## Rector's Note

## 10.17.25

Evensong at the Philadelphia Cathedral. A really fantastic night out to support Need-in-Deed. A cancelled Art Fair that nonetheless was a lovely event to share and buy works owned and created by our members (and it will continue this Sunday!). Lorie's return to the office. A visit with James, who is recovering well at home after his gallbladder surgery. A funeral for the great-granddaughter of Henry Houston, herself an accomplished architect and town planner.

It is all part of a usual active Fall week at St Martin's. Of course, we also had the usual committee meetings, Bible studies, worship, choir rehearsals, community dinner and forum.

And the connections to each other and the community continue this coming week. Kyra Atterbury of Need-in-Deed will guest preach this Sunday. Lay and clergy delegates from St Martin's will be present at Diocesan Convention Friday and Saturday. Some folks from St Martin's will use their voice and feet to protest at No Kings rallies Saturday.

Worship, music and art, caring for each other pastorally, study, and action in the world. They can all be different ways to pray, different ways to be in community, different ways to be in relationship with God. St Martin's is a community that prays in all these different ways, allowing for everyone to be involved in something that speaks to their spirit.

Thanks be to God for the gift of serving and being together.

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