



Christ the Mediator: Christ pleading before the Father for St. Mary Magdalene,
William Blake

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

8:00am In Person Worship

10:15am Online/In Person Worship

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI



St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced, and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016

Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs! Welcome Newcomers!

Young Children – with all their sounds and wiggles - **are very welcome in this church!** **Activity bags** with soft playthings are available for children at the entrances of the church to borrow.

Ask any usher for directions to our nursery.

- 10:10 – 10:15am – **Sunday School** (age 4 through 5th grade) meets on the third floor
- 10:15am – **Worship**
- 10:45am - Sunday School children join their families for Communion
- Most Sundays – 11:05am – 12:00 noon: **Youth Group** (grades 6-12) are first to receive Communion, and then leave to meet on the third floor with youth leaders.

If you are here for the first time, please help us to get to know you by signing our guest book (clipboard in the entry of the church) and/or filling out a welcome card found in each pew. Place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We are so pleased that you are here and want to do everything we can to help you make the most of St. John's Episcopal Church and its resources for your spiritual journey.

All are welcome to communion, where we share one bread, one body. To facilitate this, our communion bread is all gluten free. All are welcome to St. John's programs and events.

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

OPENING HYMN *(at 10:15am)*

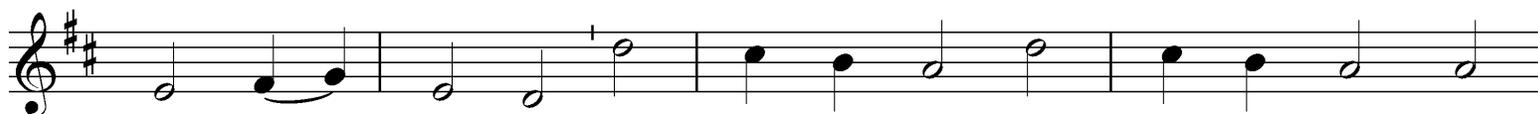
Sing praise to God who reigns above The Hymnal 1982, 408



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be God: the one holy and undivided Trinity;

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
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.*

GLORIA *(at the 8:00am)*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory!

SONG OF PRAISE *(at the 10:15am)*

Glory to God (Canticle 20)

The Hymnal 1982, S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The people remain standing.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 79:1-9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the realms that have not called upon your name.
- 7 For they have devoured the people of Jacob *
and made their dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing (10:15) as the Gospel book is processed to the nave.

GOSPEL HYMN (*sing twice - at 10:15am*)

Day by day

The Hymnal 1982, 654

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,

fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Deacon †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

A period of silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people remain standing or kneel for the Prayers.

Deacon As we wait for the Lord Jesus to come, let us pray for all who thirst and desire the water of life.

Leader

For the holy churches in every place, and all who enter the circle of faith.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie, our Bishop; Beth and Gerardo, our clergy; and for the many lay people who minister in Christ in this church and through their families, workplaces and communities, and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For this nation, and the leaders of all nations and all in authority, and especially for people in despairing places in our world. We pray for those in every generation who work for freedom and make peace in our world.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, and their families; especially Scott, Gloria, Sandor, Kathy, Toni, Marilyn, Madiba, Gabby, Maedell, Joan, Nancy, Jeffernell, Wanda, Jeff, Nadine, Rosemary, Kanata, Randy, Allyson and those we now name either silently or aloud_____; For the lonely, for the hungry, and for victims of oppression, that mercy and compassion may transform their sorrow into joy.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

In thanksgiving for the stewardship of this congregation. We pray for those who are beginning new ventures. For ourselves, our families, and those we love, and especially for those worshipping with us for the first time.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We pray for the St. John's Vestry, for all in leadership, and for burgeoning ministries in this congregation. Give us all the courage and strength to nurture and pursue ideas, and to attend to those things you are calling us to do.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who have died, and for those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us, whom we now name_____. We pray for all those who mourn, and for those who have died who are known to you alone.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering Mary the God bearer, John the Evangelist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord, one God with your Son and Spirit. Hear our prayers for all peoples and bring them out of the prison of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.***

Presider

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

The people stand as they are able.

