



ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Deer Isle Maine

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Pentecost Proper 15

August 16, 2026

9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation-Memorial Garden

10:00 a.m. Gathering in the Sanctuary

Celebrant: We acknowledge that the land we now occupy is the ancestral home of the Wabanaki People. We grieve the history of greed and violence that led to their loss of life, land, language and culture.

Congregation: We pray for the courage to find ways to support our indigenous neighbors who still face injustice and prejudice. May we always remember, as do the Wabanaki peoples, that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we belong to the Earth.

Silence is begun and ended with a ring of the bell.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *Psalm XIX*

Benetto Marcello

Opening Hymn: 544 *Jesus Shall Reign where'er the Sun* (back of bulletin)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Congregation: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise LEVAS 12 (*first verse only*)

We're Marching to Zion *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #12

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
 2. Let those refuse to sing Who nev-er knew our God; But
 3. The hill of Zion yields A thou-sand sa-cred sweets Be-
 4. Then let our songs a-bound, And ev-'ry tear be dry; We're

1. in a song with sweet ac-cord, Join in a song with sweet ac-
 2. chil-dren of the heav'n-ly King, But chil-dren of the heav'n-ly
 3. fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, Be-fore we reach the heav'n-ly
 4. march-ing through Im-man-uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im-man-uel's

1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne. —
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad. —
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets. —
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high. —

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
 Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God. —

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Genesis 45: 1-15

“Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck

and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



A How very good and pleasant it is*
when kindred live together in unity! (*Return to A Congregation sings*)
A It is like the precious oil on the head,*
running down upon the beard, ||
B on the beard of Aaron,*
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,*
which falls on the mountains of Zion. ||
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,*
life forever-more.

Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.
Hear what the Spirit is saying
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Sequence Hymn: ELW 612 *Healer of our Every Ill (in back of bulletin)*

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Congregation: Glory to you, O Christ
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence begins and ends with the ringing of the bell

Affirmation
We believe in God, the source of love,
who breathed God's Spirit into all of creation,
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,
and who calls God's children to be about the work of reconciliation
and justice in the world God so loves.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
who was born of a woman,
who modeled for us a way of living on the earth,

and whose passionate love for God's creation
led to his Passion and death on the cross.

But death was not the last word.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who moved over the darkness at the beginning to bring light and life,
and who moves over the darkness still,
opening our hearts to God's incarnate presence in our midst
and calling us to be manifestations of incarnation
in the name and in the way of Jesus.

Prayers of the People

Leader: God, who calls us, hear our prayers and be swift to answer us as we say, *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Embolden your church. Let it seek to bring the healing power of the living Christ to a wounded world. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: In our nation, grant courage to those who stand for the equality of all persons and who advocate justice for all. Strengthen us to stand up and speak out against all efforts to dehumanize others especially immigrants and refugees and those thrust to the margins of our society. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen the faith of those gathered here today that we might be encouraged in the work you have called us to do, and even in these uncertain and frightening times, to hope and to trust that, despite everything, we might sense what is possible. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth and for all life impacted by our changing climate. Guide us in working to ensure the rich bounty of your creation is shared equitably and sustainably. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: May you help us be present with those impacted by illness, despair, hunger or violence. Embolden us to extend to them a share of your peace which passes understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives. We hold up all who mourn. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Please offer your prayers and thanksgivings at this time

All are invited to add their own prayers here.

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

Leader and Congregation: **Hear our prayers and assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us all united under the wing of your everlasting love. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: God of wild, windy and prodigal love,

Congregation: **We confess our bondage to fear,**

Our smallness of heart,

Our lack of imagination,

Our guardedness in giving,

Our complicity in systems of racial and economic injustice,

Our misuse of the gifts of creation,

Our resistance to the Way of Jesus.

We ask your mercy and the power of your Wholly, Holy Spirit

to burn through our defenses,

to break open our hearts,

to ignite our imaginations and

to raise us from the dead,

that we might be signs of your healing and liberating love in the world.

