

**May 11, 2025**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter:**  
**“Good Shepherd Sunday”**  
**10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist**  
***with Children’s Chapel***



**St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church**

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# Welcome to St. Dunstan's

*Sometimes the fact that there is nothing about you that makes you the right person to do something is exactly what God is looking for.*

~ 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 **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.

*Please do not throw this bulletin in the trash. Please either take it home for reference during the coming week or place it in the blue recycling bin as you depart. Thank you!*

# The Holy Eucharist

## Prelude

*Prélude sur une Antienne*

J. Langlais (1907-1991)

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

## The Liturgy of the Word

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

## Processional Hymn

“We’re Marching to Zion”

Music: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, 12

Come, we that love the Lord,  
And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne,  
And thus surround the throne.

*We’re marching to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We’re marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing  
Who never knew our God;  
But children of the heav’nly King,  
But children of the heav’nly King,  
May speak their joys abroad,  
May speak their joys abroad.

*Refrain*

The hill of Zion yields  
A thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heav’nly fields,  
Before we reach the heav’nly fields,  
Or walk the golden streets,  
Or walk the golden streets.

*Refrain*

*continued*

Then let our songs abound,  
And ev'ry tear be dry;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,  
To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high.  
*We're marching to Zion,  
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
We're marching upward to Zion,  
The beautiful city of God.*

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

### **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**

"All glory be to God on high"

Music: *Hymnal*, 421

All glory be to God on high,  
and peace on earth from heaven,  
and God's good will unfailingly  
be to all people given.  
We bless, we worship you, we raise  
for your great glory thanks and praise,  
O God, Almighty Father.  
  
O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,  
whom God the Father gave us,  
who for the world was sacrificed  
upon the cross to save us;  
and, as you sit at God's right hand  
and we for judgment there must stand,  
have mercy, Lord, upon us.

You only are the Holy One,  
who came for our salvation,  
and only you are God's true Son,  
who was before creation.  
You only, Christ, as Lord we own and,  
with the Spirit, you alone  
share in the Father's glory.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, **Amen.**

*Please be seated. Children are invited to join Miss Jenna for Children's Chapel;  
we ask that children in Preschool and under be accompanied by a parent.*

### **The Lesson: Acts 9:36-43**

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.*

## **Psalm 23**

O God, you are my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**

You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and lead me beside still waters.**

You revive my soul \*  
**and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.**

*Please stand and join in singing.*

## **Sequence Hymn**

“Blessèd Jesus, at thy word”

Music: *Hymnal*, 440

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

Gracious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart,  
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

## **The Gospel: John 10:22-30**

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

*Presider*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.*

## **The Homily**

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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

Lord Jesus, we are the sheep of your pasture and the lambs of your fold. As your disciples in this age, we lift before you our own needs and the needs of the world in which we live.

*Silence*

We give thanks for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us:  
for our lives and for those whom we love;  
for the beauty of this home God has created for us;  
for our families and our friendships;  
and for those other blessings we name now, silently or aloud.

***Pause for prayers of thanksgiving***

O God who knows our hearts,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the world:  
for Sean, our Presiding Bishop;  
for Mariann, our Bishop;  
for Hosam, Archbishop in Jerusalem;  
and for all who serve God in the Church.

O God who knows our hearts,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all entrusted with public leadership in this and every land, that they might be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We remember in particular:  
the President and Vice President;  
the Members of Congress;  
the Justices of the Supreme Court;  
and the members of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces.

O God who knows our hearts,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit, especially those remembered on our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 15*) and those we name, silently or aloud:

***Pause for prayers of petition or intercession***

O God who knows our hearts,  
**hear our prayer.**



We commend to your mercy those who have died, remembering especially:

*William Conrad;*

*Benito Dominguez;*

*MaryAnn Kimberland;*

*Retired Supreme Court Justice David Souter;*

*Frances Perkins and Thurgood Marshall, whom the Episcopal Church  
commemorates this week;*

those in whose memory the Altar flower have been given today;

and those we name, silently or aloud:

***Pause for prayers for the departed***

May all who have died have a place in your eternal kingdom.

O God who knows our hearts,

**hear our prayer.**

*The Presider continues*

Loving God, on this day on which we honor the mothers and mother figures in our  
lives, we pray:

for mothers who have given us life and love;

for women who, though without children of their own,

like mothers have nurtured and cared for us;

for mothers who have been unable to be a source of

strength, comfort, and protection for their children;

for mothers who have lost a child;

for all those for whom this day is painful;

and for mothers who have died, whom we now name,

silently or aloud:

***Pause for prayers for departed mothers***

Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold:  
feed us and we shall be satisfied; heal us and we shall be whole; and lead us that we  
may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, where you reign one God for  
ever, **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* May the peace of the Risen 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 Rector

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.  
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and  
you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

## At the Offertory

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Tune: *Brother James Air*  
arr. W.R. Price (b. 1955)

The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir  
Lance Fisher, *tenor*      Maggie Clark, *violin*

*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 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.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*EW*, Eucharistic Prayer 2

*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*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.