Presider May the Peace of Christ always be with you

People **And also with you.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Gifts of pledges and offerings may be placed in collection baskets or at the basins at the steps of the altar as you come up for communion. Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's.

Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE (recurring gifts help to sustain ministry year-round)

Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

Mail: St. John's, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067

Envelopes: Available upon request 248-546-1255 or office@stjohnro.org

OFFERTORY MUSIC *(at 10:15)*

Be thou my vision

Bob Chilcott

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

We thank you for your Son, Jesus,
for in him you have made your home among us
and loved us as you would have us love.

In him, you are preparing a new heaven and earth,
where all will drink from your spring of the water of life.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings
through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

Presider and People (spoken at 8:00am)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, holy, holy (*sung at 10:15am*)

The Hymnal 1982, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people stand or kneel as able.

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 all 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.

The Presider continues

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 your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

†Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. *Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia

Gather, 272

Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
ia! A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu -
ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
ya! A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
al - le - lu - ia!
a - le - lu - ya!

Music: *Mass for the Life of the World*, David Haas, arr. by Rob Glover, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

Presider These are the gifts of God.

People **And we are the people of God.**

Presider And in union and solidarity with your faithful people who are not able to be present at this table, we pray together.

People **May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The wafers are gluten-free.

The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten free. If you are unable to come forward, but desire Communion, please notify an usher.

After Communion - The children and youth are invited forward at the end of communion to consume all the bread that has been blessed or consecrated for communion. This is a tradition at St. John's.

Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to a station on the sides of the church for prayers offered by a lay leader from the pastoral care team during communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(at 10:15)*

Jesus, all my gladness

The Hymnal 1982, 701

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,
2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,
3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,

Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit
Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they
Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -

strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;
were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;
la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.
 nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

There is a balm in Gilead Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 203

There— is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

whole; There— is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And— think my work's in vain,— But—
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul,— You can
 3. Don't— ev - er be dis - cour-aged For— Je - sus is your friend,— And—

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____

SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *(as requested)*

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
 because we all share one bread, one cup.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
 you have fed us with the bread of life;
 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

