



St. John's Episcopal Church

Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026 10am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #401 *The God of Abraham praise*

LEONI

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.

The Gloria *Hymnal S-280*

Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal, listed in numerical order before the hymns

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 of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 Give *thänks* to the LÓRD and cáll upón his Name; *
make known his deeds amóng the péoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing práises tó him, *
and speak of all his márvelóus works.
- 3 Glory ín his hóly Name; *
let the hearts of those who séek the LÓRD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LÓRD and his strength; *
contínually séek his face.
- 5 Remember the márvels hé has done, *
his wonders and the júdgments óf his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Ábraham his servant, *
O children of Jácob his chósén.
- 23 Ísrael / came into Égypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in / the lánd of Häm.
- 24 The LORD made his people ex/ceedingly frúitful; *
he made them stronger than / their énemíes;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they / hated his péople, *
and dealt unjustly with / his sérvänts.
- 26 He sent / Moses his sérvant, *
and Aaron whom he / had chósén.

45c Hallelujah!

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BOURBON

*Verses 1 - 3 will be sung before the reading of the Gospel.
Verses 4 and 5 will be sung after the reading.*

The Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

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Presider

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Julia, our bishop; for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for for Tony, Lyn, Megan, Lin, David, Gloria, Jack, Ned, Katherine, Edward and those we now name either silently or aloud.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector



During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via Tithe.ly. Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.

Offertory Hymn #593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

DICKINSON COLLEGE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Presider gives thanks to God, continuing until the words

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

The Sanctus Hymnal S-125

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 Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

The Presider continues the Eucharistic Prayer, continuing until the words

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 Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand as able.*

Presider Let us pray.

People **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

Closing Hymn #579 *God is lover, let heaven adore him*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Ministers Serving Today:

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Presider

Douglas Witte, Organist

Julianne Gearhart, Vestry Person of the Day

Jake Sterling and Alice Krapf, Readers

John Quinn, Intercessor

John Quinn, Chalice Bearer

D. Lawrence Ross, Altar Guild

Joanne Graziano, Usher

Barbara Bush and Jen DiManno, Refreshments

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning to divide your garden shade perennials in the weeks ahead? If so, please consider donating them to our garden! The bunnies have feasted on the things we planted last spring so all donations would be greatly appreciated. Plants can be left in the large blue recycling bin in the rear garden next to the shed.

This coming Saturday, our friends from Charlestown Community Cares will be holding their Community Closet from 2pm to 4pm here at the church. Volunteers are invited to come before, during and after the sale to help with set up and clean up.

On Sunday, September 13, we begin our “program year!” The choir will return, church school classes will be held and we will finish the morning with a cookout. Plan to join us!

We hope to have additional work in our kitchen spaces done this week to put finishing touches on the beautiful donated cabinets.

As the school year approaches, please be thinking of groups or organizations that might be interested in renting space in the Parish House. We have availability throughout the week for morning, afternoon and evening rentals. Help spread the word!

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