

September 6, 2026
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation, Week 1
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayers



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

Thought for the Day...

A community is the mental and spiritual condition of knowing that the place is shared, and that the people who share the place define and limit the possibilities of each other's lives. It is the knowledge that people have of each other, their concern for each other, their trust in each other, the freedom with which they come and go among themselves.

~ From Wendell Berry, "The Loss of the Future"



Thank you for choosing to worship with St. Dunstan's this morning! We are a community of seekers doing our best to live authentically and faithfully in this challenging and complicated world, and we are delighted that you are sharing the journey with us today.

Children are *always* welcome here; please make yourself and your family at home. Rest assured: We are delighted by the "joyful noise" that children inevitably make, *and* don't worry if you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a few minutes. *To learn more about offerings for children and families, please share your contact information on the clipboard on the Welcome Table.* **Babysitting** for children **4 and under** is provided **downstairs in the Nursery**. **For everyone's safety, registration is required:** Please scan the QR code to sign up.



Restrooms are located in the hallway by the glass doors.

If you find the chairs uncomfortable, feel free to borrow a **cushion** from the basket near the door for use during worship.

Please wear a name tag! Permanent name tags are on the board as you enter worship. If you don't yet have one, please use a stick-on badge until we can make you an official one.

This morning we welcome **Maribeth Gowen** as our **Guest Pianist**.

***Please observe quiet before the service to
enable others to pray and prepare for worship.***

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Andante, from *Sonata in C K.545*

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Maribeth Gowen, *piano*

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing the hymn.

Opening Hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Hymnal, 686

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God,

and People **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, Amen.**

The Song of Praise

"Sing praise to God who reigns above," v. 1

Hymnal, 408

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 149

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; *
sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let the people of Israel rejoice in their Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their Monarch.

Let them praise God’s Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise with timbrel and harp.

For God takes pleasure in the people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand,

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their rulers in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all God's faithful people. Alleluia!

Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.

Sequence Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 101



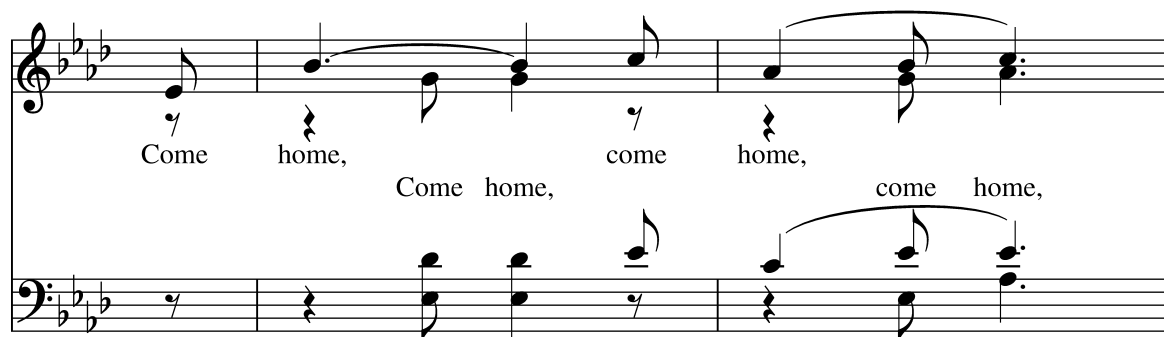
1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
 4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,



1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's
 2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and
 3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
 4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has



1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. —
 2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? —
 3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. —
 4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. —



Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call-ing, Call-ing, O sin - ner, come home!

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909). Music: Will L. Thompson.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon

The Rector

After a moment of silence, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Leader and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, Amen.

**universal*

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and for all who serve you through the Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, remembering in particular the members of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, including the President and Vice President; the members of Congress; and the Justices of the Supreme Court, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For first responders, and all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families, friends, neighbors, and all who have commended themselves to our prayers; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We remember those commended to our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 19*), and we pray for those whom we name now, either silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition and intercession

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We remember *Wendell Berry, Katharine*

Edgar Fleming, and Gloria Steinem, and we pray for those whom we name now, either silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers for the departed

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Presider concludes

Gracious God, when two or three are gathered in your name you are there, ever present with your family, the Church. Give us grace and maturity when we are in conflict. Help us to listen, to forgive, and to live together in mutual love. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Deacon and People God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will, Amen.

Presider 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, **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

Please greet one another in the Name of Christ and then be seated.

Welcome

The Offertory

Presider

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song;
sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Psalms 149:1

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.
If you would like to make an offering this morning, you may place it in the Offertory bag.
Please also feel free to donate online at <https://stdunstansbethesda.org/support/donate.html>
or mail a check to the Parish Office.*

Offertory Anthem

Cantate Domino

G. Pitori (1547-1643)

*Come ye with joyfulness,
Come sing ye a new song to your Maker.
O praise him with the saintly congregation.
Israel, be joyful and glad in him.*

Diane Atherton, *soprano*
Maribeth Gowen, *piano*

The Holy Communion

Please stand as the Offering is brought forward and join in singing.

