

**June 7, 2026**  
**The Second Sunday after Pentecost:**  
**Choir Recognition Sunday**  
**10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist**  
*with Children's Chapel and Healing Prayers*



**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**  
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# Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

*Where there is devotional music, God is always at hand  
with His gracious presence.*

~ J. S. Bach



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.



**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 the left to sign up.

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



This morning we welcome **Monica Berney** as our **Guest Organist**.

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

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### **Prelude**

Monica Berney, *organ*

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

### **Processional Hymn**

“When in our music God is glorified”

Music: *Hymnal*, 420

When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried  
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,  
Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight,  
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always  
Alleluia!

## **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 of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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.*

## **The Song of Praise**

*Sing the Lord's Song*

N. Sleeth (1930-1992)

St. Dunstan's Junior and Youth Choirs

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

## **The Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9**

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,  
those who curse you I will curse;  
all the families of the earth  
will be blessed because of you."

Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I give this land to your descendants," so Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him. From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and worshipped in the Lord's name. Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

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

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

*Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.*

**Psalm 33:1-8**

Rejoice in God, you righteous;  
**it is good for the just to sing praises.**

Praise God with the harp;  
**play upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Sing for God a new song;  
**sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.**

For your word, O God, is right,  
**and all your works are sure.**

You love righteousness and justice;  
**your loving-kindness fills the whole earth.**

By your word, O God, were the heavens made,  
**by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin  
**and store up the depths of the sea.**

Let all the earth fear you;  
**let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of you.**

*Please stand and join in singing.*

**Sequence Hymn**

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Music: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, 203

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the holy spirit  
Revives my soul again.

*Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
And say He died for all.

*There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Don't ever be discouraged  
For Jesus is your friend,  
And if you lack for knowledge,  
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.

*Refrain*

**The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Emily Elder

*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.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, with confidence and trust like that of your first disciples, we pray for the Church: for *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and all who minister in the Name of Christ.

God of grace,

**you hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community, the nation, and the world, and we remember all those entrusted with leadership in this and every land. We pray for the President and Vice

President, the Members of Congress and Justices of the Supreme Court, and for those serving in our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services.  
God of grace,  
**you hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South Sudan, Ukraine, and we remember refugees, migrants, and unhoused people throughout your world.  
God of grace,  
**you hear our prayer.**

We lift before you those on our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 17*), as well as the people and situations we name now, silently or aloud:

*Pause for prayers of petition and intercession*

God of grace,  
**you hear our prayer.**

We remember those who mourn and those who have died, especially *Priscilla Carpenter, Martha Enthoven*, and those we name now, silently or aloud:

*Pause for prayers for the departed*

God of grace,  
**you hear our prayer.**

*The Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for those in our parish community who are graduating this spring, and we ask your blessing upon them. We lift before you:

Peter Alexander, *BS* (James Madison University)  
Alex Berger, *MD* (University of Maryland Baltimore County)  
Jill Berger, *MEd* (University of Maryland College Park)  
Natalie Edwards Cellura, *MBA* (University of Virginia Darden School of Business)  
Elena di Filippo, *Grade 5* (Woodacres Elementary School)  
Spencer Gorman, *BS* (Marist University)  
Hans Overdahl, *BA* (McDaniel College)

*Let us pray:* Loving God, surround these graduates with your grace. Bless them with hope, so that they might move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life, even when faced with challenges and difficulties. Guide and comfort them as they take their next faithful steps, that they may grow ever more grateful and wise. This we pray in your holy Name, **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins to God.

*A brief 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*

Let us offer in God's dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
let us sing and make music to our God.

