



ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WITH
LOVE**

**Twenty-Second Sunday
After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist**

October 20, 2024
2201 Dexter St., Denver, CO
saintthomasdenver.org

Welcoming Statement

At St. Thomas Episcopal Church, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background or social or economic circumstance or political affiliations, you are welcome here. We share a love of God and each other, a sense of meaning and belonging, a yearning to learn and grow in faith, and a desire to serve others. We are a vibrant, thriving community with opportunities for people of all ages for spiritual growth, fellowship, and making a transformative difference in our community. As an Episcopal Church, we are a worshipping community that is both rich with ancient tradition and relevant to life in the 21st century. We are glad you are here!

Learn More About St. Thomas

If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, we invite you to visit our website (www.saintthomasdenver.org), subscribe to our weekly newsletter (link is on website), or schedule a conversation with our priest by emailing her at terri@saintthomasdenver.org.

Inclusive Language:

At St. Thomas, we support and encourage the use of inclusive language. Towards that end we often choose more contemporary prayers and hymns for our worship service. However, we recognize that many parishioners also appreciate and love our traditional prayers and hymns that employ more patriarchal language. When such prayers or hymns are included in our worship, we encourage you to substitute the word or pronoun that most resonates with you when you pray or sing.

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St. Thomas, Civil Rights and The African American Tradition of Spirituals and Freedom Songs

Africans to enslaved in America created songs to express the hardships of slavery and their longing for freedom and home. Many spirituals combine lyrics about Christian themes with musical elements typical of West and Central Africa, making these songs one of the few ways in which slaves could preserve a small part of their native culture. Music was a common element for Africans from many disparate tribes as they faced new circumstances of terrible suffering and gradually forged a communal identity as African Americans. As they were passed down over the generations, many spirituals were adapted to new circumstances and became important sources of inspiration and expressions of protest in the 20th century, especially during the Civil Rights movement. Music energized the Civil Rights Movement, motivating protestors on long marches and providing psychological strength against harassment and brutality.

St. Thomas has a long legacy of social justice advocacy. In the 1960's a coalition of Park Hill churches, including St. Thomas, their congregants, and other neighborhood residents established the Park Hill Action Committee to create an inclusive neighborhood by dismantling school segregation and the practice of redlining. Park Hill and St. Thomas quickly became the center of the civil rights movement in Colorado. Our work continues to this day. Beginning this September 15th and continuing through the fall, the St. Thomas Choir invites everyone to join them during the offertory in singing Freedom Songs from the Spirituals Tradition. It is our deepest hope that these songs will once again inspire, energize and mobilize us to stand up to those who would strip the rights from people of color, women, immigrants, the LBGTQ community, and people of other faith traditions.

Faith and Democracy Sermon Series

In this election season as we encourage people to let the gospel values guide their actions, conversations and voting decisions, we will be six fundamental teachings of our faith drawn from Jim Wallis' book The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith and Refounding Democracy.

September 22, 2024 The Rev. Terri Hobart	Luke 10:25-37 <i>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. ...Who is my neighbor?</i>
September 29, 2024 Mark Retherford	Genesis 1:26 <i>Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'</i>
October 6, 2024 Cate Colburn-Smith	John 8:32 <i>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'</i>
October 13, 2024 The Rev. Terri Hobart	Matthew 25:31-46 <i>As you have done to the last of these, you have done to me.</i>
October 20, 2024 The Rev. Terri Hobart	Matthew 5:9 <i>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the "children of God."</i>
October 27, 2024 The Rev. Terrance Carroll	Galatians 3:28 <i>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.</i>

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Terrance Carroll

Our Community Is Not A Tribe

October 29, 2024

There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ~ Galatians 3:28

The Rev. Terrance D. Carroll will join us on Sunday October 29, 2024 to close out our sermon series on faith and democracy.

The Rev. Terrance D. Carroll, Esq. was the 54th Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives. He is the only African-American to have served as Speaker of the Colorado House. Terrance has been listed by *5280 Magazine* as one of the "50 Most Influential People in Denver," Terrance's entry noted his reputation as a skillful dealmaker, stating that he is a "critical and respected negotiator."

Currently, Terrance is an attorney with Sherman and Howard, leading the firm's government and political law practice. He is also an opinion columnist for the Denver Post and a Distinguished Guest Lecturer in the Master of Public Policy program at the University of Redlands in California.

Additionally, the Denver Business Journal has listed Terrance as a Power Book Industry Leader in Law. He is an alum of the Marshall Memorial Fellowship of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He previously served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Terrance is a graduate of the Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law, and holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. He is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches-USA and the Progressive National Baptist Church.