The Doxology

Music: *Hymnal*, 380

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

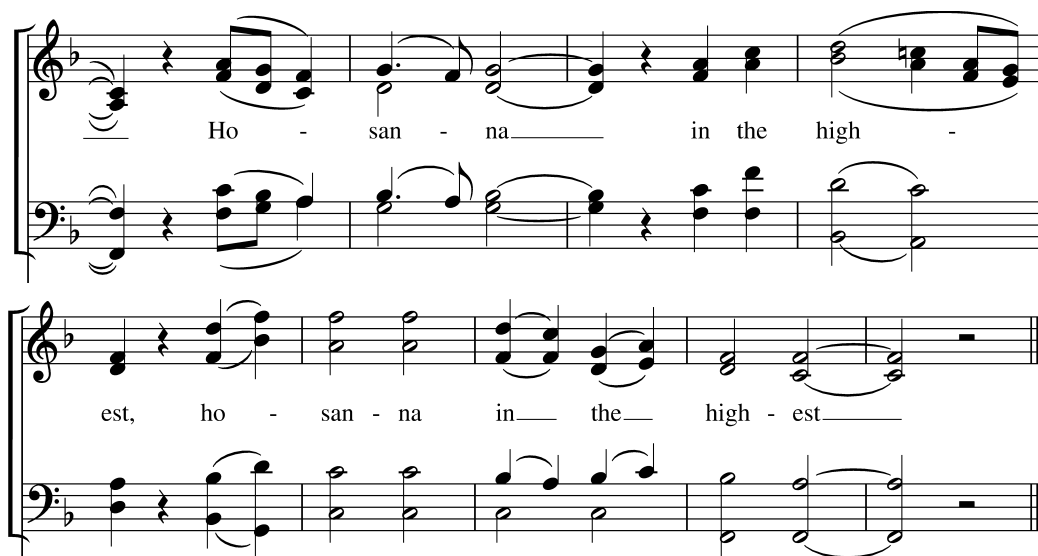
ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

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.



You are welcome to stand or sit during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever, **AMEN**.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever, Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Presider These are the Gifts of God, for you, the People of God, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds. Consecrated wine is available by sipping directly from the silver chalice or by dipping your bread gently into the blue chalice; gluten-free Communion bread is available upon request. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, the signal for which is to place your hand over your heart when you reach the Altar.

***Prayers for healing, guidance, or thanksgiving are offered at the prayer desk
in Founders' Hall during Communion.***

Music during Communion

Your love, O God, has called us here

Text: R. Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944)

Music: Wareham, mel. W. Knapp (1698-1768).

Diane Atherton, *soprano*

Maribeth Gowen, *piano*

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

“Will you come and follow me”

Wonder, Love, and Praise, 757

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the “You” you hide if
5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

The musical score is written for soprano and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains five verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both the right and left hands.

nev-er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
nev-er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
nev-er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
nev-er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
nev-er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?
you and you in me?
5. you and you in me.

Words: from the Iona Community. Music: *Mary Alexandra*, John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

Please stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray:

and People **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.**

The Blessing

Presider

Life is short, and we haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we walk this earth. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God be upon you and remain with you, and all those you love, from this day forth and forevermore, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Hymnal, 676

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next three lines. Each line of music is accompanied by a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
teach-us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements

Please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Rondo, from Sonata in C K.545

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Maribeth Gowen, *piano*

***Prayers for healing, guidance, or thanksgiving are offered at the prayer desk
in Founders' Hall during the Postlude.***

For Your Prayers

For healing, strength, and protection:

Galen Adams; Chuck Ault; Jim and Karen Besser; Joyce Bleby;
Phil and Patti Carroll; Terry Conroy; Steve Cooper; Henry Cox; Traci Dean;
Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; John Flentje; Nick Gilbert; Louisa Greene;
Terry Haight; Ben Hull; Henry Jeanneret; Patricia Mackenzie; Jenna Monroe;
Rick Nickles; Linda Rogers; Curtis Shively; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters;
David Wheeler; Martha Lou Youngblood; Anne; Ben; Bill; Christopher;
Craig and Robin; Griffin; Heather; JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William;
Marty; Melanie; Michelle; MT; Noortje; Paola; Patrick; Phyllis; RL;
Sherry; *and* Shiloh

For peace in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South
Sudan, Ukraine, the United States, and throughout God's world

