



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral Hartford, Connecticut

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

We acknowledge the Tunxis, Sicaog, Wangunks and Poquonook people, the traditional custodians of the land on which Christ Church Cathedral is located. We pay respect to their elders, past and present. We respect their people and traditions as a continued call to live out the ministry of reconciliation to which we are called.

Welcome to our community! Wherever life is taking you, know that we are honored by your presence and invite you to experience God's life-giving grace with us at Christ Church Cathedral. As a community of faith we celebrate God's graciousness by proclaiming in word and deed that God's love is abundant and unconditional. At the Lord's Table, all baptized are welcome to receive Communion. Please turn off your cell phones once the prelude begins. Should you wish to speak with a priest following the service, please contact an usher.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude - Elegy

G.T. Thalben-Ball

Processional Hymn ~ 1982 Hymnal #376 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

Glory to God

Gloria in excelsis

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Canticle 20

Cantor *All*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God;

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Cecile Gertken, OSB (b.1902);
 based on plainchant Gloria XV from the *Graduale Romanum*
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Reading ~ Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149 ~ *Cantate Domino*

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn ~ LEVAS II #99 My hope is built on nothing less

Mote and Bradbury

Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon ~ The Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke

The Celebrant stands. Please stand as you are 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.
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

Holy God, creator and sustainer of life. We come together in prayer to put before you our needs and our hopes that you may teach, encourage, tend and challenge us to engage with you as we live into our sacred stories.

God of Hope, we pray for our church leaders that their lives may be shaped by your grace and clarity and that they will lead us with humor, compassion and creativity, calling us to share with them our faith, love and hope to the world. We pray especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our bishops; Harlon, our Interim Dean; Melina, our Vicar/Chaplain; Tony, our Canon for Latino Ministry; Bonnie, our Deacon; and all our priests associate. God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Bold Vision, we pray for our Cathedral congregation and staff that during this time of transition our hearts and minds may be open to trust in your goodness and the knowledge that you are always a constant presence guiding us in our lives.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Peace, we pray for the leaders of our country and all the world that they may come together to work toward a transformed world where all people thrive and live into their God created potential. God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Creation, we give thanks for the rhythm of times and seasons. Make us more aware of the beauty around us and vigilant in our daily lives to respond with wisdom and foresight to the threat of climate change.

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of Healing, stay near to those who despair, those who live with illness and pain, and strengthen and encourage those who care for them. We pray especially for: **Will, Kathleen R. Joan Z, Maïa, Lee, Almeta, Camille, Gerard, Lourdes, Lenora, Ardyce, Mike R., Adrienne, Felicity, Sherrod, Graham, Richard, Betty Jo, Michael, Jason, Andrew, Jeannie, Denise, Shelly N., Dennis,**

Charlene, Marcia, Sean, Diane, David, Shaun, Thomas, Alberto, Kelley, Allison, Aubrey, Bill, Grace, Ben, Frank, Nelson, Joan, Treviana, Bob, Tyrone, Todd, Javon, Debbie, Julian, Rose, Samy, Eugenia, Louis, Sylvia, Anne, Harmony, Cristianne, Joslin, Sheila, Priscilla, Guale, Mercy, Deborah, John, Heather, Susan, Lanny, Edgar, Goodwin, Pam, Allen and Sally M., Rayfield, Desiree, Evelyn O., Mark, Sharon, Phil, Norma, Viola, Jay, and those we now name in our hearts. *(Pause)*

God in your mercy,
Hear our Prayer.

God of Comfort, we give thanks for the gift of those who have gone before us and for the ways they continue to enrich our lives and who now live with you and all the saints in heaven.

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God our creator and sustainer, we ask that you hear our prayers offered this day by your faithful people. Give us strength and courage to walk on the path of Christ, and embolden us for mission to fulfill the purpose for which you have created us. All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

Absolution

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.

