August 3, 2025

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist and The Blessing of First Fruits with Children's Chapel, Healing Prayers, and Anniversary and Birthday Prayers



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's

Prayer is not asking for what you think you want, but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine. To be made more grateful, more able to see the good in what you have been given, instead of always grieving for what might have been.

~ Kathleen Norris, Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith



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. There are coloring sheets on the round table between the glass doors, as well as books and soft toys at the back of the church. 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*.

Restrooms are located in the hallway by the glass doors.

If you find the wooden pews uncomfortable, feel free to borrow a **red seat cushion** from the rear of the Nave for use during worship.

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

Unless otherwise noted, music for this morning's **hymns** may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* or the red and black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* in your pew rack.



Today we welcome Heather Fetrow as our Guest Cantor, and we welcome back our Organist, Ulysses Squitieri!

Everyone is invited to gather on the **patio by the glass doors at 10:30 for the procession of First Fruits**. If you brought "fruits" to be blessed and shared, please carry them into the Nave and place them on the table in front of the Altar.

If mobility is an issue, feel free to wait in your pew for the procession to enter.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Ulysses Squitieri, organ

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

Music: *Hymnal*, 620

Processional Hymn

"Jerusalem, my happy home"

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

Thy saints are crowned with glory great; they see God face to face; they triumph still, they still rejoice in that most happy place.

There David stands with harp in hand as master of the choir: ten thousand times would one be blest who might this music hear.

Our Lady sings Magnificat with tune surpassing sweet, and blessèd martyrs' harmony doth ring in every street.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise

"For the beauty of the earth," v. 1 Hymnal, 416 1 For the of the beau - ty beau - ty earth, for the of the skies, love which from our for the birth o - ver and a - round lies, Christ our God, to thee we hymn of grate-ful raise this our

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend

your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one

God, for ever and ever, Amen.

Please be seated.

Children are invited to join in Children's Chapel in the Youth Room.

The Lesson: Hosea 11:1-11

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Hosea:

When Israel was a child, I loved him,

and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,

the more they went from me;

they kept sacrificing to the Baals,

and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,

I took them up in my arms;

but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness,

with bands of love.

I was to them like those

who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,

and Assyria shall be their king,

because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities,

it consumes their oracle-priests,

and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.

To the Most High they call,

but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, O Israel?

How can I make you like Admah?

How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me;

my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger;

I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal,

the Holy One in your midst,

and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the Lord,

who roars like a lion;

when he roars.

his children shall come trembling from the west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,

and like doves from the land of Assyria;

and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please join in reciting the psalm responsively.

Psalm 107:1-9,43

We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; * your mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom you have redeemed proclaim * that you redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

You gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; * they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; * their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to you in their trouble, * and you delivered them from their distress.

You put their feet on a straight path * to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to you for your mercy * and the wonders you do for your children.

For you satisfy the thirsty * and fill the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise will ponder these things, * and consider well your mercies, O God.

Please stand and join in singing.

Music: Hymnal, 686

Sequence Hymn

"Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

The Gospel: Luke 12:13

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Presider 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

Presider 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.

The Prayers of the People

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel; for *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop, *Mariann*, our Bishop, *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop, and *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and for all who serve God in the Church, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace and stability of all peoples, remembering especially Haiti; Israel, Gaza, and Iran; Sudan and South Sudan; and Ukraine and Russia; for Federal workers, members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services; and for the leaders of the nations, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For places of work, education, and leisure, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For a blessing on our homes; for our family and friends and all whom we love, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick and suffering and all who minister to their needs, particularly those commended to our Parish Prayer List (see p. 15) and those we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition or intercession

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, especially *Kurt Sinclair; Edith Stein; the victims of the shootings in Manhattan; the victims of recent earthquakes, tsunamis, and flooding;* and those we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers for the departed