You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled  
against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you  
would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*Sanctus*

*Hymnal, S-128*

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.

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*As you are able, please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer during Eastertide.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

**“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Tanitha, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever, **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 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

“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

*Hymnal, 343*

*The St. Dunstan’s Chancel Choir*

*Remaining seated, please join in singing.*

“The King of Love my shepherd is”

*Music: Hymnal, 645*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

*continued*

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray: God of life,  
*and People* **bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your faith. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, 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**

“Now thank we all our God”

Music: *Hymnal*, 397

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us!  
With ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns

with them in highest heaven,  
eternal, Triune God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be, evermore.

*Please be seated following the hymn.*

**Announcements (see pp. 17-18) and Traveler's Prayer**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Presider* Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*La Rejouissance*, from *The Royal Fireworks Music*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

arr. L. Latham

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

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The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given by  
**Patty and Randy Alexander**, to the Glory of God and  
in honor of **Peter Alexander's** birthday this week and in loving memory of their  
mothers, **Dorothy Phaneuf** and **Mildred Alexander**.

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***Please remember in prayer:***

Hollis Anderson; Julie Anderson; Donna Awtry; Jeff Boesch; Phil and Patti Carroll;  
Joanne Comstock; Bill Cooke; Steve Cooper; Austin Cox; Henry Cox;  
Samuel Dunton; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Ben Hull;  
Frank Libutti; Patricia Mackenzie; Jim McGee; Rick Nickles;  
Joyce Nugent; Jessie Park; Juanita Rilling; Linda Rogers; Shannon Rose;  
Theresa Russo; Barbara Sander; Curtis Shively; Fred Smoak; Jack Tovornik;  
Sandra Walters; Kristen Wheeler; Ben; Bill; David; Farid; Fran; Gerald; Grace;  
Greg; Julie; Karen; Katherine; Marty; Melanie; Sherry; and Shiloh

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***Welcome, Visitors!***

We are delighted that you are here and hope you will stay for a few minutes after  
worship so that we can greet you properly. Please take a **welcome bag** as a token of  
our gratitude for your presence! *To learn more about St. Dunstan's, please fill out a*  
***visitor form*** on the Welcome Table.

## *Celebrating More Contemporary Saints*

**Frances Perkins** is recognized as a saint in the Episcopal Church for her profound integration of faith and public service, her pioneering role as a social reformer, and her enduring impact on American society. Her feast day is commemorated on **May 13** each year, honoring her as a “Public Servant and Prophetic Witness.”

Perkins was the first woman to serve in a U.S. presidential cabinet, holding the position of Secretary of Labor under Franklin D. Roosevelt for twelve years. In this role, she was instrumental in shaping New Deal legislation, including the creation of Social Security, unemployment insurance, and labor protections that transformed the lives of millions during and after the Great Depression. Her advocacy for industrial safety and just labor laws was rooted in a deep sense of justice and compassion, values she attributed to her Christian faith.

A lifelong Episcopalian, and a member of St James' Episcopal Church on Capitol Hill, Perkins's faith was not merely private but a wellspring for her public actions. She regularly participated in church life, sought spiritual guidance, and made monthly retreats even during her busiest years in government. She believed that serving the “secular and worldly life” of her neighbors was a way of serving God, viewing her work as a living sacrifice offered for the common good. Her vision was of a society where all could “live in health and decency,” and she tirelessly pursued justice and protection for the vulnerable, embodying the call to love one's neighbor as oneself.

The Episcopal Church recognized Perkins as a saint in 2009, not for performing miracles, but for her faithful witness in public life and her prophetic challenge to society to pursue justice and mercy. Her life continues to inspire, reminding the faithful that sainthood can be found in the pursuit of social justice, and that faith can – and should – shape the structures of society for the better.

**Thurgood Marshall** is honored as a saint in the Episcopal Church for his unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and human dignity, all deeply rooted in his Christian faith. Marshall was not only the first African American to serve as a Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, but also a pioneering civil rights lawyer whose legal acumen and moral courage reshaped American society. He and his family were active members of St Augustine's Episcopal Church in Southwest Washington.

As chief counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, he successfully argued that “separate but equal” educational facilities were inherently unequal, leading to the desegregation of American public schools and striking a decisive blow against institutional racism. Over his career, he won 29 out of 32 cases before the Supreme Court, each one chipping away at the legal foundations of segregation and discrimination.

On the Supreme Court, Marshall became a powerful advocate for the marginalized, using his own experiences with racial prejudice to inform a judicial philosophy centered on protecting the constitutional rights of all Americans-especially the poor, women, and criminal defendants.

