Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026



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CHRIST CHURCH

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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.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service time is 9:30 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— *Alena, Bailey, Betsy, Carlos Jr., Emily, Hector, Jane, Jeannine, Joann, Michael, Milton, Pat, Patricia, Robin, Rosanne, Rozie, Sarah, Timothy, Tina, Vincent*

Anglican Cycle *– we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria*

Diocesan Cycle *– The Rev. John Sosnowski*

Christ Church Ministry *– Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors*

Birthdays this week *– Gloria Allen, Emma Chant, Wilfredo Coriano, John Egekeze, Carlos Garcia, Zoe Jarrett, J Mary Nelson, Caleb Ola-Pratt, Owen Thomas, Dorothy Walworth, Max Wilkerson*

Flower Memorial *– A friend of Christ Church in memory of Henry and Helen Torrey, Mrs. Ray O. Peck in memory of Charlette S, McCrelis, Kathryn and Cornelius B. McCrelis, Jr., Raymond O. Peck, Jr.,*

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 Rev. Scott Russell– 732.545.6262 ext. 1 or Rev. Daphne P. Roberts—732.545.6262 ext. 3

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

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Worshipping God Serving God's People
Christ Church New Brunswick

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I

PRELUDE — G. F. Telemann
Karen Colabaugh

THE WORD OF GOD

All who are able please stand as the ministers enter and sing

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**

COLLECT OF PURITY — *BCP, page 324*

The Presider says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Presider continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA — *BCP, page 324*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider says to the people

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider 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.**

First Lesson: *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.

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

PSALM 149

1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE *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.

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

THE GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

"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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Scott Russell

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

See Prayers of the People pamphlet.

After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Minister and People

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

The Presider says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Scan this code to support Christ Church's ministries and outreach to the community.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP page 340

Presider The Lord be with you.
ALL **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
ALL **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

ALL **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

Celebrant and People

ALL **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 Celebrant continues

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. After a period of silence, all say

Presider Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
ALL ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Agnus Dei

ALL O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

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.

AFTER COMMUNION

All who are able please stand

Presider *Let us pray.*

People **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.**
Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE — G. F. Telemann
Karen Colabaugh

PARISH NOTES

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 6-12

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Friday – 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Warm Up
	9:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom

*JOIN US AFTER THE 9:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM

Sunday, September 13
Rite II

Sunday, September 20
Rite II



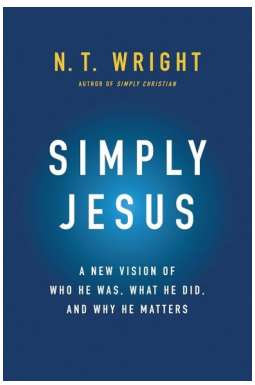
Coffee Hour Ministry

Celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or want to honor a loved one? Choose the **Sunday closest to your special day** to host Coffee Hour!

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply love being the **Hostess with the Mostest**, the **Coffee Hour Ministry** would love to have you sign up!

A sign-up sheet is located outside the Nicholas Room door.
An electronic sign-up version will also be available in the weekly email.

Come celebrate, serve, and share a cup of fellowship with our church family!



The Tuesdayers' Next Book: "Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters"

We have grown used to the battles over Jesus—whether he was human or divine, whether he could do miracles or just inspire them, whether he even existed. Much of the church defends tradition, while critics take shots at the institution and its beliefs. But what if these debates have masked the real story of Jesus? The renowned Bible scholar and Anglican bishop N. T. Wright breaks down the barriers that prevent us from fully engaging with the story of Jesus in the Bible to reveal a breathtaking vision of Christ that matches the needs and complexities of our time. The Tuesdayers invite you to join our discussions **beginning September 8**. We meet most **Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm via Zoom**. For more information, contact Jonathan Clark at im4canoes@yahoo.com.

RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

It is time for the Christ Church September RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of Tuesday, September 8.
Please place your orders accordingly.
RaiseRight website: https://www.raiseright.com/shop



Interfaith 9/11 Remembrance Service

The **Interfaith 9/11 Remembrance Service** will be held on **Thursday, September 10** at 7:00pm.

Interfaith Prayer Service
"One Nation United for Good"

Sacred Heart Church
56 Throop Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ

If you were directly affected by the events of September 11 and are interested in participating by offering a reading during the service, please contact **Fr. Scott** or the church office.

We hope you will join us as we gather in remembrance, reflection, and prayer.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Our **Blessing of the Backpacks** will take place on **Sunday, September 13**.

All are invited to bring their backpacks, or work bags to receive a special blessing.



Join Christ Church in supporting our upcoming **Popcorn Fundraiser**!

The campaign launches on **Sunday, September 13.** Be on the lookout for more information on how you can participate.

View the Double Good website https://shorturl.at/aQFj9 for more information

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the **Christ Church General Fund**, helping to support the ongoing ministries and mission of our parish.

Thank you for your support. We are excited to share this fun and delicious fundraiser with you!



Friends, Please join us as we gather on **Monday, September 14 at 8:00pm** for our compline service.

Creation Care Compline is a collaboration of the Green Caucus and the Creation Care Mission of The Episcopal Church.

Join an evening of prayer and meditation hosted by the church's creation care ministry and the Green Caucus of The Episcopal Church. Register today using the link in the weekly email.



Join members of Christ Church Sunday, September 20 after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

We will be packing flatware for Elijah's Promise during Coffee Hour.

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of heavyweight forks and spoons as well as dinner-size napkins would be appreciated. Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "Elijah's Promise" in the subject line.

Help Us Support Gabe

Gabe is 18 years old and working hard to build a stable life for himself.

