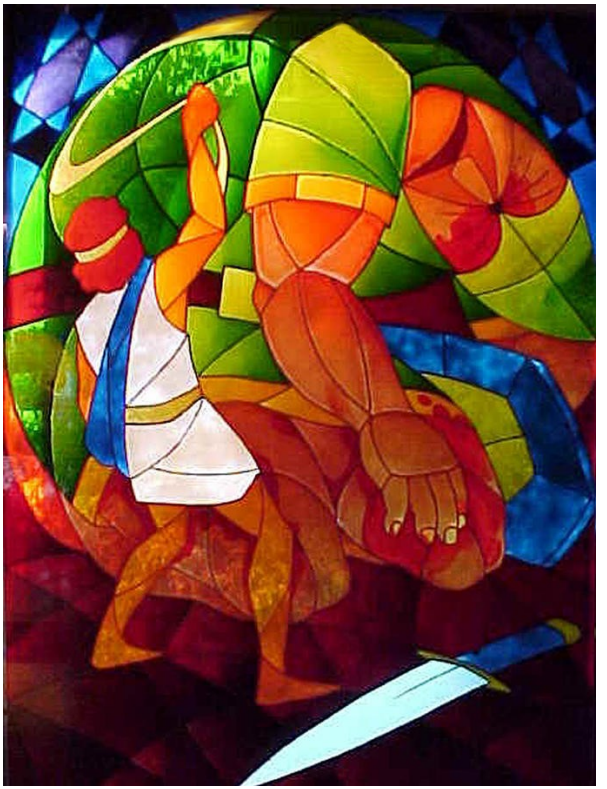
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2024



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CHRIST CHURCH

5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

COVID-19 Guidelines for Worship Services

Please review our COVID-19 worship guidelines below before the service begins. Ushers are available to respond to any questions you may have.

Worship attendees are not required but are encouraged to wear a mask.

- Restroom at the 5 Paterson St. entrance will be open and available for use.
- We ask that all worship attendees who are not vaccinated maintain a six foot distance from others .
- All worship attendees should sit with their family/safe groups.
- **Communion:** All attendees who choose to take communion must sanitize their hands just prior to taking communion.
- **Parking Vouchers:** If you parked in the garage behind the church, please obtain a parking voucher from one of the ushers.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need — *Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Andre, Arnold, Barb, Christine, Danielle, Doreen, Dorothy, Eleanor, Isobel, Jacquline, Jeannine, Jim, Jim, Jonathan, Joy, Karl, Lenora, Linda, Mark F., Mary, Matthew, Matthew S., Sarah, Shawn, Tabby, Timothy, and Vivian.*

Anglican Cycle – *The Church of England*

Diocesan Cycle – *The Rev. Robert B. Haller*

Christ Church Ministry – *Christ Church Staff*

Birthdays this week – *Barbara Chludzinski, Andrea Cunnell, John Cunnell, Glen Gooding, Lynn Hutchings, Rosanna Pangasnan, Monica Williams*

Memorial Flowers — *are given by the Stevens & Hawke Families in memory of Harold A. Fenton.*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact The Rev. Joanna Hollis — 732.354.1450

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Joanna and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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June 16, 2024
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 AM



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE *Prelude* Fugue and Variation C. Franck

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #379

The Presider welcomes the people and says
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT
O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: *1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49*

The Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.]

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's

sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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

PSALM 9:9-20

9 The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed, *
a refuge in time of trouble.

10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, *
for you never forsake those who seek you, O Lord.

11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in Zion; *
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.

12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; *
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Have pity on me, O Lord; *
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,

O you who lift me up from the gate of death;

14 So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation *
in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, *
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice; *
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, *
and also all the peoples that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, *
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; *
let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O Lord; *
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

THE EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 6:1-13*

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open

wide your hearts also.

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

GRADUAL HYMN "He Who Would Valiant Be" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #564**

THE GOSPEL *Mark 4:35-41*

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

SERMON Rev. Susanna Cates

All who are able please stand

THE NICENE CREED

ALL **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

All who are able please stand

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Responding, "Hear our prayer," let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.
After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

ALL **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS
**Please find a QR code for giving on the back of the bulletin.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" **RED *LEVAS* HYMNAL #79**
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP, page 361*

The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

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

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day.

