

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

Our **Mission** is to **love, praise**, **welcome,** and **serve**:
· to **love** one another as Christ loves us,
· to **praise** God in all things,
· to **welcome** and affirm all persons,
· to **serve** the needs of one another and of those
on the island, the peninsula, and throughout the world.

Pastor Elaine Hewes, Priest in Charge and Celebrant
Connie Mayo, Music Director
Bunny Reardon and Jim Adams, Guest Musicians

Pentecost Proper 16
August 25, 2024

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: We honor the Indigenous people everywhere, particularly the Wabanaki Nations, acknowledging that the land we now occupy is their ancestral home. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us, rather, we belong to the Earth.
Congregation: **May we learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world, and for all creation.**

The bell is rung three times

Prelude: *Adagio & Allegro, Sonata #2* Benedetto Marcello

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell

Opening Hymn 460 *Alleluia, sing to Jesus (verses 1, 3 and 4, in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences
Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: God of grace,
Congregation: **you have given us minds to know you,**

hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise: ELW 880 *(first verse)*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you. *Selah*

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob. *Selah*

Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the LORD withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
O LORD of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Lesson: Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-20
Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 6:56-69
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ.**
Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.
When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence

Baptism

Celebrant: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises

us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.
Who presents this child for baptism?
Parents respond: We do.

Celebrant: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?
Parents' Response: We do.

Celebrant: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?
Parents' Response: We do.

Celebrant addresses sponsors: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Sponsors' Response: We do.

Celebrant addresses the congregation: People of God, do you promise to support this child and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
Congregation: **We do.**

The congregation stands.

Profession of Faith

The Celebrant addresses the candidate for baptism as well as the parents, the sponsors, and the congregation
Celebrant: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Congregation: **I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Congregation: **I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Congregation: **I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
Congregation: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Congregation: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Congregation: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving at the Font
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.
Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that the child who is now washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

The Congregation may be seated.

Baptism
Celebrant: Henry Leander Michael Cornelius, I baptize you in the name of the Father;
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**
You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Henry with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Henry Leander Michael Cornelius, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Welcome

A *lighted candle is given to the newly baptized*

Leader: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The Celebrant and the baptismal group face the congregation.

Leader: Let us welcome the newly baptized!
Congregation: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Congregation sings a baptismal lullaby to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

Love is strong and love is true,
Love holds the world, and love holds you.
Let the nighttime sounds you hear
Sing of love that's always near.
Now, my child, sleep well, good night,
Everything will be all right.

Prayers of the People
Leader: In peace, we pray to you, loving God.

(Silence)

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work.
Congregation: **May we, with God's grace, be present to, and aware of, the needs of our families, friends, and neighbors.**

Leader: For the leaders of our communities, the nation, and the world. May they act with wisdom to advance the cause of peace and justice for all.
Congregation: **With God's grace may we also speak up courageously for peace, justice and freedom from oppression.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;
Congregation: **May we look for ways to simplify our lives, curtail our consumption and advocate for just and creative solutions to the realities of climate change.**

Leader: For all who are in sorrow or any kind of trouble.
Congregation: **As people of faith in a God who loves all, may we practice the works of mercy- visit the sick, the imprisoned, the lonely.**

Leader: For peace and unity within all Christian churches.
Congregation: **May we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus in our actions and our words.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Thomas, our Bishop; and all priests and deacons who serve our churches.

Congregation: **We pray for their well-being, and may we give thanks for their commitment to serve the Church.**

Leader: For all who serve God in whatever way they can.
Congregation: **May we learn to accept our limitations of time and energy but also, in the name of Jesus, be generously engaged to the best of our ability here at St Brendan and in the surrounding community.**

Leader: For all who have died, for all who mourn their loved ones.
Congregation: **May we offer comfort to those who mourn.**

Leader: I invite you to add your own prayers and thanksgivings.

Members of the congregation are invited to add prayers and thanksgivings at this time.

Leader: Do any of you on Zoom wish to add prayers and thanksgivings?

Leader: O Holy One, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Set our hearts on fire with your love and give us the courage to speak and live that love as we minister to each other and the world.
Congregation: **Amen.**

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

Silence

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.