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

A prayer for those celebrating birthdays this month

Watch over those who stand before us, O Lord, as they begin another year. Bless and guide them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month

Gracious and ever-living God, continue to look mercifully upon those who come before you at the anniversary of their marriage. Give them wisdom and devotion, that they may always be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. With your continual blessing, may they honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements:

Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair, Congregations Committee

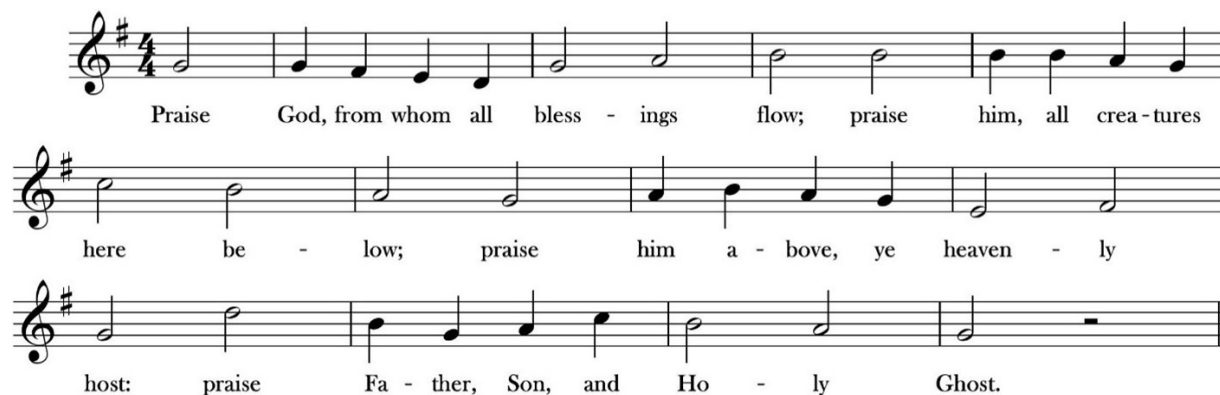
Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem ~ He's got the whole world in his hands (Phoenix Sheerin, soloist)

Arr. Margaret Bonds

Doxology ~ 1982 Hymnal #380, v. 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus ~ Wonder Love and Praise #851 Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Sanctus*) *Jack Warren Burnam*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human

family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out 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,

Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again;

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

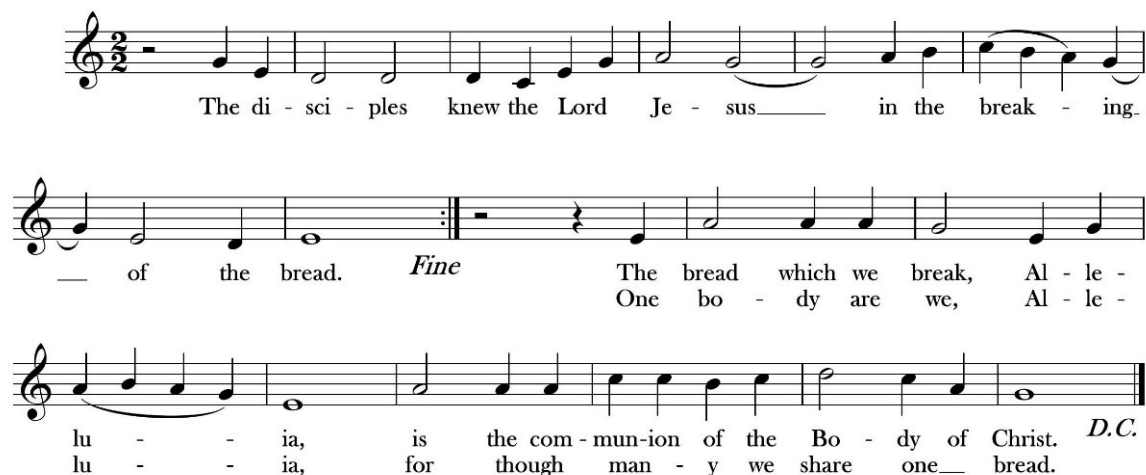
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem ~ Wonder Love and Praise #876 The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
Jack Warren Burnam



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.