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Silence

The Presider concludes

O God, from whom all good things come, give us grace to live to your glory; give us respect for each other and for all your Creation; fill our lives with a sense of wonder, and give us wisdom in all our dealings; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, **Amen.** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

The Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

A brief silence

Presider God of all mercy,

and People 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 and Blessing of First Fruits

We come before you, our God and Sustainer, remembering that you are our Creator and the source of all being.
Out of your love the universe was born.
From primordial darkness you put in place all that is needed for growth and saw that it was good.
You have put this world into our hands: may we recognize your Spirit within it, disturbing and challenging us to care for Creation, for the weak and the deprived.
Lord, we remember that we are called by you to nourish the earth and its diversity of life, to share these gifts you have given, with one another and with the poor of the world, Amen.

At the Offertory

May the Grace of Christ our Savior

S. Lole (b. 1957)

Heather Fetrow, soprano

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.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 our thanks and praise.

Presider

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being.

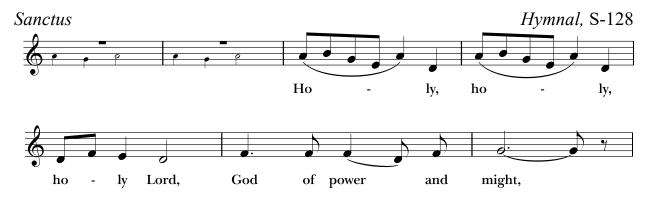
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

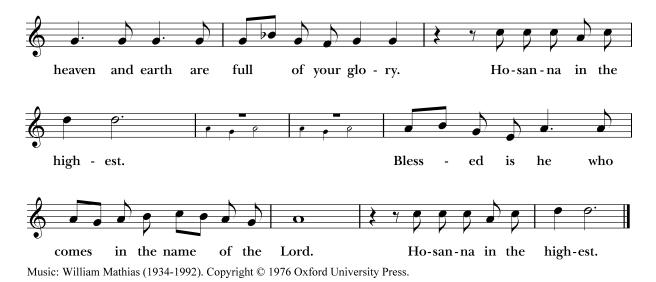
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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Please stand, kneel, or sit.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Hagar, and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation, **AMEN**.

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

Presider and People

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 he seated.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds. Consecrated wine is available from the chalice or in individual cups; gluten-free Communion bread is also available upon request. Please place used Communion cups in the bowl at the back for reverent disposal. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, the signal for which is to cross your arms over your chest when you reach the Altar.

Prayers for healing, guidance, or thanksgiving are offered this morning at the prayer desk at the back during Communion and the Postlude.

Music during Communion

"How great thou art"

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 60

Heather Fetrow, *soprano*, and Members of The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

continued

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

Music: Hymnal, 707

"Take my life and let it be"

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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 the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn

"There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place" Music: Lift Every Voice and Sing, 120

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness, and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Refrain

If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in,
you can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

Refrain

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements and July/August Anniversary and Birthday Prayers

For Those Celebrating Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year together. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

For Those Celebrating Birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

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

Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday, God bless you! Happy birthday to you!

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Ulysses Squitieri, organ



Please remember in prayer:

Julie Anderson; Jeff Boesch; Phil and Patti Carroll; Rick Conroy; Bill Cooke; Steve Cooper; Henry Cox; Donna Embry; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Jon Michael Gaudioso; Ben Hull; David Hull; Frank Libutti; Patricia Mackenzie; Jim McGee; Elena Marchetti and the Marchetti family; Cathy Nerantzis; Rick Nickles; Joyce Nugent; Linda Rogers; Shannon Rose; Curtis Shively; Tom Shimkin; Max Thompson; Jack Tovornik; Peggy Vaughn; Sandra Walters; David Wheeler; Ben; Bill; Christopher; David; Farid; Gerald; Grace; Henry; Julie; Karen; Katherine; Marty; Melanie; Sherry; and Shiloh



Celebrating More Contemporary Saints

Part of our rich Anglican tradition is the commemoration of significant figures in the history of The Episcopal Church who have set an example of "saintly living" for the rest of us. These noteworthy individuals are remembered on the liturgical calendar of the Church, and their biographies are anthologized in a book entitled Lesser Feasts and Fasts. This week we feature Edith Stein (also known as Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), whose feast day is this coming Saturday, August 9.

