

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 25, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.



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

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Please join us outdoors after the service today for cool lemonade and other refreshments. All are welcome!

HAPPENING IN AUGUST

MUSIC MONDAY SUMMER SERIES: The concert with Hartford Symphony violinist Gary Capozziello and Alan Murchie on piano will be held **Monday**, **August 26** at 7pm in the church. Tickets available today after the service. General admission: \$25.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude on "Brother James' Air" Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

The people stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place Brother James' Air

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 S-278

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The people sit

THE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so

that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

PSALM 84 (said)

Quam dilecta!

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold * from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

SEQUENCE HYMN 530

Spread, O spread, thy mighty word

Gott sei Dank

THE GOSPEL John 6:56-69

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

People Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have

told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

The people sit

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, grant us the grace to honor you with our substance. Grant us the courage and commitment to be faithful in our giving. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

May we, as the Body of Christ in our life together, do things only for the glory of God. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Sean our presiding bishop-elect, Jeff and Laura our bishops, our parish clergy; and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

May we be people of word and action as we support relief for the world's poor and homeless; for the unemployed and the under-employed. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in all the nations of the world. Remembering especially Joe, the president of the United States.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for the end of violence everywhere; remembering especially victims of gun violence and those who love them, and for all whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster and political strife. We pray for the people of Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, and the protection of innocent life everywhere. We pray for safety in our daily lives. Guide us to be reconcilers for peace and justice at home and in the world.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died, especially Edwina Bosco and the Rev. Ronald Lee Woodruff on the anniversaries of their deaths.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Harper Leichsenring, Zak Lovin, Julia Jane Bowman, and Lily Cate Waterman.

We pray for our parish, our extended parish family, our needs, and those of others.

We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

AT THE OFFERTORY

Variations on "Simple Gifts"

M. Horsley (b. 1990)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

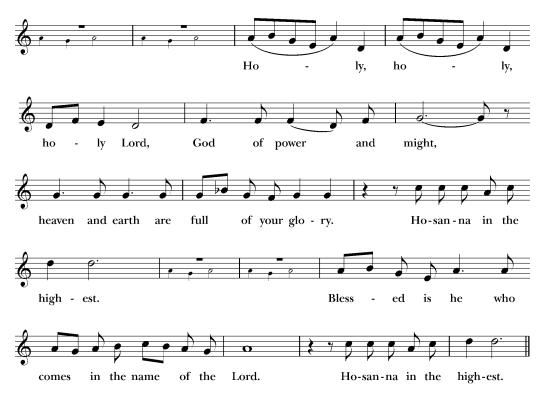
People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

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Celebrant continues:

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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 God, now and forever. **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 Prière après la Communion Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE 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!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Wir glauben all' an einen Gott J. S. Bach (1685-1750) ("We All Believe in One God"), BWV 680

PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

CELEBRANT & PREACHER - The Rev. Robert C. Hooper, III

DEACON- The Rev. Robert M. Lofberg

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Michelle Horsley

CHALICE BEARERS - Ted Newton, Tom Rouse

LECTOR - Rob Duncan

INTERCESSOR - Ted Newton

USHERS - Audrey Lamy, Mike Shuey

ACOLYTE - Caroline Bowman

LIVESTREAM DIRECTOR - Adam Fisher

ALTAR GUILD - Chris Keesling, Linda Fournier

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: <u>info@stjameswh.org</u> or 860-521-9620.

THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY Jeffrey, Greg, Michael, Elly, Chuck, Sue, Will, Tom, Chris, Gerry, Rachael, Eileen, Tom.

THOSE IN OUR EXTENDED PARISH FAMILY Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Audra, Ann, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Clare, Leo, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon, Janet, Sue & Claudia, Larry, Gretchen, Denise, Jocelyn, Forrest, Laticia.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Remembering especially Edwina Bosco and the Rev. Ronald Lee Woodruff on the anniversaries of their deaths. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace; let light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.

THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER Epiphany, Southbury; St. Paul's, Southington. Church musicians: organists; choirs and choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; parish and diocesan committees on liturgy, music, and worship.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Andrew Clark.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Harper Leichsenring, Zak Lovin, Julia Jane Bowman, and Lily Cate Waterman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING PRAYERS AT COMMUNION

St. James's Healing Ministry will offer healing prayers the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 9:30 service. Healing prayers will be offered **today**. 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 9:30 service. We will continue with KFC (Kids of Christ) during the 9:30 service as well. Please feel free to contact Priscilla at education@stjameswh.org with any questions.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHALICE BEARER?

Serving as a chalice bearer, who provides the Cup of Salvation to parishioners during Communion, is a meaningful and different way to participate in and experience our Sunday morning Eucharist. And we need a few more people to fill out our ranks, so our rotation can be about once every six to seven weeks. If being a chalice bearer is something you think you might like to experience yourself, or you have questions about what it entails, please contact Tom Rouse at thomasarouse@yahoo.com or (860) 351-5560 to learn more about the opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOAVES AND FISHES

On the second Monday of each month, a team of volunteers from St. James's serves a hot lunch for clients at the Loaves and Fishes Ministries soup kitchen on Woodland Street in Hartford. The team is small in number and presently is in urgent need of at least a couple of additional volunteers. The time commitment is from about 10:45am to 1:00pm, on 2nd Mondays (i.e., July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, etc.), and is a very satisfying activity. If you are interested and/or seek more information, please contact Nora Harris at billharrisct@gmail.com. The July and August service, in particular, might be a fine activity for a high school teen.

ST. JAMES'S "EMBRACE" MINISTRY

We are starting a new ministry and looking for volunteers to provide pastoral support to members of our church family. Please consider joining the Embrace Ministry to invite 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. Contact Susan Ritz (860-904-8588) or Marilyn Thomlinson (860-372-1193) for further information.

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 of 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.

THE ARBOR SOCIETY

One way to exercise perpetual stewardship is through the Arbor Society. The Society recognizes parishioners who give – or plan to give – to the St. James's Endowment Fund. Parishioners may donate money, transfer stock, or name the Fund or St. James's in their will or as a beneficiary of their IRA or life insurance policy. Because the Fund is designed to benefit St. James's both today and every year in the future, it allows you to make a lasting impact on the parish now and in years to come. No matter the size of the donation, it's a way to give "a gift that keeps on giving." Sound like something you'd like to explore? Check out the Arbor Society section on the church's website (www.stjameswh.org) under the Resource tab.

COME ENJOY TIME IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN & PICK A

FEW WEEDS! Attention all gardeners!! The Memorial Garden Crew is looking for help in maintaining this beautiful garden! A 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 online by going to www.stjwh.org/memorialgarden. If you are unable to access the link,

kindly see or email Claire Burnett at <u>claireburnett@comcast.net</u>. Volunteers will receive detailed instructions via email and/or by scheduling a walk through the garden with Claire after a 9:30am service. Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry!

THE GOOD NEWS GARDEN

All are welcome in the Good News garden and greenhouse and to help harvest either Sundays after church or Wednesdays 8:30-9:30am. We could use more helpers! If Wednesday doesn't work, meet up with us to weed after the service on Sunday. The photo shows a recent donation that went to Hartford Catholic Worker pantry. We also have sent some produce to Grace Episcopal this spring and summer. Donations from your



gardens are most welcome and should be dropped off in the cloister, Wednesdays by 9am. Questions or to join the team, please contact Cheryl Wadsworth, cherw173@gmail.com.

HARTFORD CATHOLIC WORKER FOOD PANTRY

St. James's is currently asking for bi-weekly donations for the following items for the Hartford Catholic Worker: tuna fish, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, bags or boxes of pasta, and canned hearty stews. Donations can be left in the cloister Monday through Friday 9a-4p. If you are dropping off after hours, please place donations in the rubber bin in front of the cloister door! Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these items. Just note "HCW 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.

