

September 28, 2025
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation 4
10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

This is the life we get here on earth. We get to give away what we receive.

We get to believe in each other. We get to forgive and be forgiven.

We get to love imperfectly.

And we never know what effect it will have for years to come.

~ Nadia Bolz-Weber,

Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People



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 **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.

*Please observe quiet in the Nave before the service to enable everyone
to pray and prepare for worship.*

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Fugue grave

J.-H. D'Anglebert (1635-1691)

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

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

Processional Hymn

“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

Music: *Hymnal*, 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in this faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Creation Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: O Creator God, you are known by your loving embrace of the undeserving and those who suffer: Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love all creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Song of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

E. Daley (b. 1955)

St. Dunstan's Chancel and Children's Choirs

Diane Atherton, Director

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

The Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Amos:

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the psalm responsively.

Psalm 146:1-6, 9

Alleluia! Praise God, O my soul! *

I will praise God as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, *
whose hope is in their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
whose promise abides for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed *
and food to those who hunger.

God shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia!

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19

Lector A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy:

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains...

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“Healing River of the Spirit”

Words: R. C. Duck

Music: *Beach Spring*

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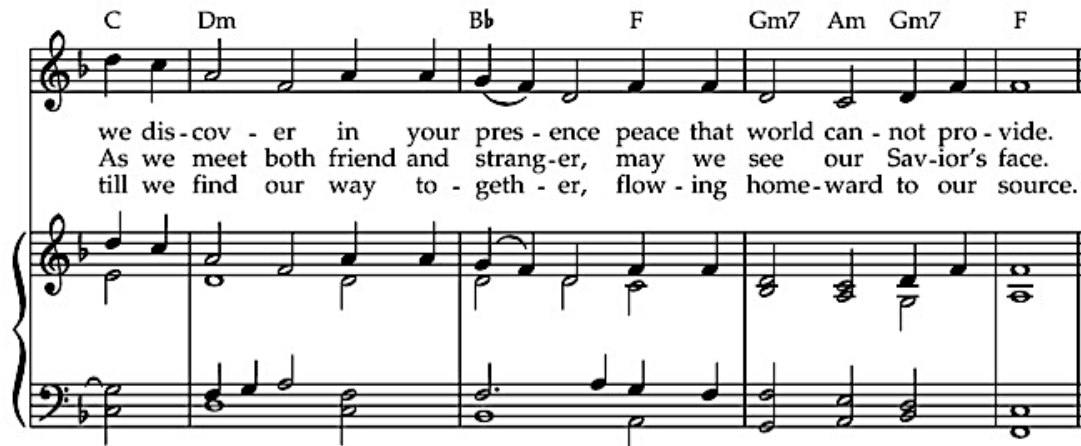
1 Heal-ing riv - er of the Spi - rit, bathe the wounds that liv - ing brings.
2 Well-spring of the heal-ing Spi - rit, stream that flows to bring re - lease,
3 Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels of your pow'r.

F B♭ Am7 Dm F B♭ F

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad-ness deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
as we gain our selves, our sens-es, may our lives re - flect your peace.
All the world is torn by con-flict; wars are rag - ing at this hour.

F C Dm C Dm B♭maj7

Wea - ry from the rest - less search-ing that has lured us from your side,
Grate-ful for the flood that heals us, may your church en - act your grace.
Sav - ing Spi - rit, move a - mong us; guide our wind - ing hu - man course,



The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon: "Life that Really is Life"

The Rector

After a moment of silence, please stand.

A Profession of Faith in Creation Season

Presider and People

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**
**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.**
**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.**
We believe in everlasting life in God.
**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy catholic (*universal*) Church;
that we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
that your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Eugene*, our
Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and for all lay people, bishops,
priests, deacons, and seminarians;
that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for those in our world suffering from famine and violence, especially in
Gaza, Haiti, Israel, Russia, and Ukraine; for Federal workers, members of our
Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services; and for all who govern
and hold authority in the nations of the world;
that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
that our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who have been commended to our Parish Prayer List (see p. 15), and on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
that they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died and for all who grieve their loss. Give to *Nimrod Clark, Susanna Jones* (former Head of Holton-Arms School), and all the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the saints honored in the Church this week, and for all your saints who have entered into joy;

may we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently in our hearts or aloud:

Pause for prayers

The Presider concludes

Lord, you have helped us glimpse the plans you have for us: With your help, we are indeed doing a new thing. Inspire us to dream beyond our self-perceived limits, and move forward with confidence to fulfill your vision for our future. In Jesus' Name we pray, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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

A brief silence

Presider and People 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.