For refugees and immigrants

For the women and men of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces

For emergency personnel and first responders

For the victims of climate and natural disasters, especially in Nepal

For missionaries serving throughout the world

May they rest in peace and rise in glory:

Wendell Berry

Katharine Edgar Fleming
friend of Patty and Randy Alexander

May her memory be for a blessing:

Gloria Steinem

Announcements

Today at St. Dunstan's:

- **Welcome, Visitors!** We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you will stay for a few minutes after worship so that we can greet you properly. To learn more about St. Dunstan's, please fill out a **visitor form**, found on the **Welcome Table**, and help yourself to a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.
- **Fellowship Time:** All are welcome to **Founders' Hall** for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack following the service!
- **Junior and Youth Choir Rehearsal:** All of our young singers are asked to join Minister of Music **Diane Atherton** for Choir Rehearsal in the **Music Room** at **12 Noon** to prepare for next week's "Welcome Home" service!
- **Family Ministry Parish Art Project – Come Add Your Handprint!**
Today we hope to finish decorating our new banner that will hang along Massachusetts Avenue featuring **YOUR handprints** as a colorful sign of welcome to families in our community. During Fellowship Time, stop by our tables and add your handprint. Come make something beautiful with us!

This Week:

- **Monday, September 7:**
 - + The Parish Office will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday.
- **Tuesday, September 8:**
 - + **7 p.m.: Pack 56 Cub Scout Meeting** (*Parish Hall*)
- **Wednesday, September 9:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.: Midweek Bible Study** (*Zoom*)
- **Thursday, September 10:**
 - + **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** (*Zoom*)
 - + **2 p.m.: September Book Discussion** (*Zoom*). This month's read is *The Calamity Club*, by Kathryn Stockett. All are invited to join the conversation! Please watch the newsletter for the Zoom link.
- **Friday, September 11:**
 - + **9 a.m.: 9/11 Service of Remembrance** (*Nave*). Join the Rector for this quiet service of lament, remembrance, and hope on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the September 11th attacks.
- **Saturday, September 12:**
 - + **9 a.m.: Men's Group** (*Kitchen/Parlor*)
 - + **10 a.m.: Souls Sisters** (*Zoom*)
 - + **10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Adult Choir Camp** (*Parish Hall/Nave*). Please speak with **Diane Atherton** TODAY to sign up!

▪ **Next Sunday, September 13:**

- + **10:30 a.m.: “Welcome Home” Service of Holy Eucharist and All-Parish Brunch.** We hope you will join us as we return to worshipping in the Nave at the start of a new program year! The choirs will resume, and we will gather for a festive potluck brunch following the service. ALL are welcome – invite a friend to “come and see!” **Please see the link in the online newsletter or scan the QR code to let us know what you will bring to share.**

Potluck Brunch Sign-Up



Mark Your Calendars:

▪ **Sunday, September 20:**

- + **12 Noon: Fall Adult Formation Series, “Episcopal 101,” Begins** (*Parish Hall*). Please see this week’s newsletter for more information.

▪ **Sunday, September 27:**

- + **10:30 a.m.: Instructed Eucharist** (*Nave*). This will be a "teaching" service, in which we will pause periodically to explain what we are doing and why; this narration takes the place of the traditional sermon. This is a great opportunity for the whole congregation to understand the liturgy more deeply. It also is a wonderful chance for members of all ages to take leadership roles in worship. Please plan to participate!

▪ **Sunday, October 4:**

- + **4 p.m.: The Blessing of the Animals and All Creation** (*Patio*)

Would you be interested in purchasing a bag of **daffodil bulbs** if we were to revive the sale this fall? Bags of 25 mixed bulbs would be offered at \$30. All proceeds would benefit **St. Dunstan’s Refugee Ministry**. Please let **Marsha Barnes** know if this would be of interest: vangebarnes@yahoo.com.



Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Deacon:	The Rev. Jessica Ault
Musicians:	Diane Atherton and Maribeth Gowen
Altar Guild:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander and Ann Johnson
Flower Guild:	Melissa Deehring
Greeter:	Julie Anderson
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Lector:	Sue Carroll
Psalm Leader:	Madeleine Johnson
Intercessor:	Leo Bouma
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Ray Donnelly
Healing Minister:	Sue Carroll
Ushers:	David and Janet Repka
Hospitality:	Cindy Mathis and Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Nancy Douglas

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***Artist's Reflection**

It took me a long time to realize that the instruction here is not to love my neighbor more than myself, or instead of myself. Instead, I've come to see this as a call to justice: to balance our own needs with the needs of others. It is a reminder to us personally and communally that we are all in this together. So my little people here are trying to take care of each other – sharing an umbrella in the pouring rain, while trying to maintain balance on a teeter-totter. And holding hands.

~ Sue Carroll, *Liturgical Artist-in-Residence*

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