



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, Pastor in Charge and Celebrant

Connie Mayo, Choir Director and Guest Pianist

Other Guest Musicians: Sawyer Hawkins, soprano and Barbara Kourajian, pianist

Pentecost Proper 24

October 18, 2026

The Gathering of the Community

9:30 a.m. Gathering at the Meditation 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

Prelude: *Lord, Speak to me*

Robert Schumann

Opening Hymn: 455 *O Love of God (in back of bulletin)*

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

Congregation: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Celebrant: 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.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Song of Praise: WLP 821 (*Choir members will sing through once and Congregation two more times*)

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;

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Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.

Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

Music: John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from *Come All You People*.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**



The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. ||
 The LORD is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. *
 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
 he is the Holy One.

**"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." ||**

**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
 and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.**

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,*
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, ||
 they called upon the LORD,*
 and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. ||
 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
 you were a God who for-gave them,*
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.

**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God*
 and worship him upon his holy hill; ||
 for the LORD our God*
 he is the Holy One.**

Second Lesson: First Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Congregation: **Glory be to you, O Christ.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Elaine Hewes

Silence

Affirmation

As children of God, we affirm:

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation, and
that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment, and
that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

As we enter the last weeks of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar, let us invite the Spirit to blow through our lives and inspire us to live and practice our faith in ever more extraordinary ways.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for this community of St Brendan, and for all members of God's family that we witness more vividly the presence of God and God's love for all.

Hear us O God and may we always be thankful for your presence with us.

We pray for the sick, for the lonely, and for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Hear us O God and may we be ready to offer your love and compassion where it is needed.

We pray for justice and peace for all nations and persons, for a world without conflict.

Hear us O God and give us the courage to advocate for those who are oppressed.

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth and for all peoples impacted by our changing climate, especially by the scarcity of water and other basic resources.

Hear us O God and help us to understand that we can and must live more simply so that others may simply live.

We remember those who have died and give thanks for their presence in our lives. We hold up all who mourn.
Assure us of your Easter promise, O God, and keep us united with them in your everlasting love.

We remember those on our Prayer List

Janet and Scott, Fran Liberatore, Abby Peters, Barbara Wright, Debra and Baby Carter, Harry Vickerson, Julie M.,
Cathy Johnson, Meg Graham, Charlie Putnam, Mike S., Meredydd Cooper, Henna Torrey Roy, Jerry,
Agnes and Billy, Gwyn Murray, Sally, Beth Kyzer, Tammie Cox, Judith Jerome, Mimi Maslan, Judy Miller, Megan,
Bishop Thomas Brown, Naomi, Anne Burton, Hewit, Mary Ann and Terry, Nishah, Corbin, Rebecca,
Pam B., Jaxson, Heather Corey, Stephen Gill, Bill Scaife, Brent Was, Gary and Wellesley,
Mary Lawrence Hicks and family, Nancy Greene, Peter Brown, Seth, Linda Shepard and family, Marcia Scott,
Carol Stoneburner

We remember all children in foster care and their caregivers.

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?

Together we pray,

**Holy One, in love you created us. Grant us the wisdom of your love wherever it leads us and may we always be
nourished and energized by your Spirit.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

Celebrant: 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.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Peace now, peace here, peace everywhere.

Peace to one and peace to all.

Peace among all nations, peace flowing from every heart

Peace to wrap around the corner-less world

until peace becomes an embrace that will never let go.

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: *We belong to God (sung by choir)*