Celebrant: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, hear this good news:

You have been set free by the love of God made known in Jesus and by the power of God's creating, liberating Spirit. Rise from what binds you into the love that calls you, and burn with God's Holy Spirit in all that you do. In the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit.

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 Anthem

Chelsea Davis

Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching our Worship #3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus: WLP 857

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r 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.

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Celebrant continues: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Congregation: **Dying, you destroyed our death.**

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Celebrant: Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Congregation: **Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

Fraction Anthem

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. United by the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst, we acknowledge the Holy Sacrament of communion and the fullness of Christ’s presence in the gifts of the bread and the wine and in countless other ways in our lives. As a community of faith, nothing can separate us from the love of God nor are we separated from one another.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God ...

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

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: We give thanks for this meal of Holy Mystery and remembrance,
and for coming to us as we have shared it.

Congregation: **May the love we find at this table**

be reflected in our lives;

May the power we receive at this table

make us peacemakers and healers;

And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table

lead us to be those who proclaim God’s Reign

in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: 493 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Voluntary on Azmon*

Announcements

Dismissal

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Affirmation and Confession written by Elaine Hewes

GIVING OUR PRIORITIES SHAPE (GPS) ACTION ITEM

Justice for All

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) set a historic high in July 2026, making roughly 51,000 administrative arrests. Temporary Protected Status (TPS) has officially ended following a U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing the termination to proceed. The Department of Homeland Security's cancellation has gone into effect, stripping roughly 300,000 to 350,000 Haitians of their legal deportation protections and work permits.

We ask you to continue to keep in mind and to support, however you can, the legal and human rights of immigrants, some of whom have lived in this country for decades under protection but who are now endangered by orders of the current administration. Some organizations are accompanying immigrants through this life-threatening time. See the Navigator for links to these organizations.

CALENDAR

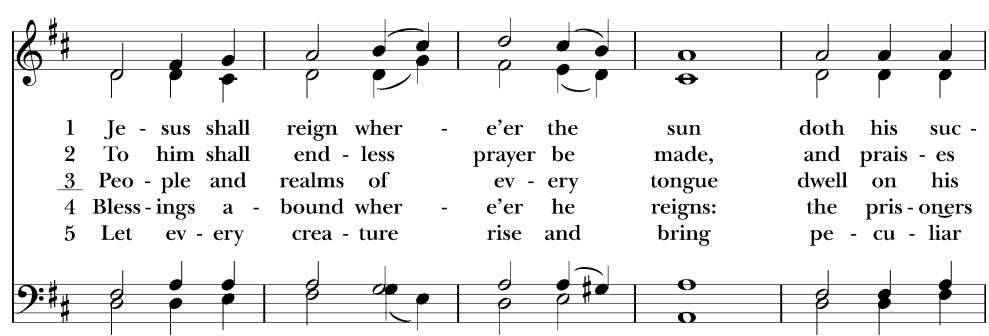
All services and meetings will be held both in-person and via Zoom unless otherwise designated.

Sunday, August 16	12:00 noon p.m. The premiere full performance of “Voices of God”, a chamber music collaborative work of Elaine Hewes and the late John Kreidler, a beloved American composer and father of Chelsea Davis.
Monday, August 17	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 19	10:00 a.m. In-Person Meditation/Silent Prayer 10:30 a.m. Bible Study led by The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Saturday, August 22	8:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast (transferred from August 15)
Sunday, August 23	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist led by The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

