



## St Francis Episcopal Church

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Dear friends of St Francis!

We are in a season of change, thanksgiving and celebrations! On May 26, at the 8 and the 10am Sunday services, we thanked Dr. Hyunju Hwang for being our amazing organist these past three years. On Sunday June 9 we shall honor our graduating seniors at our Baccalaureate Mass at 10am in our church. On the same day, June 9, we shall thank the Rev. Laurel Coote+ for being a part of our parish family this past year. She was the Associate for Youth Ministry and Spiritual Engagement, leading such activities as the popular Prayer Bead workshop and took her clergy turn assisting with Wednesday and Sunday liturgies. We shall celebrate her ministries among us and bless her as she moves forward.

God blessed us with these two gifted women, Hyunju and Laurel+! We thank God for all the ways they gave of their time and talents, energy and presence! And God continues to bless us. Jung-ha Oh will be our interim organist.

Sometimes blessings are right in front of us! And that is the case for two new hires. Wayne Hastings assisted with the Youth Group this past year. We have talked through the opportunities and enthusiasm that being a Youth Director invites. Wayne is excited to become the new Youth Director and will be supported by Joy Bacon who also helped the youth this year. Amanda MacLennan will be in the wings offering sage advice.

Another blessing right in front of us is our seminarian Judith Lyons (Jude) who has been with us for two years. Jude will be ordained a transitional Deacon on June 8th and to the Priesthood on January 11th. She will serve as Deacon in her sending parish of St Augustine by the Sea on June 9 and deacon with us at St. Francis on June 16th before returning to Berkeley for her last two courses in Seminary. I am hiring her as the Associate for Spiritual Care and the Arts starting August 15. She has extensive experience in both areas, and in her part time position she will continue leading a weekly meditation group, start up a bible study, assist with pastoral care, and develop creative projects that might (!) include a parish-wide talent show in the spring!

Included in this mailing are photos and short bios for Wayne and Jude. As you read their resumes you will see that God has once again blessed us with gifted ministers!

Yes, we are in a season of change, thanksgiving and celebrations! I thank God for blessing us with gifted ministers in our sacred past, present and future. May God bless those ministers we send off with thanksgiving and bless those we welcome. We are in this together, one family of God. To God be the Glory!

With love and care for each of you,

*Paula+*

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic, Rector and Dean of Deanery 8

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