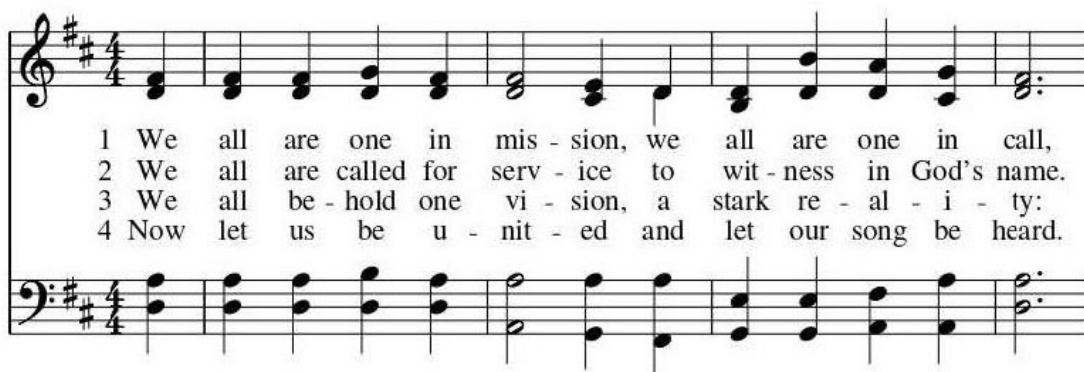
All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please follow the direction given by the ushers. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. If you are unable to come to the front, please let an usher know and the Sacraments will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem ~ LEVAS II #74 Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love *Ghana Folk Song*

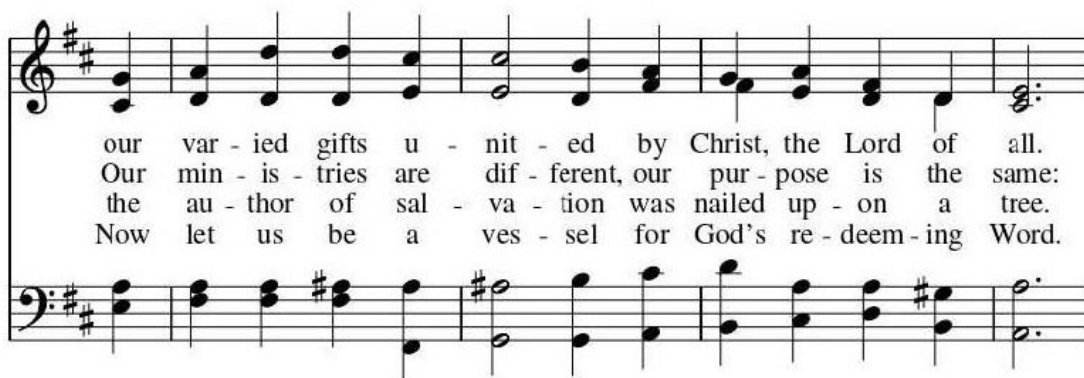
Postcommunion Prayer

**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.**

The Blessing



1 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for serv - ice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty:
 4 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the au - thor of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

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If you are visiting us for the first time, WELCOME!

We would like to keep you informed of the blessings we experience in this house of prayer. Please introduce yourself to Interim Dean Dalton, Canon Garcia, or Deacon Matthews.

Please join us for fellowship in the Cathedral House Auditorium following the 10:00 service.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

After our summer hiatus, Dwelling in the Word resumes at 5:00 p.m. this coming Thursday, September 10. (Details and Zoom link found in weekly e-news.)

Sunday, September 6:

"30 Minutes with the Preacher", 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 6:

Combined Hospitality Hour, following 10:00 a.m. service

Monday, September 7

Cathedral office closed in observation of Labor Day

Thursday, September 10

Dwelling in the Word (via Zoom), 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 10

Cathedral Chapter meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11–Sunday, Sept. 20

Art Show opening night: Sept. 11, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Art Show: Sept. 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Piano Party, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 13:

"30 Minutes with the Vicar", 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 20:

Homecoming Sunday; one service at 9:30 a.m.



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Dr. Jilda Aliotta, Chair of Congregation Committee

John Decker, Co-Chair of Congregation Committee

Serving at 8:00 a.m.

Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke
Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton
Assisting	The Ven. Bonnie Matthews
Verger/Psalm	John Scott
Intercessor/Altar Server	Jilda Aliotta
Lector	Jennifer Peck

Serving at 10:00 a.m.

Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Jay Cooke
Celebrant	The Rev. Canon Harlon Dalton
Assisting	The Rev. Ramon Antonio Garcia
Dean's/Gospel Verger	Marcia Barnett
Altar Server	Peggy Ornell
Crucifer	John Scott
Virtual Vergers	Richard Baraglia and Dr. Deborah Simmons
Digital Evangelist	Samuel Hernandez
First Lector	John Decker
Second Lector	Vernelle Davis
Ushers	Vernelle Davis, Sheila Green
Guild	Gilbeean Scott, Sheila Green, David Marcano, and Nagda and Ramon Echavarria
Cantor	Phoenix Sheerin
Organist	Marianne Vogel

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