Raised in a devout Jewish family, **Edith Stein** left Judaism as a teenager and later became an atheist. Her pursuit of truth as a philosopher drew her to Christianity, and she was baptized in 1922 after being deeply influenced by the writings of Teresa of Ávila. Stein earned a doctorate in philosophy and as a teacher and academic, she advocated for women's rights and continued her intellectual work until forced out due to Nazi anti-Semitic laws. She maintained both her passion for intellectual discovery and her integrity, always following the path of truth. Her writings reflect a profound spirituality and willingness to bear the cross, both personally and in solidarity with others. Arrested and sent to Auschwitz due to her Jewish heritage and Christian faith, she died in the gas chambers on August 9, 1942. Her ultimate sacrifice is recognized as an act of witness to faith in the face of evil and injustice.

~ Curated by Ray Donnelly

Announcements

Today at St. Dunstan's:

- + Welcome, Visitors! We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you can 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 table in the entry hall, and help yourself to a welcome bag as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.
- + **Fellowship Time:** Come share a cup of coffee or tea, a snack, and good conversation in the **Parish Hall** immediately following this service! If you brought "first fruits" today, why not do a crop swap?

The Week Ahead:

- + Tuesday, August 5:
 - 11 a.m.: "What Now?!" Discussion Group (Parish Hall)
 - 12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing (Zoom and Facebook*)
- + Wednesday, August 6:
 - 10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke (Zoom*)
- + Saturday, August 9:
 - 9 a.m.: Men's Group (Kitchen/Parlor)
 - 10 a.m.: Soul Sisters (Zoom)
- + Next Sunday, August 10:
 - 12 Noon: Adult Formation Forum (Parish Hall): Join Liturgical Artist-in-Residence Sue Carroll and reflect on the art she creates in response to next Sunday's readings. What do you see? What might God be saying to you through the piece? No preparation necessary...Just come take part in the discussion!

Other Announcements:

+ Summer Nave Gallery Exhibit: "The Life and Lessons of Jesus" is the theme for this collection of works from St. Dunstan's Liturgical Artist-in-Residence, Sue Carroll. If you move clockwise around the Nave, the story unfolds in sequence – but of course you are welcome to just ponder any piece that catches your eye. Posted by each piece is an explanation of the scripture and imagery in use. As always, the framed originals are for sale at \$225, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to St. Dunstan's. Please contact Sue (liturgicalart@stdunstansbethesda.org) if you are interested in making a purchase.

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Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander

Musicians: Heather Fetrow, Ulysses Squitieri, and

members of the St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Altar Guild: Marsha Barnes, Augusta Cox, Ann Johnson,

and Michelle Mesen

Flower Guild: Trudy Surut

Greeter: Susie Cooper

Livestream Minister: Andrew Alexander

Acolyte: Connelly Anderson Gomez

Crucifer: Elin Botha

Children's Chapel: Dan Baker and Jenna Monroe

Lector: Fred Atwood

Psalm Leader: Marsha Barnes

Intercessor: Diane Adams

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Ray Donnelly

Healing Minister: Sue Carroll

Ushers: David and Janet Repka

Barista: Fred Smoak

Snack Angels: Julie Anderson and Janet Repka

Vestry Member

of the Day: Fred Atwood

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*Artist's Reflection: "Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

The little figure on the left is dressed in rich brocade, and carrying several shopping bags — in fact, is weighed down with them, stuck in the dust. The ones on the right are unencumbered, wearing music, dancing with open hearts, and reaching into the sky. It's not really an either/or question, but rather balance. And, who would you rather hang out with? ~ Sue Carroll, *Liturgical Artist-in-Residence*

