

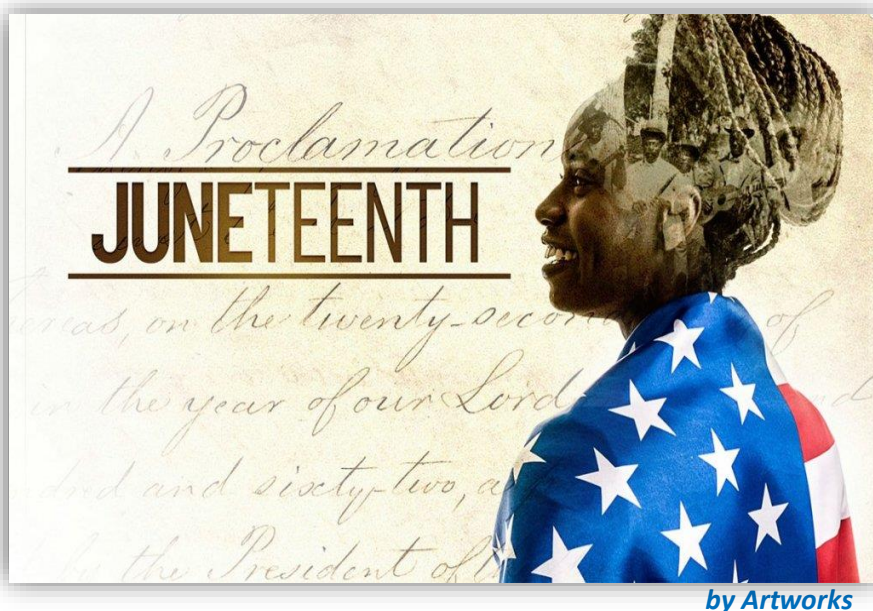
St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Worship at Home: During Our Blessed Interruption

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 7

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Celebration of Juneteenth and The Youth of St. Philip's



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Opening Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, author of true freedom, whose will it is to shape all men and women into a single people released from slavery, and who offer us a tome of grace and blessing, grant to your people, we pray, that, as we receive new growth in freedom, we may appear more clearly to the world as the universal sacrament of salvation, manifesting and making present the mystery of your love for all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Libation Ceremony

The Entrance Rite

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

People: And blessed be God's 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.***

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 30:25-26

On every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks running with water—on a day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover, the light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold, like the light of seven days, on the day when the Lord binds up the injuries of his people, and heals the wounds inflicted by his blow.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20

Exaudiat te Dominus

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

Sarah Lee

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.***

Prayers of the People

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide world-wide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially Ryker Armstrong, Patricia Brice, Denise Brown, Jean Carroll, Janette Davis, Doris Dickerson, Christina Foster, Christine Forrest, Eudora Forrest, Lewis Forrest, Annie Gould, Eva Hicks, Floyd Higgs, David Hoggard, Carter Huber,

Jasmine Kee, Eli Kince, Mary Little, Jonathan Lyles, Michael Mack, Clarissa Martin, Haywood McCallum, Johnetta Merritt, Lela A. Morris, Roscoe Parker, Beblon Parks, Randolph Phillip, Venita Phillip, Steve Russell, Frank Saunders, Dora Sims, Amy Smith, James Smith, Pam Southall, Patty Sydnor, Kenny Taylor, Ed West, and Marilyn West. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Constance Cunningham-Glenn, Walter Hammond, Elsie Fields, Unwanna Dabney, and Ron Wesley as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants; Pouncee and Adrienne Nelson Mark and Ethnie Jones, and Leslie and Marcia Turton that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

Amen.

The Confession

Celebrant and People: 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.*

Absolution

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, 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.

Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Offertory

Celebrant: Let us be profoundly thankful for all who went before us who carried God's Dream through the nightmare times. Let us honor their anonymous dignity and courage, faith and hope. Let us embody their life-giving ways by sharing dignity and courage, faith and hope with others. On Juneteenth, let us share smiles and words of affirmation, meals and commitments to just action. In it all, let us celebrate what God has done and is doing as we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the gifts we give.