Marshall's sainthood in the Episcopal Church is based not only on his legal accomplishments but also on his Christian commitment to racial justice, equality, and the inherent worth of every person. He lived out his faith through his work, believing that all people are created equal in the eyes of God and deserve dignity and opportunity. His life stands as a testament to the power of faith in action and the pursuit of justice as a sacred calling. The Episcopal Church remembers Marshall on **May 17**. ~ Curated by Ray Donnelly



# Announcements

## *Today at St. Dunstan's:*

- + **Fellowship Time:** Please come to the **Parish Hall** immediately following worship for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack and some good conversation!
- + **Children's Choir Rehearsal:** All children ages 4 through 12 are invited to sing with Miss Diane and Mr. Ulysses in the **Music Room** from **12–1 p.m.**

## *The Week Ahead:*

- + **Tuesday, May 13:**
  - **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** (*Zoom/Facebook\**)
- + **Wednesday, May 14:**
  - **10:30 a.m.: Weekly Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke** (*Zoom\**).  
You are most welcome to join the lively conversation at any time...No preparation or previous Bible Study experience is required!
- + **Next Sunday, May 18:**
  - **12 Noon: Adult Forum Hour ~ “Real Talk”** (*Parish Hall*). Are you interested in talking about how the current political climate is impacting your life? Are legislative and governmental issues weighing on your minds? Is your heart heavy with things you are witnessing in America right now? Please join us for a conversation called **“Real Talk”** next Sunday after worship. Led by **Lynne Leonard**, the first session is brainstorming for those of us who are interested in honest conversation about how the new political climate is impacting our daily lives and discussing what we can do about it. Jesus' parables teach us what it looks like to love our neighbor and to receive the love of neighbor in our hour of need. What does this mean in America today, for each of us? Rooted in the teachings of the Episcopal Church, this is an opportunity for us to come together, share, and think together about what we can do to make a difference. RSVP to Lynne Leonard at [LynneAdduciLeonard@gmail.com](mailto:LynneAdduciLeonard@gmail.com) or 240.393.3925.

*\*See the online newsletter for Zoom links.*


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**Other Announcements:**



- + **Updating Parish Prayer List:** If you have placed someone on the St. Dunstan's Prayer List, **please let the Rector know how that person is doing.** If that person needs to remain on the list longer, we gladly will continue to pray for as long as is necessary. Likewise, if it is time for him/her to “graduate” from the list, we will be delighted to celebrate that joyous milestone. Every week the names commended to the Prayer List are printed in the Sunday service bulletin and prayed aloud during Tuesday Prayers for Peace and Healing. If you would like to add an individual or situation to the Prayer List, please reach out to the Rector directly or use the button in the newsletter. Thank you!
- + **Vacation Bible School 2025:** It's almost time for Vacation Bible School – the best week of the summer! VBS features stories, crafts, service, and music and is open to children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5. Preschoolers may attend accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please help spread the word! For more information, please contact **Julie Anderson** at [julie\\_anderson75@hotmail.com](mailto:julie_anderson75@hotmail.com).

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

@ St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



**June 23-27**  
**9 am to 12 pm**



**Registration:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/VBS-STDC-2025>

**5450 Massachusetts Avenue - Entrance on Fort Sumner Drive**

## *Serving this Morning*

<b>Presider and Preacher:</b>	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
<b>Musicians:</b>	Diane Atherton, Ulysses Squitieri, and the St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Marsha Barnes, Augusta Cox, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Trudy Surut
<b>Greeter:</b>	Susie Cooper
<b>Livestream Minister:</b>	Vince Leonard
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Melissa Carnall Fauci
<b>Children's Chapel:</b>	Julie Anderson and Jenna Monroe
<b>Lector:</b>	Sue Carroll
<b>Psalm Leader:</b>	Teresa Lee
<b>Prayers of the People:</b>	Michelle Mesen
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Lynne Leonard and Michelle Mesen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Walter Douglas and Michelle Mesen
<b>Barista:</b>	Fred Smoak
<b>Vestry Member of the Day:</b>	Nancy Douglas
<b>Snack Angels:</b>	Nancy Douglas and Marie Park

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## **\*Artist's Reflection: "St. Tabitha"**

In Acts 9:36-43, we are introduced to "a disciple whose name was Tabitha" and who "was devoted to good works and acts of charity." She is the ONLY woman named as a disciple in the New Testament. The part of the narrative that caught my attention was that, as Tabitha lay dying, her woman friends stood around her with the clothing she had made for them. She was apparently a marvelous weaver and seamstress, and she is now considered the Patron Saint of seamstresses and fiber arts. It caught my fancy to do an icon of this Saint. This piece uses hand-dyed fabrics and embroidery, and the saint is holding a basket of yarn (actually embroidery thread) and a sewing needle. I don't do faces very often, but for St. Tabitha I tried to depict her as a kind and perceptive woman.

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