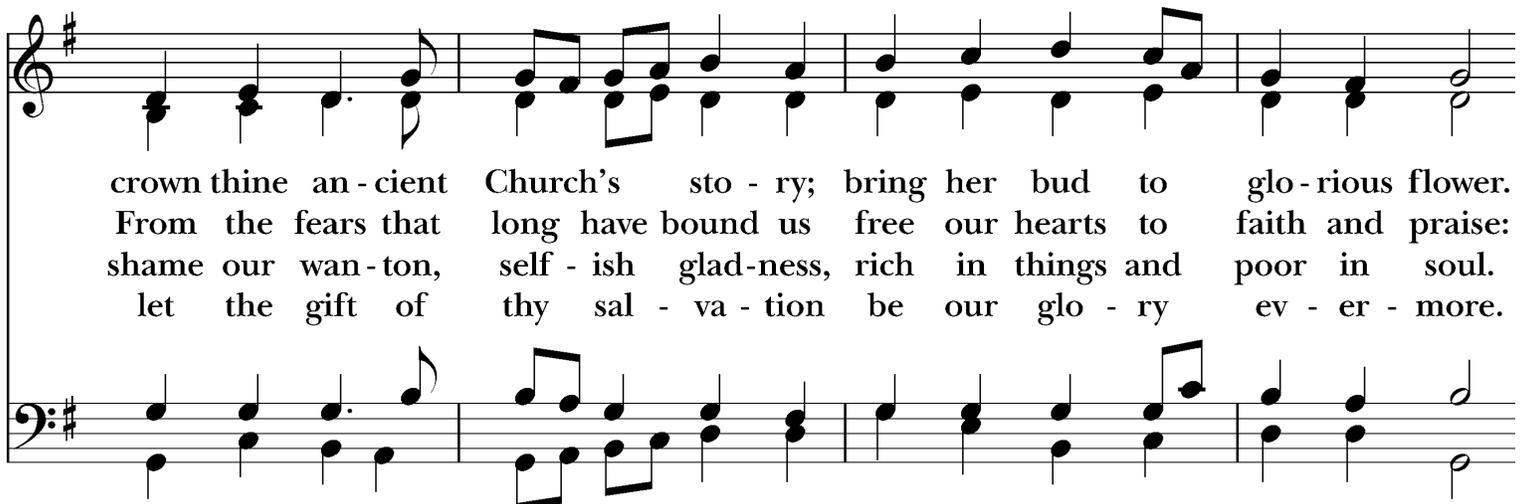
CLOSING HYMN *(at the 10:15)*

God of grace, and God of glory

The Hymnal 1982, 594



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, days, goal, dore, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

The people face the deacon.

Clergy Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

As we celebrate 40 years together, which includes our wedding nine years ago, we thank God and our St. John's family for the blessings and support we've received.
 Kathy Kustowski and Gloria Brown

Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

We welcome your participation and contributions to this ministry. If you would like to have a flower thanksgiving or memorial placed in the bulletin, please contact Jennifer Perkins at 248-546-1255 or office@stjohnro.org or you can give online by going to the St. John's website at stjohnsroyaloak.org - click on GIVE and then from the "Fund" dropdown options, select "Flower Fund." The suggested minimum donation is \$25.00; however, all donations will be accepted and recognized. Thank you!

Ministers of Today's Service: The People of St. John's

8:00am	Chuck Tucker – First Lesson and Psalm; Joey Spano – Second Lesson and Prayers of the People; Brian Craft – Acolyte
10:15am	Debbie Smith – First Lesson; Mark Miliotto – Psalm; H. Michael Falconer – Second Lesson; Sofia Miliotto – Prayers of the People; Sofia Milotto, Justice McNeal, Carol Aaron – Acolytes
8:00am Greeter/Usher	Joey Spano
10:15am Greeter	Janice Pedersen
10:15am Ushers	Veronica Griffith, Janice Pedersen
Eucharistic Ministers	Janice Pedersen, Daniel Wright-Cuschieri
Altar Guild	All
Tech Team	All
Opener/Closer	Dennis Spatafora, Mark Miliotto
Musicians	Steve McGhee, Brynn Ward
Associate Clergy/Curate	The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe
Rector	The Rev. Beth Taylor

Parish Calendar

September 18 - 25, 2022

Sunday, September 18	8:00am	Worship – in person
	10:15am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	11:15am	Youth Group
Monday, September 19		
Tuesday, September 20	7:30pm	Open Hands Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 21	6:30pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Adult Formation (Zoom/Sanctuary)
Thursday, September 22	7:30pm	Choir
Friday, September 23	9:00am	Open Hands Food Pantry Set Up
	11:30am	Healing Service
Saturday, September 24	9:00am	Open Hands Food Pantry
Sunday, September 25	8:00am	Worship – in person
	10:15am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship – in person/Zoom
	11:15am	Youth Group

Additional Prayer List

Persons being prayed for:

Sarah
 Dottie
 Janet
 Michele
 Briana, Wettona, Tony, Ezra, Vic, Jackie, Joe
 Sandi
 Geri, Jennifer, Elaine
 Lois, Willa
 Edward
 Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim
 Larry, Lois
 Gary, Patrick
 Jeanette, Evelyn
 Donna
 Pat, Janet
 Angelina
 Clyde
 Donna, MaryPat, Linda
 Karen, Larry, Jenny, Eric, Cristy, Dorothy
 Maedell
 Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya
 Donna
 Lara
 Mike, Meghan, Marie, Jim, Adam
 JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia
 Rachel
 Lorie, David, Rosa, Dennis, Ed, Linda
 Mike
 Linda, Kathryn
 Everette, Noelle
 Bill
 Arthur
 Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria
 Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe
 Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul
 Randy
 Larry, Rosie
 Jeanne, Danny
 Adam, Don
 Bob, Scott, Marilyn, Karen, Andrea
 Barbara, Susanne
 David, David
 Dominic, Pam, Sally, Cristi, Nancy, Miles
 June
 Vickie
 Brian
 Max, Foster
 Debbie, Marion

