch of lemonade and wheel it to the front, along with a light snack-bite or two and the paper supplies

(provided). For serving, we keep a folded table in the Narthex storeroom and there's always someone headed into church willing to help pop it up! So, grab a slot that suits your summer schedule. We'll see you On the Lawn! Questions, contact Mary Goeldner at marykirkg@gmail.com. Sign up at www.stjwh.org/freshlemons.

GOOD NEWS GARDEN

Our team has been harvesting for several weeks now and we invite more folks to join us. Latest harvest was June 3 – see here! We meet Wednesday at 8:45 to 10am most weeks during growing season. We expanded this year to grow pears and a Jamaican green called callaloo. We are all learning as we go and welcome all.



ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

The Embrace Ministry invites people into God's love through acts big and small. Weekly phone calls, cards/letters, friendly visits to those unable to leave home, or help with light chores or transportation are all ways we may be of help. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who may benefit from our ministry, please contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Tomlinson (860-372-1193).

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

A group of men from Saint James's and a few from other churches meet twice monthly on the second and fourth Saturdays for about an hour beginning at 8:00 am in the parish room for discussion of topics related to religion or ethics. Typically, the discussion is led by one of the group members. The discussion group meets next **Saturday, August 8**. Bob Burnett chairs the group. Interested? Contact him at robert.burnett@comcast.net for further info. Coffee and other refreshments are provided at each meeting.

CHEF MINISTRY

CHEF Ministry for expanding/changing/evolving families! This is chance for the St. James's family to help "feed their sheep". Thank you to all the wonderful volunteer chefs who cook on demand. If you know of any family that is welcoming a new family member (not just a birth!) or having a life event where they might need a bit of support (taking care of a loved one, dealing with a loss, etc.) please let Martha Parish know so that CHEF Ministry can reach out and provide a meal or three. Please email or text so a member of our church family can help out and ease the burden. mach1goon@gmail.com, 978-505-1333.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS (no pasta, canned beans, or mac & cheese, please)

As we are expanding our feeding ministry to include new communities, St. James's is asking for donations for the following items for local food pantries: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned hearty stews, oil, masa harina (instant corn flour), rice, dried beans, cereal, shelf stable milk (like Parmalat) and sugar. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. After hours: please place donations in the blue rubber bin. Monetary donations are accepted to help purchase items. Just note "Food Pantry" in memo.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meetings convene in the dining room Mondays and Thursdays at 10am, Monday through Friday at 7am, and Saturdays at 7pm.

CLERGY VISITATION

If you or a loved one would like a member of the clergy to visit you at home or in the hospital, please contact the clergy at rector@stjameswh.org or assistant@stjameswh.org.

28th Annual School Supply Drive

Collection begins July 1 and runs
until August 16

Items Most Needed:

backpacks, pencils, pens,
notebooks, erasers, crayons,
markers, gluesticks, and rulers.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 AFTER THE 9:30
SERVICE TO HELP SORT AND PACK THE SUPPLIES!
COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS SERVED.

Inwardly Digest



ST JAMES'S SUMMER 2026
MONDAYS @ 10:30-11:30
PARISH ROOM

BIBLE STUDY

ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

Join us this summer as we continue to dive
into the book of acts.

We come as we are to understand the
establishment of the early churches within
Paul's ministry using a few resources as a
guide and our own experiences
to digest the living Word.



ALL ARE WELCOME!



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

9:30 a.m. in the church (no 8:00 service in the summer)

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel followed by breakfast in the parish room

CLERGY

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper III.....*Rector*
 The Rev'd Chris Leung..... *Assistant Rector*
 The Rev'd Canon Douglas T. Cooke..... *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. James *Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd John L.C. Mitman.....*Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr.....*Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps.....*Priest Associate*
 The Rev'd Jean R. Smith. *Priest Associate*

STAFF

Mrs. Cheryl C. Batter.....*Parish Administrator*
 Mr. Leon Fraser..... *Sexton*
 Mrs. Priscilla Hooper *Director of Family Ministries*
 Ms. Michelle Horsley*Organist & Director of Music*
 Mrs. Stephanie Latif..... *Financial Secretary*

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Mr. Harry Meyer *Assistant Treasurer*

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Mr. Greg Jacobs.....*Senior Warden*
 Mr. Tyler Smith.....*Junior Warden*
 Mr. Chuck Kinney *Clerk*
 Mr. Michael Sherrill..... *Treasurer*

2027	2028	2029
Doug Compton	Susan Gutierrez	Mary Baier
Joey Meyer	David Kramer	Maureen Bowman
Liz Normand	Jonathan Lewis	Jim Conway
Marilyn Tomlinson	Susan Ritz	Rob King

We are a vibrant, inclusive, fun-loving, child-friendly community of faith.

No matter where you are on your journey, we welcome you to join us on ours...

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