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

Presider Holy One, we praise you for the wonders of your Creation:
People **make us joyful and faithful stewards.**

*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.*

Please stand and join in singing.

Offertory Hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Music: *Hymnal*, 686

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 Holy Communion

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 B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

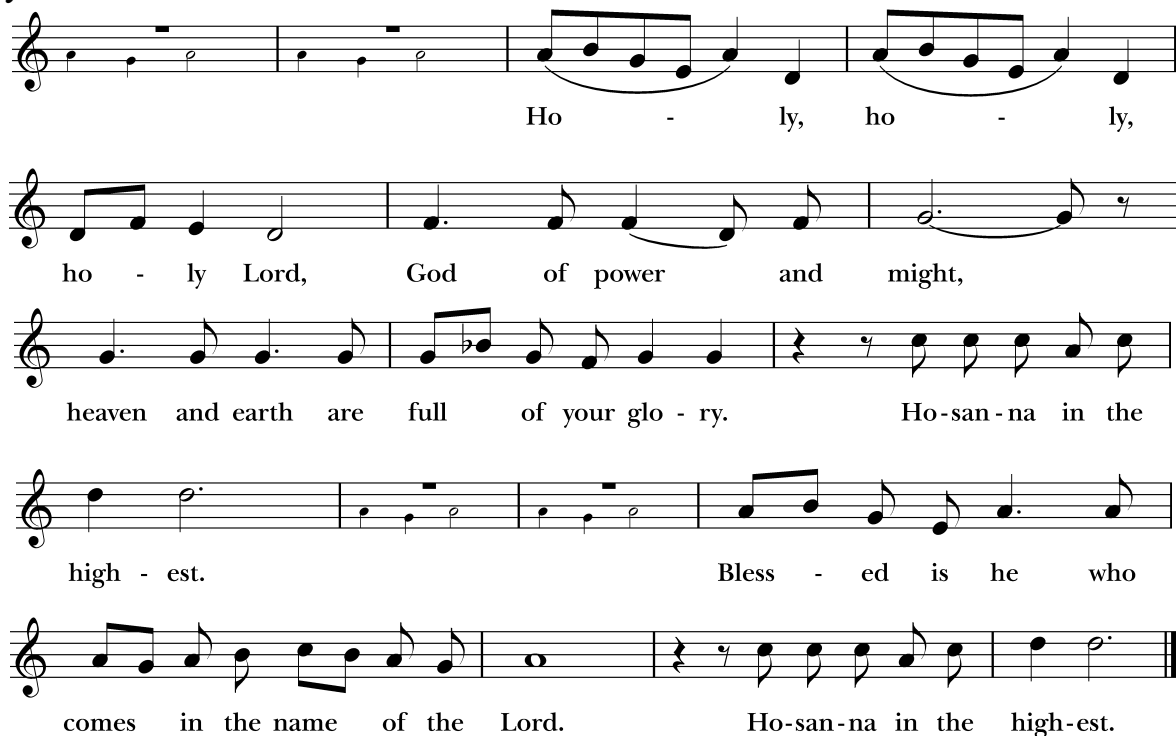
Presider Lift up your hearts.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please stand, kneel, or sit.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever, **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 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.

Music during Communion

In Paradisum

G. Fauré (1845-1924)

Heather Fetrow, *soprano*

Please join in singing.

“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord”

Music: *Hymnal*, 178

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Refrain

continued

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give Praise to his Name.

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior

Refrain

Please stand.

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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, and all those you love, this day and always, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

"Holy God, we praise thy Name," vv. 1-4

Music: *Hymnal*, 366

Holy God, we praise thy Name,
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
all on earth thy scepter claim,
all in heaven above adore thee;
infinite thy vast domain,
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo, the apostolic train
join, thy sacred Name to hallow;
prophets swell the loud refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and, from morn till set of sun,
through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
while in essence only One,
undivided God we claim thee;
then, adoring, bend the knee
and confess the mystery.