Celebrant: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace within yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with you who are with us remotely today.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

The people are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn ELW 453 *Baptized and Set Free (in back of bulletin)*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love
Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.
Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.
With the angels of light who envelop us,
with all the saints before and beside us,
with brothers and sisters, east and west,
we sing to you.
And with our loved ones, separate from us now,
who yet in this mystery are close to us,
we join in the song of your unending greatness:

Sanctus ELW 193 *(next page)*


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues: Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to you.
In the same way he took wine
and having given thanks for it, he poured it out
and gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood.
Take this and share it.

Congregation: **Hear us, O Christ,**
and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life.
May they heal, renew, and make us whole.
And as the bread and wine
which we now eat and drink are changed into us,
may we be changed again into you,
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
loving and caring in the world. Amen.

Celebrant: Gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, let us all pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:
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.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
Congregation: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: In recognition of and in solidarity with those who are worshiping with us remotely this morning, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:
Celebrant and Congregation: **In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of the Church where the bread and wine are offered, and in union with those who are with us today by the internet, we offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. We believe that Jesus is present in the Breaking of the Bread, the Holy Sacrament of Communion and in ways more numerous and mysterious than we can imagine. We embrace you, Jesus, with all our hearts, souls and minds. Nothing can separate us from you, nor are we separated from one another.**

Those gathered at St. Brendan receive the bread and wine.

And now may the Presence of Jesus, in whatever form it has come to you this morning, nourish you in grace, comfort you in love, and inspire you to be Christ's presence in the world.

Post Communion Prayer
Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn 344 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Canonic Sonata in G Major* Georg F. Telemann

Announcements

Dismissal

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CALENDAR

All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Monday, August 26	8:30 a.m. Simmering Pot 4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
August 27- August 30	Art of Siri Beckman Gallery Hours 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday
Tuesday, August 27- 30	Women's Retreat
Wednesday, August 28	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. No Bible Study this week 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, September 1	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling presiding

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, September 4	10:30 a.m. "Exploring Healing Prayer", *(second session)* facilitated by Joan Maxwell
Sunday, September 8	5:00 p.m. Celtic Eventide
Wednesday, September 11	10:30 a.m. Dr. Sam Harrington—"Tough Questions, Helpful Answers: Hope alone is not a viable plan for the life completion you envision"
September 13-15	Reggie Harris visit.

GPS (Giving our Priorities Shape) Action

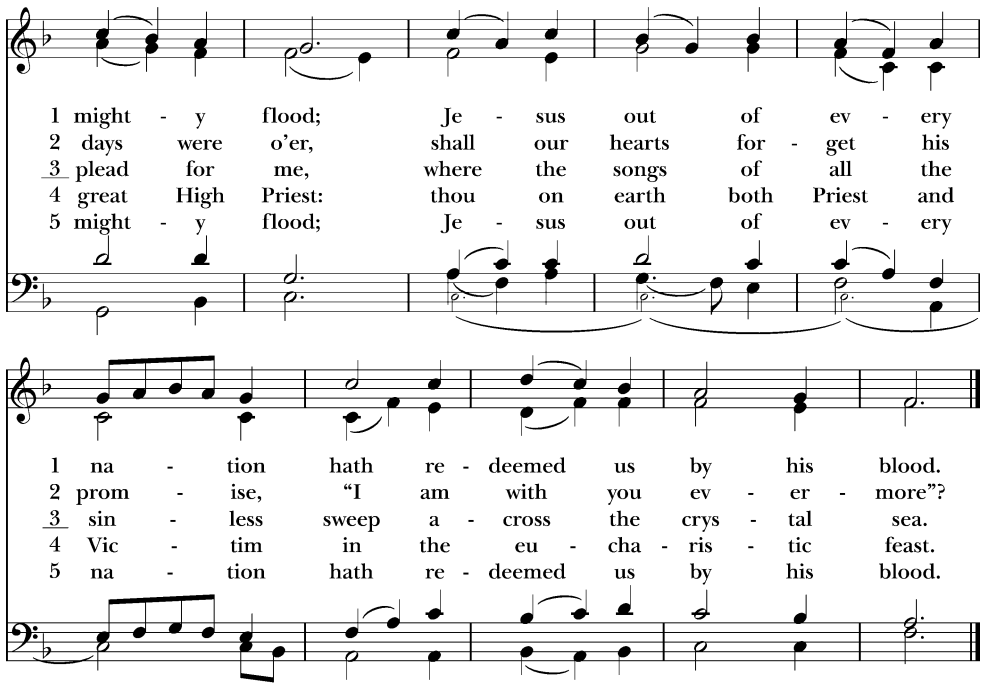
Love Thy Neighbor

Looking ahead to September's GPS focus on Care for Creation, you are invited to celebrate with **Project Monarch** the release of the season's monarchs on Sunday, September 1, at 2 pm at the Garden Project's Restoration Garden at the Stonington Transfer Station behind the Airport. Visit the thegardenprojectme.org for more details about this project, which has been in the making since early spring.