Mexican tune, Arr: John Bell

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

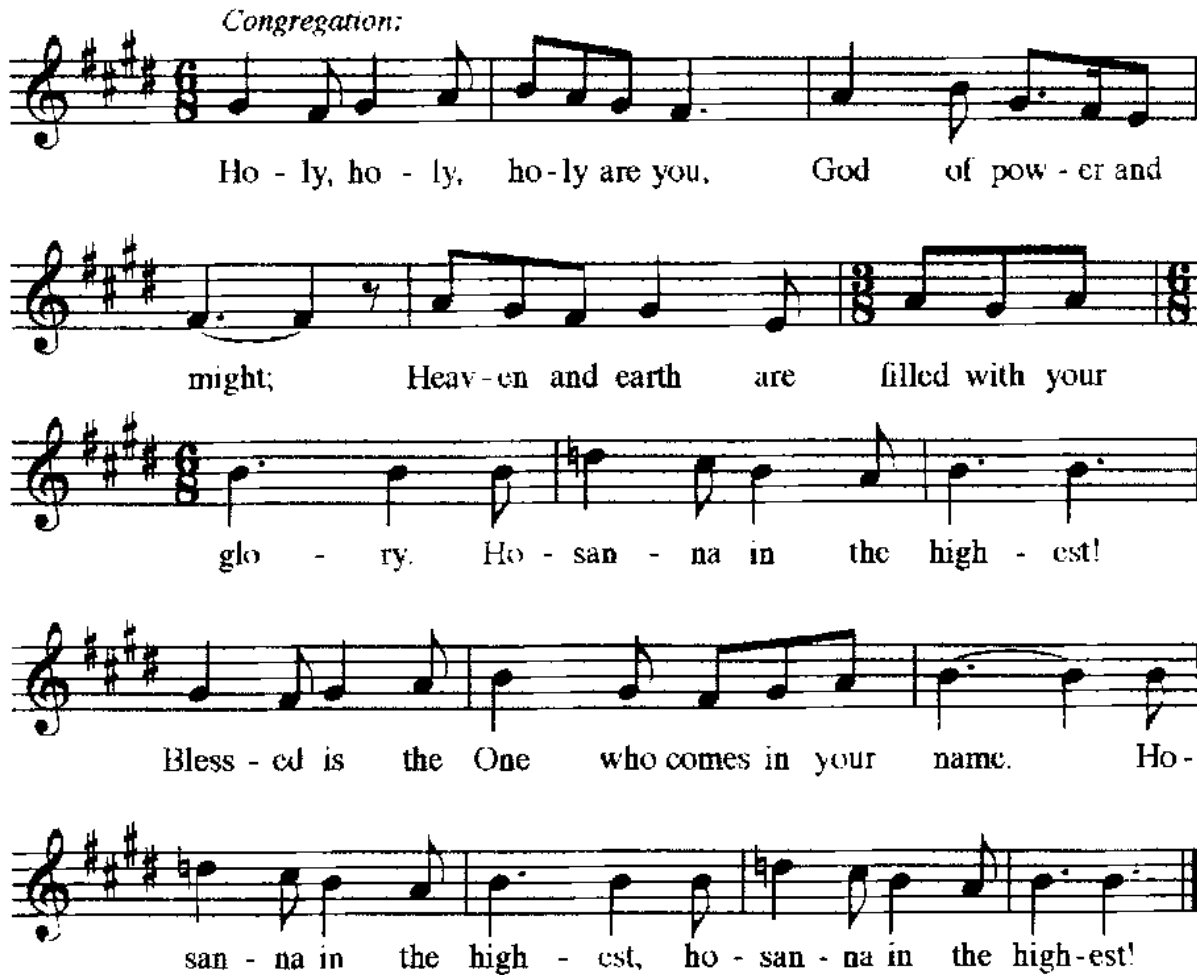
Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

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 ELW 191

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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:

Celebrant and 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.

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.

Celebrant and People: **Blessed are you now and for ever. 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.

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

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 of creation.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: 694 *God be in my head (in back of bulletin)*

Postlude: *Vittoria, mio core!*

Giacomo Carissimi

Announcements

Dismissal

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GPS (Giving Our Priorities Shape) Action Item

Love Thy Neighbor

For the last six weeks of Ordinary Time before the first Sunday of Advent, you are invited to engage more intensely in your “practice” of faith, your heart’s commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in particular to the call to “Love Thy Neighbor”.

There are so many opportunities– the Window Dressers Build at St Brendan’s October 30,-November 5, Simmering Pot soup preparations (next one at St Brendan’s will be Monday, October 26), Island Heating Assistance Fundraiser concert at St Brendan’s Friday, November 14, 3-5 PM, a meal shared, a letter written, a phone call made, a smile, a kind word, a gesture of forgiveness....

Look in the Navigator for a brief description of what we call Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar which is the longest season of the Church year, a time for deepening our relationships with God, with each other, with all of God’s magnificent creation.

CALENDAR

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

Sunday, October 18	3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Housewarming and Open House at Karen and Bruce Downs
Monday, October 19	4:30 p.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday, October 21	10:00 a.m. Meditation/Silent Prayer (in person) 10:30 a.m. Fourth session of a series entitled <i>Using our own Stories to be Advocates for Peace and Justice</i> offered by The Rev. Alice Hildebrand 4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
Sunday, October 25	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Pastor Elaine Hewes presiding and The Rev. Timothy Ensworth preaching

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, October 28	10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Reece presents a session entitled <i>"Six Mystical Poets Sing about Creation"</i> .
Friday, October 30-- Thursday, November 5	8:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m. WindowDressers Community Build
Thursday, November 12	5:00 p.m. Potluck Supper and Discussion on Bishop Mariann Budde's book <i>How We Learn to be Brave</i>

O Love of God (Lyrics only)

- 1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.
- 2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.
- 3 We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.
- 4 We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

SEQUENCE HYMN (Lyrics)

On my heart imprint your image
Lord of love and God of grace,
so that in my words and actions
others see you face to face.

On my life imprint your image,
make my living ever true,
take my heart and hands and spirit
so that I might love like you.

On my will imprint your image,
make me ever only thine
through my loving and my living
may your grace and mercy shine.

High we reach in great thanksgiving,
deep we reach to meet each day,
wide we stretch to meet our neighbor,
help us Lord to find the way.

God be in my head *The Hymnal 1982*, #694

God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

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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.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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**.