Processional*Please stand in body or spirit.**God is Love Let Heaven Adore Him*

Hymnal 1982 #379

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - iron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. *1 John 4:7-8.*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria

LEVAS #243

Glo - ry,
Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,
Glo-ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,
Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,
Glo-ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our - prayer. 6. For

you a - lone_ are the Ho-ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord, 8

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

Women

Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Most glorious God, in Jesus you call your people to true humility and servanthood. Grant to us the boldness to desire a place in your kingdom, the courage to drink the cup of suffering, and the grace to find in service the glory you promise; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *Opening Prayers* (1997) alt.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit as you are able.

A Reading from Job

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

[“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?”]

The Response

After the Reading:

Reader. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Bless the Holy One, O my soul; *
O God, how excellent is your greatness;
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak; *
you spread out the heavens like a curtain.

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.

You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.

You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

O Holy One, how manifold are your works; *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Alleluia!

A Reading from Hebrews

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Response

After the Reading:

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

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Please stand in body or spirit.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

MHSO #18



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The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-9

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

After the Gospel:

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Dismissal Of Children for Godly Play Story

Sung after final gradual verse as children leave the church.

Go now in peace.
Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go

Homily

Please sit as you are able.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand in body or spirit.

We believe in the God of Life,
who creates and loves people,
who acts in history
and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who is our brother,
who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit;
without her we are nothing;
filled with her we are able to become creative,
lively, and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,
a community where we find companions and
courage for the struggles of life,
where we grow in our understanding of the faith,
through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.

We believe that God has a use for us in this time and place, that though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we are called to be instruments of God's peace.

We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying the good of the earth;

We believe that people can change, and God keeps pulling us to life and to a new world of joy and peace. ~ *Women's Uncommon Prayers*

The Prayers of The People

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

During the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kym, our Rector, Terri; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. [especially_____] Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially_____.] Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those on your heart today:_____.

Silence

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving:_____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Collect

Presider God of love, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession

All 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.

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ. Please remain at your seat and greet the people adjacent to you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Guide My Feet

During this hymn the offering is collected. We invite you to generously support the ministries of St. Thomas. If you give electronically, please place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate in lieu of your gift. Scan to donate:



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Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain (race in vain!).

Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain (race in vain!).

Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain (race in vain!).

I'm Your child while I run this race,
I'm Your child while I run this race,
I'm Your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain (race in vain!).

Presentation Hymn
Please stand as you are able.

Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Hymnal 1982 #380 vs 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise, O God, creator and sustainer of the universe. We give you thanks for sun and sea and sky, for plants, birds and animals, for phases of the moon, for stars at night, and planets in their courses. All you make is very good. We give you thanks for our creation and our calling, for friendship and community, for love and laughter, tears and pain of growth.

For your gift of life we praise you we worship and adore you. We give you thanks with those who went before us, with saints and martyrs, evangelists and prophets. With all who stand before you in earth and heaven, from every culture, land and tongue, we praise you, giving voice to every creature, as we join the never ending hymn:

Sanctus

LEVAS #255

Music score for Sanctus, LEVAS #255, featuring eight staves of music with lyrics in English. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel in body or spirit.

Presider (continues)

Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for that life of love, the good news of your reign, and the promise of a banquet where all your children shall be free. To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

And so we gather around your table and with this bread of life and this cup of salvation we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit this bread and this wine and upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness.

Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever.
AMEN.

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Presider

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy Name,

Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our debts as we for-give our debt - ors.

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the
king- dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of The Bread

Fraction Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

WLP #784

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am

Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - - ger!"

do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - - thers." **D.C.**

The Invitation to The Table

The Communion of the People

All who love God and seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive the bread, please place one hand over the other. If you choose not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free communion wafers and chalice are available. Simply, indicate your desire to the clergy. Please note: We do not allow intinction (dipping the bread into the wine.) If you need to have communion brought to you, please alert an usher and the clergy will come to you.

Communion Hymn

All Who Hunger

WLP #761

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

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.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

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Final Blessing

Please stand in body or spirit.

May All Being Dwell in the Heart

A musical score for a single voice in G clef, 4/4 time, and A major (indicated by four sharps). The score consists of five staves of music, each with lyrics underneath. The first staff ends with a repeat sign and a double bar line. The second staff ends with a single bar line and a repeat sign. The third staff ends with a single bar line. The fourth staff ends with a single bar line. The fifth staff ends with a single bar line. The lyrics are as follows:

May all beings dwell in the heart.
May all beings be free from suf-fer-ing.
May all be - (y)ings be healed.
May all beings know their whole - ness.
May all beings be hap-py and at peace.