*~ From Psalm 27:9*

*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

*The Lone Wild Bird*

J. Nelson (b.1983)

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir  
Maggie Clark, *violin*

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight, is still with thee,  
nor leaves thy sight, and I am thine, I rest in thee, Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.  
The ends of Earth are in thy hand, the sea's dark deep, and far-off land.  
And I am thine, I rest in thee, Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*

# 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*

*LEVAS*, 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly  
ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hosanna in the Highest". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

*Please stand, sit, or kneel.*

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 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 back of the Nave during Communion and the Postlude.*

# Music during Communion

*In your mercy, Lord, you called me*

Text: J. Conder (1789-1855)

Music: *Halton Holgate*, W. Boyce (1711-1779)

The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

*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

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 at the Presider's invitation.*

### **The Prayer after Communion**

*Presider*

Let us pray:

*and People*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Presider*

Sing to God, you servants of God, and give thanks for the remembrance of God's holiness. And may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, and with all those you love, this day and always, **Amen.**

*Please join in singing.*

## Closing Hymn

"Go forth for God; go to the world in peace"

Music: *Hymnal*, 347

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

*Please be seated following the hymn.*

## Announcements

### Thanksgiving for Choir Members

*Presider*

These singers have been called to the ministry of choral music at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

*People*

**Praise be to God, who has called you to this service!**

*Presider*

Let us pray: Look with favor upon these artists, O God, and fill them with your Holy Spirit. As they lead this congregation in songs of praise, may they glorify you with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior, **Amen.**

In the Name of God, we recognize you and give you this as a token of your ministry. Thank you for this year of beautiful music!

## Prayer for the Rev. Emily Elder before Ordination to the Priesthood

*Please stand for the Dismissal.*

### Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

Monica Berney, *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 honor of their son **William**, who celebrates his twenty-fifth birthday this week.

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## *For Your Prayers*

*For healing, strength, and protection:*

Chuck Ault; Phil and Patti Carroll; Terry Conroy; Steve Cooper;  
Henry Cox; Traci Dean; Elizabeth Douglas; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey;  
Amanda and Torrey Finck; Nick Gilbert; Terry Haight; Ben Hull;  
Madeleine Johnson; Patricia Mackenzie; Tracy Monroe; Rick Nickles;  
Carol Overdahl; Mary Jane Reynolds; Linda Rogers; Curtis Shively;  
Nancy Thoreson; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters; David Wheeler; Anne; Ben; Bill;  
Christopher; Craig; Griffin; JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William; Marty;  
Melanie; Michelle; MT; Paola; Phyllis; 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

For missionaries serving throughout the world

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory:*

Priscilla Carpenter and Martha Enthoven

♪♪ *Music Notes* ♪♪

*The Lone, Wild Bird (Offertory Anthem)* was arranged by Jessica Nelson in 2022 for St Andrews's Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson, Mississippi, where she serves as Music Director. In 2015, she was appointed to the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church in the U. S. and also serves on the Board of the Leadership Program for Musicians. This text was written by the Rev. Henry McFadyen to the Southern Harmony hymn tune, *Prospect*.

~ Adapted by Diane Atherton, from Denise Marsh, St. Martin's, Ellisville, MO



## *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 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:** Please join us in the **Parish Hall** immediately following worship for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack and some good conversation!
- **New Nave Gallery Exhibit:** Please take a few moments to explore our new exhibit on the **Book of Psalms**, a collection of poems and prayers from the time of King David. The Psalms lay bare to God the full range of human emotions, from despair to consolation, praise, and exaltation. This exhibit from our **Liturgical-Artist-in-Residence, Sue Carroll**, is a visual journey inviting us to reflect on our own expression of feelings to God. Most of these original pieces of art are available for sale for **\$225**, with all proceeds going to St. Dunstan's. If you have questions or are interested in making a purchase, please contact Sue at [liturgicalart@stdunstansbethesda.org](mailto:liturgicalart@stdunstansbethesda.org).

### *This Week:*

- **Wednesday, June 10:**
  - + **10:30 a.m.: Weekly Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke (Zoom)**
- **Thursday, June 11:**
  - + **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing (Zoom)**
- **Saturday, June 13:**
  - + **9 a.m.: Men's Group Meeting (Kitchen/Parlor)**
  - + **10 a.m.: Soul Sisters (Zoom)**

▪ **Next Sunday, June 14:**

- + **12 Noon: A Conversation with Our Afghan Friends** (*Parish Hall*). Please plan to stay after worship next Sunday for this special Forum Hour! We will catch up with Syed, Elyas, and Erfan and learn how best to support them as they continue to make their way in this country.