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements

Please stand, as you are able.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her

J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*



Please remember in prayer:

Julie Anderson; Jeff Boesch; Phil and Patti Carroll; Bill Cooke;
Austin Cox; Henry Cox; Donna Embry; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey;
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Katherine; Marty; Melanie; Phyllis; Sherry; *and* Shiloh

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!
- + **Adult Formation Forum: YOU Just Might Be a Saint...!** We're looking forward to "All Saints' Day" and season. This past year, contemporary saints were highlighted with brief biographical statements. Today at **12 Noon** in the **Parish Hall**, **Ray Donnelly** will lead a discussion of how the Episcopal Church officially and unofficially recognizes saints of our own times. And we'll also contrast our approach with that of other Christian traditions. In coming weeks, **Sue Carroll** will offer some participatory art events to highlight the saints in your own life. Grab some coffee and a snack and join the fun!
- + **Community Reception for Nave Gallery Liturgical Art Exhibit:** Our doors will be open today **between 4 and 6 p.m.** for anyone to come see the current exhibit in our Nave Gallery, "**The Life of Jesus.**" The mixed-media pieces were created by our very own Liturgical Artist-in-Residence, **Sue Carroll**. This is an open-house style event, but you might try to be here at **5 p.m.** when, in the Parish Hall, Sue will talk about these "Modern Icons of the Good News," and offer a **slideshow** demonstrating the steps in her process. **Bring friends and family to share this unique aspect of our life at St. Dunstan's.** Questions are welcome and there will be snacks!

The Week Ahead:

- + **Tuesday, September 30:**
 - **11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.: Cut the Clutter (Parish Hall).** Are you overwhelmed by clutter? Whether you're looking to enhance your living space, age in place comfortably, or prepare for an upcoming move, this **FREE** seminar, "Cut the Clutter!", is designed to empower you with practical strategies from leading local experts. Join Capital Senior Solutions and Brenda Holt of Moyer Move Management for an engaging and informative session where you'll learn how to transform your environment into a more organized, efficient, and satisfying space. Our experts will guide you through proven techniques to declutter your home, manage possessions effectively, and maintain a tidy living area

that enhances your quality of life. **Registration required:**
www.littlefallsvillage.org/declutter. Light refreshments will be served.
This event is being held in partnership with Little Falls Village, a local nonprofit serving seniors.

- **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** (Zoom and Facebook)

+ **Wednesday, October 1:**

- **10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke** (Zoom)

+ **Next Sunday, October 5 (St. Francis Sunday):**

- **4 p.m.: Annual Blessing of the Animals and All Creation** (St. Dunstan's Courtyard). Bring your pet, a picture of a pet, or even your favorite stuffed animal for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. *Rain location: Parish Hall*

Please Mark Your Calendars:

+ **Saturday, October 25:**

- **4-6 p.m.: Third Annual Fall Festival at St. Dunstan's!** Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and come out for live music, children's activities, food, and a whole lot of fun! Please watch the online newsletter for details – and opportunities to volunteer!

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St. Dunstan's Capital Campaign

If you have not done so already, we hope that you will consider investing in the long-term sustainability of our physical plant with a pledge to this campaign. You may spread your gift out over (up to) the next five years. Copies of the "case for support" brochure, along with pledge cards, are available on the table in Founders' Hall...Just look for the crane!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us with questions.

Yours faithfully and gratefully,

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Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Musicians:	Diane Atherton, Heather Fetrow, Ulysses Squitieri, and the St. Dunstan's Choirs
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes, Augusta Cox, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
Flower Guild:	Trudy Surut
Greeter:	Kiska Williams
Livestream Minister:	Karen Edwards
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	Cami Caudill
Children's Chapel:	Leo Bouma and Jenna Monroe
Lectors:	Cami Caudill and Michelle Mesen
Psalm Leader:	Leo Bouma
Intercessor:	Marie Park
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Cami Caudill and Michelle Mesen
Ushers:	David and Janet Repka
Barista:	Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Nancy Douglas

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The Blessing:

Adapted from Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Artist's Reflection: "*I will praise the Lord as long as I live.*" Apparently I am not alone in finding it easy to praise God when immersed in nature. The warmth of the sun on my skin, the scent of blooming plants, the murmur of wind in the leaves – all these things make me feel connected to God's creation in a visceral way. In this image, you may notice that my person is standing in a tended garden, with tidy rows of plants and blossoms. That is meant to emphasize the value of working WITH creation – cultivating it, tending it, making the most of it -- so that all may benefit from it.

The background here is silk "paper" embroidered with cotton and metallic threads, embellished with sequins. The figure is simply painted paper.

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

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