Musical Offering

"Jesus Loves Me This I Know"

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 LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Philip and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.

All: AMEN.

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

**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.**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: In the Episcopal tradition, we believe that when circumstances make it impossible to consume the Eucharistic elements, our desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion.

I invite all those who are unable to receive the consecrated bread and wine this day, but who long for the grace and blessing of God through our Savior Jesus Christ, to join me in this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

In union, Blessed Jesus, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer my praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

A Prayer for Fathers and Father Figures

Dear God,

Thank you for all the fathers and father-figures in this world and for the many ways you use them to lovingly guide others to Your heart. I ask that you bless them and give them great joy and peace. May they see You and know You in new ways. Show them how much you love them and care about them. Guide their steps, use their hands, and make them a blessing to others as you continue to fulfill your special purpose for their lives. *Amen.*

Recognition of our Youth

A Prayer of Protection for our Children

Lord God, we pray for Your protection over our children. You are our hiding place, and under Your wings we can always find refuge. Protect these your children from trouble wherever they go and keep evil far from them. No matter where they are, allow them to look to You as their Protector, the One Who fights for them every day. Your love and faithfulness, along with Your goodness and mercy, surround these your children daily, so they will not fear whatever might come against them. We trust in You, God, and we give thanks to You for Your love and protection. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Juneteenth Litany

Celebrant: As we commemorate freedom as African Americans, let us not forget the trials and tribulations faced by our ancestors forced into slavery for hundreds of years.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Celebrant: Let us continue to emphasize the importance of education and the advancement of the African American race.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Celebrant: God has granted us freedom, let use it wisely, guard it carefully, and embrace it totally.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Celebrant: Allow this Juneteenth celebration to serve as a reminder of our tenacity, our ability to hold on to hope and to our God.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Celebrant: Let all people of all religions come together and acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to negatively influence American society.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us so.

Celebrant: Allow other ethnic groups to be sensitized to the conditions our ancestors endured and help them to understand why racism and bigotry cannot have the last word.

People: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us so.

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, the scars our past and of systematic racism plague our nation, our communities and our churches. For too long, too many of us stood silent or said too little as our Black brothers and sisters and siblings succumbed by the brutal blows of racism's cruel injustice.

Let us say their names, those who bled and died on this punishing cross and ask forgiveness.

Celebrant: Let all African Americans continue to hope for a better tomorrow while remembering and rejoicing over our triumphant heritage.

People: We will not forget "Juneteenth." We will continue to tell our ancestral story of bondage that gave way to freedom, both physically and spiritually. We shall forever strive to advance the Kingdom of God through liberation and excellence.

All: Thanks be unto God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us!

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The Blessing

Celebrant: May sacred waters flow down, filling neighborhood brooks with what is needed to bind all injuries. May holy light be magnified, illuminating paths toward redemptive healing within our communities. May the Peace of Christ, that transcends all mortal understanding, bless us this day and forevermore. ***Amen.***

Dismissal (*Drums*)

Worship Participants

Lectors:

Abigail Foster / Alan Foster / Alexandria Foster

Soloists:

Sherida Davis-Bryan / Charmaine McGilvary / Karen Savage
Janet Copeland / Anthony Ray / Fronnell Weaver

Drums:

"Drums No Guns"

Organist/Minister of Music: Dr. Willis Barnett



Congratulations St. Philip's Students 2021

We are so proud of you!!

College --> **WORLD!**



Nadia Marlei Phillip Greene –

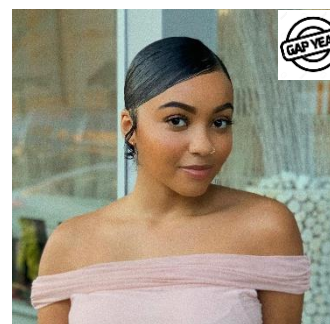
Nadia graduated from Howard University on May 8, 2021. She majored in International Affairs and Minored in Spanish. As expected, Nadia graduated Summa Cum Laude and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

What's next? She plans to take a gap year to work and travel before attending graduate school in the fall of 2023.