Alleluia! sing to Jesus *The Hymnal 1982,* #460

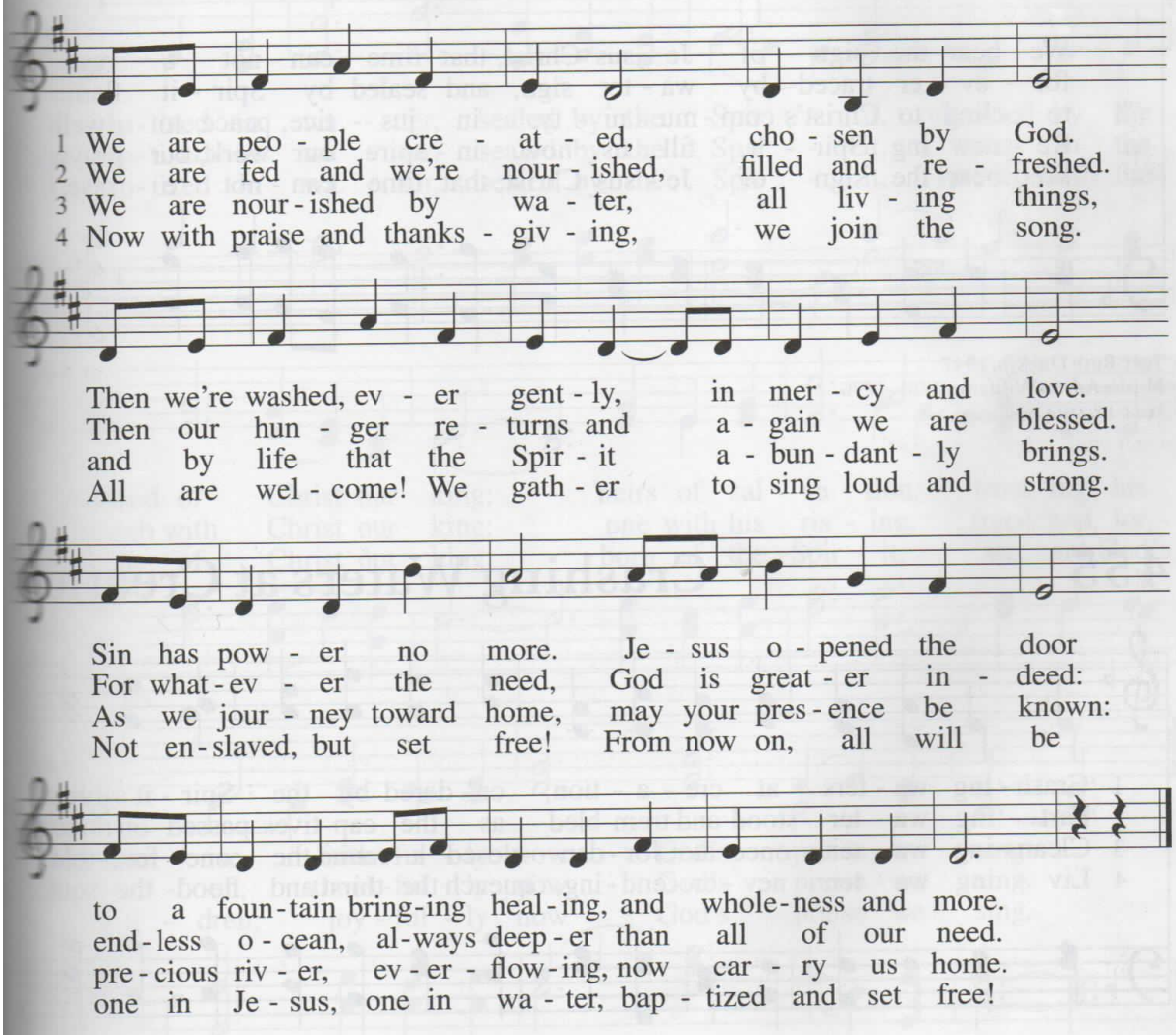




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Baptized and Set Free

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Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing *The Hymnal 1982*, #344



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