Recessional Hymn

Siempre / Njalo / Always

Ndebele Zimbabwe

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G C G D

Siem - pre, — siem - pre, — siem - pre, — siem - pre, —
 Siem - pre, — siem - pre, — siem - pre, — siem - pre, —
 Nja - lo, — nja - lo, — nja - lo, — nja - lo, —
 Al - ways, — al - ways, — al - ways, — al - ways.

5

G C G

Siem - pre, — siem - pre, — siem - pre, —
 Siem - pre, — siem - pre, — siem - pre, —
 Nja - lo, — nja - lo, — nja - lo, —
 Al - ways, — al - ways, — al - ways.

8

D G C

siem - pre. — Te — a - la - ba - mos, te — ben - de - ci - mos, y —
 siem - pre. — La — luz de Cris - to nos — i - lu - mi - na, y —
 nja - lo. — Si - ya tha - nda - za, si - ya ni - ke - la, si -
 al - ways. — Al - ways we pray — al - ways we give, — al -

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G D G

— nos da - mos siem - pre. — Te — a - la - ba - mos, te —
 — nos guí - a siem - pre. — La — luz de Cris - to nos —
 - ya du - mi - sa, thi - na. — Si - ya tha - nda - za, si -
 - ways we bles, al - ways.. — Al - ways we pray, — al -

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C G D

— ben - de - ci - mos, y — nos da - mos siem - pre! —
 — i - lu - mi - na, y — nos guí - a siem - pre! —
 - ya ni - ke - la, si - ya du - mi - sa thi - na.
 - ways we give, — al - ways we bles, al - ways! D.C al Fine

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of the risen Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

COMMUNICATION COVENANT

1. If we have a concern or issue that involves someone, we will discuss it with that person privately.
2. If someone has a concern or issue with another person and comes to us, we will send them to that person.
3. If someone is reluctant to speak to the person with whom they have a concern, we will offer to accompany him or her to see that person.
4. We will not interpret what others say or mean. (We will ask them if we are unclear of their intentions.)
5. If something is confidential, we will not share it with anyone. Exception: If you are aware that a) someone is going to physically harm someone else; b) someone is going to harm herself/himself; c) a child has been physically or sexually abused, please consult with the clergy.
6. We will not read or react to unsigned letters or notes.
7. We will not act on anonymous complaints brought by others.
8. We will not manipulate; We will not be manipulated. We will not let others try to manipulate others through us.
9. When in doubt, we will just say what is on our minds. The only dumb questions are the ones that are not asked.
10. When in disagreement, we will say it. We cannot resolve issues that are left unspoken. We cannot work together without mutual understanding and trust.
11. Our relationships with each other are the most important asset in our community. So, if we have a concern, we will pray and then, if led, speak up.



OUR WHY: To Lead With Love

We lead with love by:

- Being an inclusive, welcoming space for all.
- Seeking the holy in ourselves, each other, and the world
- Making a difference in our community

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CORE VALUES

• ATTEND TO OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

Through prayer, spiritual practices and formation, we weave our relationship with the Holy into the fabric of our daily lives. Prayer and discernment guide ministries and worship. (Foundational)

• CHOOSE LOVE

We act from love not fear; build bridges not walls. (Foundational)

• CREATE AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY

We gather and care for each other. We cultivate deep relationships. We will prioritize our relationships with each other over the differences that separate us. (Foundational)

• WELCOME ALL

All means all and all are welcome. We promote an inclusive culture by 1) fostering the skills to shift our cultural perspectives and appropriately adapt our behavior to bridge cultural differences; 2) cultivating the self-awareness and empathy needed to value difference in working toward equity. (Missional)

• HONOR DIVERSITY

All are welcome. Our leadership, worship, music and ministry initiatives will reflect our diversity. (Missional)

• PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF ALL

Through formation, lobbying and other initiatives we prayerfully engage in social justice activities that promote and protect the dignity of all people. (Missional)

• CARE FOR CREATION

We value our interdependence with creation and recognize our role as stewards. We incorporate practices that protect, sustain, and nourish our fragile earth and her inhabitants.

• ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

We open our hearts and doors to our individual and church neighbors, strive to understand their needs and support them.

(Missional)

• NURTURE THE NEXT GENERATION

We offer, support and staff worship and formation opportunities for families and children. (Missional)

• CULTIVATE BEAUTY

We tend to the beauty of our space, worship and music that evokes a sacred sense of awe, stillness and joy. (Missional)

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