Presider 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
ALL **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues
Presider Holy and gracious Father: 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 and Father 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.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider As our brother Christ taught us, we now pray,

ALL **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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer For Those Joining Us Online:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #321

All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

ALL **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.

FINAL HYMN "Ye Servants of God" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982 #545**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL *From* Feasting on the Word

The Presider will give the blessing.
People **Amen.**

The Deacon will give the dismissal.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Prelude,* Fugue and Chaconne D. Buxtehude

Parish Notes

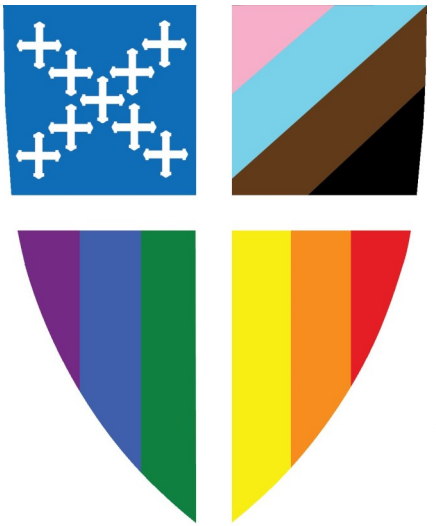
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Parish Schedule for June 23– June 29, 2024

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm
Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Choir Warm Up, Choir Room
	9:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	12:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom

*Join Us AFTER THE 10:30 AM Service for Coffee Hour in the Nicholas Room



Pride Sunday!

Join us at our summer 9:30am service and celebrate Pride on June 30th!

Attendees are invited to wear one, two or all colors of the rainbow. Please sign up to bring refreshments using the link in the weekly email.



50/50 Raffle Sale

Christ Church is holding a **50/50 SUPER Raffle**-a maximum of 500 tickets to be sold. The cost-$10.00.

Your winning ticket will be drawn on July 4, 2024.

The funds raised are for repairing the Handi-Lift. Get yours before they are all sold out!

RaiseRight™
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It is time for the Christ Church July RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, July 8.** Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, mail it by **Wednesday, July 3.** Please advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time. If you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website **https://www.raiseright.com/shop** or app, he will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.

Recently added to the app is an "Invite Friends & Family" feature, through which you can text or email invite links directly from the app to your own personal contacts, helping to spread the word and increase the church's earning potential. Anyone who enrolls in the program from a participant link can start buying gift cards and earning.



REPLENISH
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Dine Below the Line

A fun, informative, community cooking competition that shines a light on food security and how to eat healthy on a budget.

CHEF BRIAN KARLUK
of Steakhouse 85
representing Sharon Baptist Food Pantry in New Brunswick

VS

CHEF MARICEL
of Maricel's Kitchen
representing "The Pantry" at Princeton Alliance Church.

The chefs will throw down their best cooking skills using staples found at these pantries to create unique, flavorful, culturally relevant, and budget friendly dishes that will wow your tastebuds!
Attendees will get to vote and choose the champion!

Thursday, July 11, 2024 | 6pm
Princeton Alliance Church
20 Schalks Crossing Road
Plainsboro, NJ

Free to attend and all are welcome.
To attend in-person, registration required at tinyurl.com/SignUpDineBelowtheLine

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Vestry Key Topics

1) At our regular meeting this month, the Vestry approved several resolutions that will streamline check and account signing as well as fund transfers.

2) Vestry Members have 50/50 Raffle tickets for sale. Please see one if you want to get a ticket. Please see Mark or Sheila if you would like to sell some tickets to your family and friends. The drawing is on July 4!

3) There is a request for aid in the form of people to assist in opening/closing the church for rentals. There are several opportunities that we want to commit to, but need assistance. Is this ministry for you? Please see Jim Nichols if it is.

Liturgical Ministers Needed!

The link is in the weekly email for June & July.

PLEASE consider signing up for one or more Sundays.



JUNE 23, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

God cares for us when we are afraid.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Mark 4:35-41**	**Jesus calms the waters**
Monday	**Job 38:1-11**	**God's rebuke of Job**
Tuesday	**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**	**How Paul served God**
Wednesday	**Psalm 56**	**A prayer of trust in God**
Thursday	**Joshua 1:1-9**	**God's commission to Joshua**
Friday	**Joel 2:18-27**	**God's response and promise**
Saturday	**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**	**God saves those in destress**
Sunday	**Mark 5:21-43**	**Jesus heals and raises to life**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And they [disciples] were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
Mark 4:41 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
God of comfort and assurance, we thank you for your presence that promises to protect us through the storms of life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, you who still the storm and hush the waves, we thank you for protecting us and caring for us with this food through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 107:29)

A Blessing to Give:
May your heart be open to the grace of God in Christ. (2 Corinthians 6:13)

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JUNE 23, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Calm to the Waves

taking faith home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When is a time you were afraid? What did you do?
- How is God with you when you are afraid?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 4:35-41.