High School --> **College & Gap Year**

Alexandria Olivia Foster –

Olivia, as we know her, graduated from Glen Allen High School. Before starting college, she has decided to take a gap year as part of her plan to conquer the world!



High School --> College & Gap Year



Sarah Lee –

Sarah who is giving the homily this morning is a member of the Hanover High School Class of 2021. She received a Health Science Specialty Center Certificate from Reynolds Community College as part of Hanover High School's Dual Enrollment Program. Sarah is a member of the National Beta Club and the Leader 7th Up Mentoring Program.

Sarah will continue her education at Reynolds Community College with plans to transfer to Bon Secours Medical Imaging Program. Because of her love for children, she will also study Early Childhood Development while at Reynolds.

Sarah is a St. Philip's Acolyte at the 8:00am service. She has been a member of Girl Scouts USA since she was 7 years old. She has earned her Bronze and Silver Awards. She will complete the tedious work for her Gold Award this summer. An award which only 5% of Girl Scouts earn.

When not working at "Just Like Home" Childcare Center, Sarah enjoys ballroom dancing and spending time with her family.

Middle School -- > High School



Carmen Christina Jackson –

Carmen graduated from St. Benedict Catholic School. She received an award for her outstanding artistic abilities. Carmen is looking forward to attending high school at Trinity Episcopal School in September.

Middle School -- > **High School**

Gavin Johnson –

Gavin has enjoyed his middle school experience at St. Christopher's Middle School. He is looking forward to the challenges of high school at St. Christopher's Upper School in the fall.



Elementary -- > **Middle School**

Abigail Foster –



Abby as she very much prefers, will be moving up to St. Catherine's Middle School. This move has an extra bonus. Her twin, Alan, who attends St. Christopher's will move-up next year. St. Christopher's students start middle school a year after St. Catherine's! No doubt Abby will enjoy being in middle school before her brother for the year.

Abby loves to swim, play basketball, and read. She's also a member of the St. Philip's Girl Scout Troop.

Ian Tutwiler

Ian has said goodbye to his years at Elmont Elementary School. While he was at Elmont, Vangie Poindexter was his 2nd grade teacher! It must have been special to go to the same church as your teacher. Ian is looking forward to going to Liberty Middle School in September.



Kindergarten --> **First Grade**



Cori Carter –

Cori completed her first year of kindergarten at Echo Lake Elementary School virtually. She will attend Blue Sky Camp at Leafspring School over the summer. Cori is looking forward to attending in-person first grade at Echo Lake in the fall.

Pre-K --> **Kindergarten**

Mara Albertson –

It is time for Kindergarten at All Saints Catholic School and Mara is ready. While in Pre-K she received the Student of the Month Honor. She's received many accolades during her tenure in Pre-K such as *"she shows safe, responsible, respectful, and Christ-like behavior"*, *"consistently follows directions"*, *"knows how to stop talking the first time"*. Mara became a St. Philip's Daisy Girl Scout in May.



Berkeley McKenzie Fitzgerald –

Berkeley is looking forward the challenges of Kindergarten at St. Bridget Catholic School. Berkeley is an avid reader. She loves to swim. Berkeley also enjoys gymnastics – Simone Biles watch out! Berkeley is coming to crush your records! Berkeley became a St. Philip's Daisy Girl Scout in May.

Congratulations St. Philip's Youth!





Virtual Worship, Prayer & Bible Study	Time	Phone	St. Philip's Website or Facebook Live	Zoom
Sunday Bible Study	9:00am	Dial: 978-990-5000 Access code: 656298 #		
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00am	Dial: 1-301-715- 8592 ID: 937 9611 8377 Password: 074878	Go to our website: stphilipsrva.org or our Facebook page: St. Philip's Episcopal RVA	Meeting ID: 937 9611 8377 Password: 074878
Tuesday Night Prayer	8:00pm		Go to our website: stphilipsrva.org or our Facebook page: St. Philip's Episcopal RVA	
Wednesday Circle of Love Noonday Prayer	12:00pm	Dial: 978-990-5000 Access code: 870051 #		

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