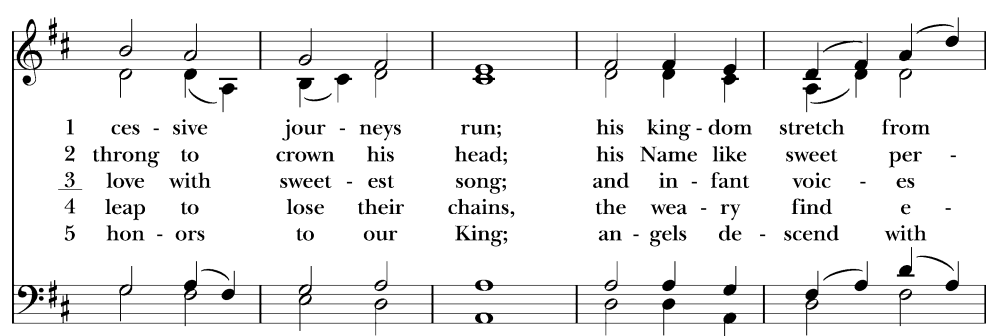
Looking Ahead

September 8-11	17 th Annual St. Brendan’s Women’s Retreat at Bishopswood
October 8	7:00 p.m. "Courage is Contagious" - An evening with Bishop Mariann Budde, Merrill Auditorium in Portland (more info will follow)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun *The Hymnal 1982, #544*



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

Healer of Our Every Ill

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Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

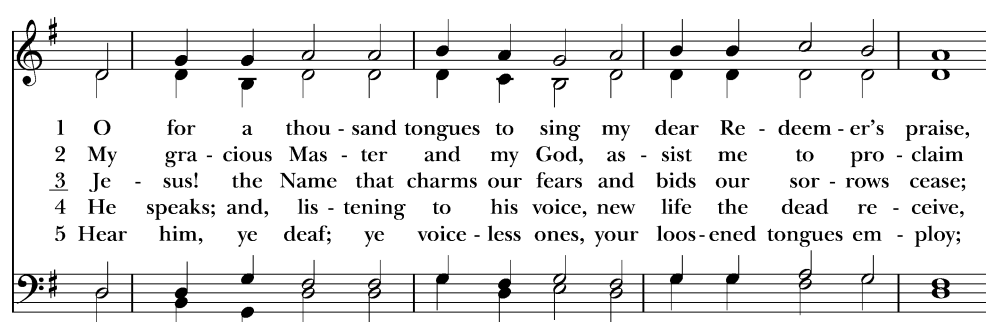


peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

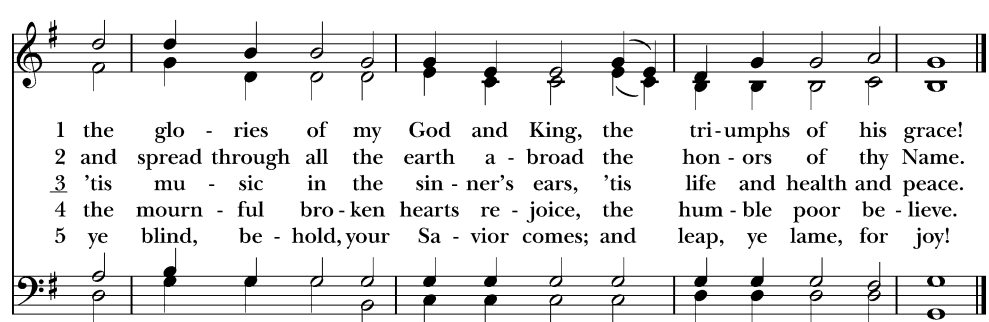
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HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL
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O for a thousand tongues to sing *The Hymnal 1982*, #493



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Prayer of St. Brendan

Lord, we will trust You,
 help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.
Give us the faith to leave old ways and
 break fresh ground with You.
Christ of the mysteries,
 we trust You to be stronger than each storm within us.
We will trust in the darkness and
 know that our times are in Your hand.
Tune our spirit to the music of heaven,
 and somehow, make our obedience count for You.

These are our **values** at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church.

We will:

Welcome others with **respect** and **compassion**;
 Listen to others with **trust** and **appreciation**;
 Seek God's goodness in each person;
Strive for **consensus** and work **collaboratively**;
 Join in acts of **loving kindness**;
 Share our faith joyfully across the generations;
Engage as many of our **parishioners** as possible, **year-round**,
 in our common life and ministries;
Learn from our past and look to the future with **hope**.