**Coming Up:**

▪ **Monday, June 15:**

- + **12 Noon-5 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive** (*Parish Hall*). Please consider giving the gift of life! To make your appointment, either scan the QR code or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter code **SDECBethesda**.



▪ **Thursday, June 18:**

- + **8 p.m.: Book Study with Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill** (*On Zoom*). We are continuing our book discussion with **Immanuel Church, Alexandria!** Our theme is the Historical Jesus, and we'll be reading Elaine Pagels's new book, *Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus*. For more information, please contact **Alex Lane**: [lane.alex49@gmail.com](mailto:lane.alex49@gmail.com). All are welcome; the Zoom link is in the online newsletter.

▪ **Monday-Friday, July 13-17:**

- + **9 a.m.-12 Noon: Vacation Bible School ~ Compassion Camp** (*Parish Hall/Grounds*). It's almost here – the best week of the year! All children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to participate in VBS as campers; older children are encouraged to serve as Junior Counselors. Fee: \$50 per camper (max. \$100 per family). Come join the fun! To register your child, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/VBS2026-STD>. To lend a hand with 2026 VBS, please contact **Julie Anderson**: [julie\\_anderson75@hotmail.com](mailto:julie_anderson75@hotmail.com).

A colorful poster for Vacation Bible School ~ Compassion Camp. The background is yellow with a green border. The text "VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, "Open to rising K-5." is in a smaller, cursive font. A red banner contains the dates "July 13 to 17 - 9 to Noon". To the right is a large red heart with a green banner across it that says "COMPASSION CAMP". Below the heart, the text "what every child needs" is written in a curved path. At the bottom left is a QR code. At the bottom right, it says "Co-Hosted by St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church and Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ", "More Info &amp; Registration: https://tinyurl.com/VBS2026-STD", "Held @ St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church", and "5450 Massachusetts Avenue - www.StDunstansBethesda.org".

## *Serving this Morning*

<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Rev. Emily Elder
<b>Deacons:</b>	The Rev. Jessica Ault and The Rev. Emily Elder
<b>Musicians:</b>	Diane Atherton, Monica Berney, Maggie Clark, and The St. Dunstan's Choirs
<i>Chancel Choir:</i>	Fred Atwood, Elin Botha, Maggie Clark, Heather Fetrow, Sandy Hoffman, Christopher Joseph, Dani Kaufmann, and Hannah Bleby Orford
<i>Junior/Youth Choir:</i>	Addie Boyle, Elena di Filippo, Gabby Flynn, Lucas Flynn, Theo Flynn, and Caroline McManus
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Marsha Barnes, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Melissa Deerhing
<b>Child Care:</b>	Lila Saidi and Sany Saidi
<b>Greeter:</b>	Donna Alvarez
<b>Livestream Minister:</b>	Doug McManus
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Addie Boyle
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Caroline McManus
<b>Children's Chapel:</b>	Jenna Monroe and Pam Ostuw
<b>Lector:</b>	Elena di Filippo
<b>Psalm Leader:</b>	Cami Caudill
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Diane Adams
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Fred Atwood and Cami Caudill
<b>Ushers:</b>	Elin Botha and Vince Leonard
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Elin Botha, Karen Edwards, and Fred Smoak
<b>Vestry Member of the Day:</b>	Fred Atwood

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*Why does your teacher eat with tax collector and sinners?*  
(Mixed media liturgical art by Sue Carroll)

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### **The Blessing:**

Based on Psalm 30:4

**\*Artist's Reflection: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collector and sinners?"** My intention in making this was to simply illustrate the event in the narrative: Jesus inside the house, with "sinners and tax collectors" gathered around him, and strong-jawed, judgmental observers watching from outside. But when I showed it to a friend, her reaction was electric. "They are CHOOSING to stay outside! All they would have to do is come in and join the gathering. All anybody has to do is CHOOSE to come in, instead of standing apart and judging!" Fascinating, how people can find more/different meaning in a piece than I thought I put there.

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

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