Requested by:

Rachel Andrews
 Anne & Pete Baird
 The Barnett Family
 The Bennett Family
 Gloria Brown
 Jen Bruns
 Christine Carline
 Janet Craft
 Sandy Curtis
 Carolyn Darling
 Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton
 Ann Davis
 Cheryl Donigan
 Ellen Ehrlich
 Mary Fairman & Sue Brown
 Allyson Frank
 The Gilbertsons
 Diana Graor
 Melanie Hill
 Waymon Howard
 Jeffernell Howcott
 Ann Johnson
 Patty Johnston
 Barbara Killinger
 Kathy Kustowski
 Lynne Lambert
 Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker
 Leah Lynady
 Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda
 Holly McNeal
 Barbara & Chris Moran
 Janice Pedersen
 Mapley Extended Family
 Mary Ann Morrow
 Bob & Trudy Nagaj
 Marilyn Robinson
 Annie Ruggirello
 Scout Osborn & Kris Sprague
 Jeff & Nancy Sever
 Joey Spano
 Bob Stevens
 Elizabeth Swanchara
 The Sykes Family
 Barbara Thornton
 Chuck & Linda Tucker
 Bob Walsh
 Jan Warren
 Tamra Zakar

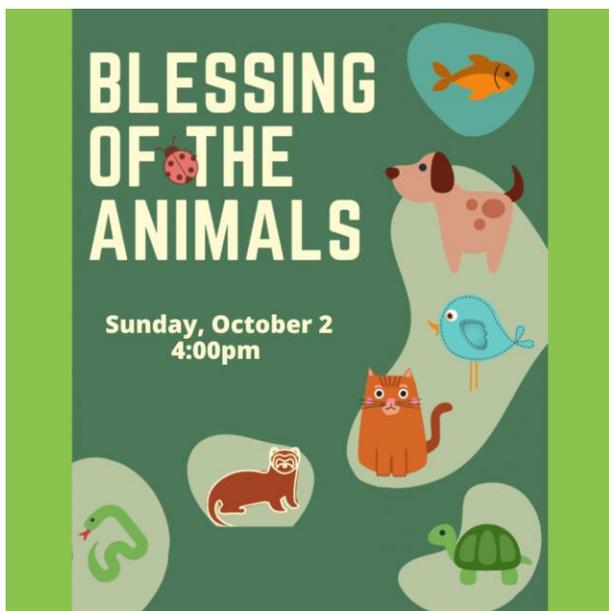
St. John's Adult Formation Wednesday Evenings at 7pm via Zoom and in the Church



We have four conversations planned to step into the new program year by meeting/introducing the ministry of Rev. Gerardo, our new Curate, and reconnecting with Beth after her sabbatical. Please come to any or all, either in person or on Zoom.

- September 21 – “What I did on Summer Sabbatical: Spain 2022” with Rev. Beth Taylor
- September 28 – “What is a Teaching Congregation? A Curate?” with the Revs. Beth Taylor and Gerardo Aponte-Safe
- October 5 – “An in-depth discussion/virtual tour of La Sagrada Familia” with Rev. Beth Taylor (summer sabbatical in Barcelona)

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 2 at 4pm



In person, outside in the St. John's parking lot
Come and join us for a Pet Blessing to give thanks for animals and to celebrate how they enrich our lives. Bring your pet (on a leash or in a secure pen for the safety of other animals), a photo of an animal you love or even one of an endangered species in the wild. Treasured stuffed animal toys are also welcome!