MUSIC MONDAYS AT ST. JAMES'S, SUMMER 2024 MONDAY EVENINGS 7-8:15 PM | AUG 5 - AUGUST 26

I. CLASSES

An Exploration of Musical Classicism
August 5, 12 & 19 in the Parish Hall, 7:00 PM
LED BY ALAN MURCHIE

II. CONCERT

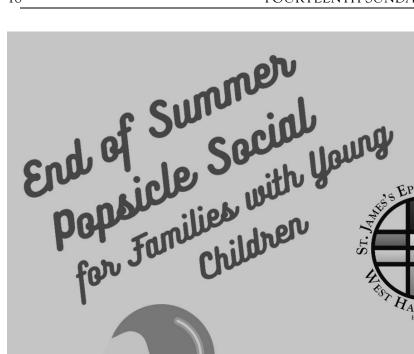
Classical Masterpieces for Violin and Liano
August 261n the Sanctuary, 7:00 PM

Music by Haydn, Mozart and Brahms

WITH HARTFORD SYMPHONY VIOLINIST GARY CAPOZZIELLO
AND PLANIST ALAN MURCHIE

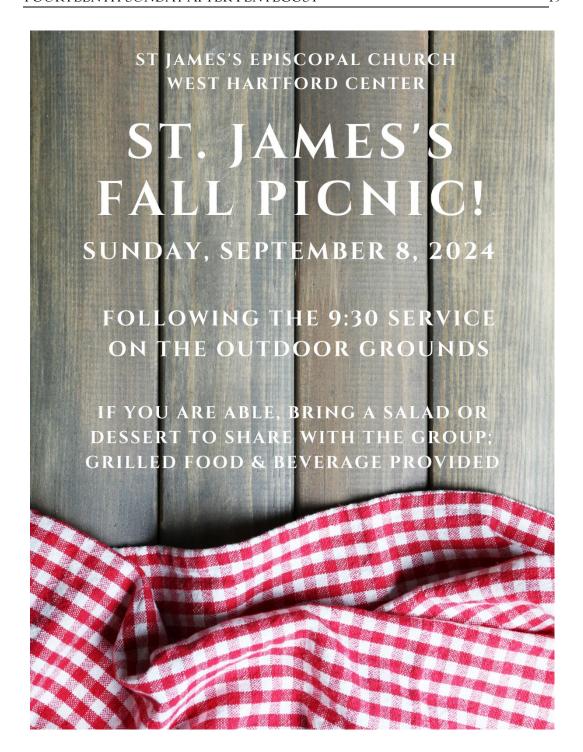


Classes: free of charge | Concert: \$25 general admission Parish Hall and Sanctuary air-conditioned





When: Monday Aug. 26 @ 5:00
Where: On the lawn
near the Walden St. entrance
feel free to invite friends





SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY EUCHARIST 9:30 a.m. in the church

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

7 a.m. in the chapel (Breakfast served in the parish room following the service)



Make a pledge to St. James's

CLERGY The Rev'd Robert M. Lofberg Assistant Rector The Rev'd Doctor Molly F. JamesPriest Associate The Rev'd Canon John L.C. Mitman Priest Associate The Rev'd Doctor Borden W. Painter Jr. Priest Associate The Rev'd Joan P. Phelps......Priest Associate Mrs. Heidi Cotter......Financial Secretary Mrs. Priscilla Hooper Director of Family Ministries Ms. Michelle HorsleyOrganist & Director of Music VOLUNTEER STAFF Mr. Harry Meyer Assistant Treasurer **VESTRY** 2025 2026 2027 **Bob Bausmith** Chuck Kinney Doug Compton Ellen Dollar Ruth Mitman Joey Meyer Kim Hart-Barbara Rua Liz Normand Kindelberger Bill Thompson Marilyn Tomlinson **Judith Stahl**

We are 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...

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