

broken halleluyas to beauty to happiness

three outstanding summer programs, a gift from Experiencing God to the Saint Michael's community

All programs in the Bingham Classroom at Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
Social time 0945, Programs begin 1000

Broken Halleluyas: How Grace Abounds All the More in the Songs of Leonard Cohen

The Reverend Dr. Don Compier

Montreal's famous poet and composer (1934-2016) struggled with depression and Jewish identity in our post-Holocaust world. His "Halleluya" has become one of most popular anthems of all time, yet its meaning is rarely understood. When we take a close look at it and other songs by Cohen we receive important lessons in contemporary spirituality.

June 18, 2026



*Father Don with his granddaughter
Elise and her friend Lauren*



Linda with Grace

July 16, 2026

Can Beauty Exist in a World at War Facilitated by Dr. Linda Brown

Like a flower pushing through snow, beauty in wartime does not wait for better conditions. It does not wait for the ceasefire, or the peace treaty, or permission. It simply rises — sometimes as defiance, sometimes as grief made visible, sometimes as the only form of resistance left available. *James Lucas*

The Art of Happiness *Dr. Susan Pingleton*

Sue Pingleton discusses **happiness** as a valid emotion, **happiness** expressed as art in our great paintings and **happiness** as an art (i.e., skill). She emphasizes the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of **Happiness**."

August 6, 2026



Sue with Henry & Christopher