This story is not simply about a miracle showing the powers of Jesus over nature. It is about the presence of the kingdom of God in Jesus silencing and rebuking the powers of evil, death, and destruction. First century Jews and Christians experienced a traumatic time in history. Roman rulers dictated their lives, destroyed the temple in Jerusalem, and slaughtered countless lives. It is reminiscent of the shock and sorrow that many have experienced throughout time. At such times one wonders what will happen and if there is hope for the future. The disciples in the boat with Jesus are filled with fear and wonder who this Jesus is. We, as the readers of Mark, have a better view of what is happening. An image for the church is the boat at sea with Jesus. A word we use for the worshiping space inside a church building is nave from the Latin word (*navis*), which means "ship." There can be times in our lives when we, ourselves, are tossed by the wind and waves yet sheltered by Jesus, the Son of God who silences and rebukes all that frightens us.

Discuss: How does faith in Jesus calm you and others who follow Christ?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, in the midst of our uncertainties and fears we thank you for your saving presence that silences the storms of our lives and world through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you show God's love and care for someone who is going through a difficult time?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In the Bible the sea is often seen as a place that lacks order and safety. The sea represents that which seeks to undermine God's design for life. Because of this, the church has been portrayed as a ship at sea with Jesus at the helm. Some congregations actually have a ship hanging down from the ceiling in the sanctuary or nave (word for ship). Draw a picture of a boat or take a model of a ship and place it in a visible place to remind you that your life in Christ is protected by Jesus just as he protected his disciples during the storm on the Sea of Galilee. Place next to the ship these words: Thank you, Jesus, for protecting us in the storms of life.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

In addition to *Taking Faith Home,* celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: **www.milestonesministry.org**



We are excited to welcome our new Music Minister and Organist, Suzanne McDonald.

In her own words:

"My professional career in sacred music began when I took on the roles of Assistant Organist and Choral Director at Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal, P.Q. Canada. I completed my Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from the prestigious McGill University. I was then awarded a full scholarship to further my studies at the renowned Royal School of Church Music in London, England. Then I continued my education at the Boston Conservatory of Music, where I received my Master's in Organ Performance along with the esteemed Dowell McNeill award.

I have been incredibly fortunate to study under the guidance of world-renowned instructors such as James David Christie, Peter Hurford, and Bernard Lagacé. Additionally, I have had the privilege of participating in master classes led by musical luminaries including David Wilcocks, Barry Rose, Christopher Herrick, Simon Preston, Philip Moore, and John Rutter. Their exceptional mentorship has profoundly shaped my musical career.

Over the years, I have been honored to perform in renowned cathedrals and recital halls across the United States and abroad. Most recently, I served as the Organist and Music Director at Grace Church in Millbrook, New York. During my time in New York City, I also directed a professional chamber choir at All Saints Church on the Upper East Side. Furthermore, I founded and directed the Levy Choir School, a tuition-free choir program dedicated to providing exceptional musical education to children from all backgrounds. The Levy Choir School had the distinct honor to perform in concert with the United Nations Chamber Orchestra.

Music has an incredible power to inspire, uplift, and bring people closer to the divine. I feel immensely blessed to combine my two callings - music and ministry - in this new role. I look forward to working alongside all of you to create a thriving music program that enriches our worship experiences and glorifies our Lord. Looking forward to meeting everyone!"

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	June 23	June 30
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Rev. Susanna Cates	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Deacon	N/A	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
9:30 AM	**9:30 AM**	**9:30 AM**
Lector & Intercessor	Debra Lowe	Meegan Adames
LEM	Elizabeth Clark	Jonathan Gloster
Vestry Announcements *LEM will read the Epistle*		Meegan Adames
Acolytes (3)		
Ushers	Peggy Smith, Mel Garber	Peggy Smith
Production Minister	Jason Kaelber	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson / Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper/ Jennifer Ryan
Coffee Hour		

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