After his mother died by suicide years ago, Gabe has bounced around in multiple states starting in upstate NY, moved to Nebraska and ended up in NJ. His most recent foster family moved on from him because he turned 18 and they are not receiving financial income by having him. After aging out of foster care, Gabe unexpectedly found himself without the support system he had depended on. He is currently staying at a men's shelter while working to figure out his next steps and become more independent.

He recently began his senior year of high school and has to walk almost 3 miles every day to school. His only income is GA $185 per month which goes to his cell phone bill and hygiene items. Despite the many challenges he has faced, he is a young man who deserves the opportunity to have the basic necessities and support needed to move forward.

We are currently looking for donations of:

 **A bicycle** — to help Gabe get to school

 **Clothing** — Men's **Large,** Pants **size 36**

 **Shoes** — Men's **10.5–11**

These may seem like simple items, but for a young person starting out on his own, they can make a tremendous difference. A bicycle can provide transportation to work, appointments, errands, and other opportunities, while appropriate clothing and shoes can help him feel prepared and confident as he takes his next steps.

If you have any of these items to donate, we would be incredibly grateful. Our goal is simple: **help Gabe have the basic tools and support he needs to become independent and build a positive future.**

Thank you for considering helping this young man get a fresh start.

Contact the church office for more information:

admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking faith home

Resolve conflicts in the church with mercy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 18:15-20**	**Seeking reconciliation**
Monday	**Ezekiel 33:7-11**	**God's judgment seeks repentance**
Tuesday	**Romans 13:8-14**	**Love for one another**
Wednesday	**Philippians 4:1-3**	**Paul encourages the Lord's followers**
Thursday	**Romans 5:6-11**	**Being acceptable to God**
Friday	**Ephesians 4:25-32**	**Rules for the new life**
Saturday	**Psalm 119:33-40**	**A prayer for understanding**
Sunday	**Matthew 18:21-35**	**A parable about forgiveness**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one." **Matthew 18:15 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, teach us your ways that we may live together in peace and see Jesus in the face of others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, in the midst of violent storms and droughts we encounter in the world, we thank you for this gift of food and for those who have brought it to us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May God bless you to love your neighbor as yourself.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

taking faith home

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lift Up Your Heads

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:

- What do you do when your relationship with a neighbor, family member, or someone else is in conflict?
- Jesus says we are to pursue others with love and grace. How can knowing this help you to resolve differences in relationships that are difficult?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 18:15-20.

All relationships experience conflict, even relationships in the church. Jesus is aware of this and lays out a plan of action: out of love, be direct. It is the way of life of the people of God. This is announced by Paul in Romans 13:10: *"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."* Being right is not good enough. Having your own way is not good enough. Be loving, be merciful, and pursue what is right; face conflict through a personal conversation to resolve the issue. But if the person who has hurt you does not repent, this is not an excuse to treat them badly. Treat them as Jesus would treat a Gentile or tax collector. He pursued them with his love. Jesus is present in all our relationships, even the stressful ones. We are to seek out relationships with love and mercy.

Discuss: When you have been wronged or hurt in a relationship, how did you handle it? How might Jesus' words in Matthew 18 impact how you respond?

Pray: **Lord Jesus, when I am with others, remind me that you are present. Strengthen us to love one another anew each day. 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 help resolve a hurtful relationship you have with someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus said, *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* (Matthew 18:20). Think or talk about people in your life at home, school, work, in your family, and in your neighborhood. Write their names down on a sheet of paper and next to each name, a word or words that describe your relationship with each one. How is Jesus present in those relationships? Light a candle to symbolize Jesus' presence within you.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, help us to love others, live together in peace, and see your face in others. Amen.**

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**



Calling All Bakers (and Non-Bakers)!

We are looking for volunteers to help bake the communion bread for the **first Sunday of each month**.

Whether you're an experienced baker or would simply like to learn, we'd love to have you be part of this meaningful ministry.
See the recipe below. Additional information and the sign up sheet can be found in the weekly email.

Recipe

7/8 cup lukewarm water (or a bit more if needed)
4 tbsp. honey
2 tbsp. olive oil
1/4 tsp. salt
2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour*
1 pkg. active quick rising yeast
*Note: Do not use stone ground flour or the bread will be crumbly. Pillsbury plain whole wheat flour works well. The recipe can easily be doubled.

Directions

Total Time: Approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes
1. Measure the water into a mixing bowl and add yeast, stirring until the yeast is dissolved.
2. Stir in the honey, oil, and salt.
3. Stir in the unsifted flour.
4. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured board and knead for 5 minutes until elastic.
5. Replace the dough in a greased bowl, cover with a damp towel and let it rise for 1 1/2 hours until double.
6. Roll out the dough to 1/4 – 1/2 inch thick and cut into rounds with a biscuit cutter, a tin can or a glass. Make a cross in each loaf with a serrated knife.
7. Transfer to a lightly oiled baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	September 6 **9:30 A.M.** Rite I	**September 13** **9:30 A.M.** Rite II
Presider	Rev. Scott Russell	Rev. Scott Russell
Preacher	Rev. Scott Russell	Rev. Scott Russell
Deacon	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts
Organist	Special Music	TBD
Lector & Intercessor	Kevin Stansbury	Debra Lowe
LEM	Debra Lowe	Mel Garber
Vestry Announcements	Karen Colabaugh	Jonathan Gloster
Usher	Mel Garber/ Peggy Smith	Peggy Smith
Production Minister	Kabir Golfphin	Jonathan Gloster
Altar Guild	Shannon Pullaro/ Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper
Coffee Hour	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

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