

August 31, 2025
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel and the Blessing of the Backpacks



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's

This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more.

~ Rachel Held Evans



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.



*The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by
Jackie Jones and Chuck Cash, in thanksgiving for their tenth wedding
anniversary this past Thursday, August 28.*

*Please place your backpacks, bookbags, and briefcases in front of the Altar
before today's liturgy begins.*

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Prelude in G Major

W. H. Harris (1883-1973)

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

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

Processional Hymn

“Earth and all stars”

Music: *Hymnal*, 412

Earth and all stars,
loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory,
loud shouting army,
sing to the Lord a new song!

*He hath done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

Hail, wind, and rain,
loud blowing snowstorms,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees,
loud rustling dry leaves,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

Trumpet and pipes,
loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre,
loud humming cellos,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

continued

Engines and steel,
loud pounding hammers,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams,
loud building workers,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

Classrooms and labs,
loud boiling test-tubes,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band,
loud cheering people,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

Knowledge and truth,
loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son,
loud praying members,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

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 Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 attend Children's Chapel in the Youth Room.

The Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Lector A Reading from the Book of Hebrews:

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Please join in reciting the psalm responsively.

Psalm 112

Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God, *
and have great delight in the commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blest.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

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For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in God.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“Bless’d 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: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon: "Building the Kingdom of God"

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.

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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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic 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 bishops, priests, and deacons;

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. 20*), 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 *Susan Brown*, *Fletcher Merkel*, *Harper Moyski*, 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 continues

At the beginning of this new academic year, let us pray for children everywhere: God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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

A brief silence

Presider 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

Presider Holy One, we praise you for the wonders of your Creation:

People **make us joyful and faithful stewards.**

At the Offertory

Christus factus es

F. Anerio (c. 1560-1614)

Diane Atherton, *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.**

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.**

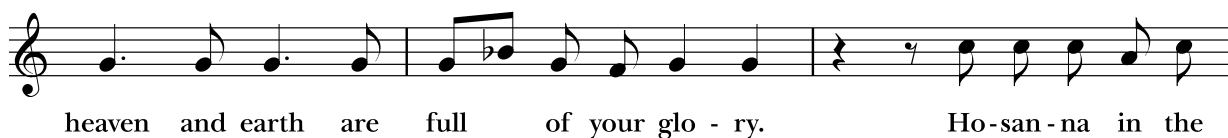
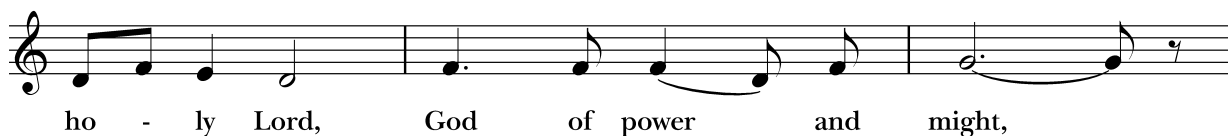
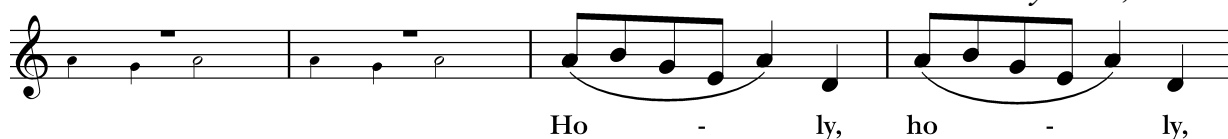
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

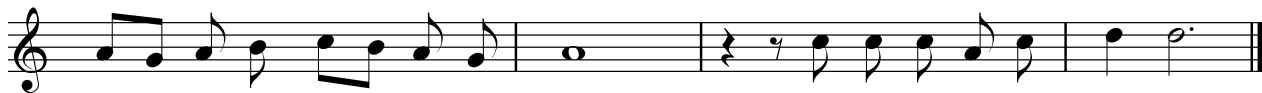
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-128





comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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.

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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

My God, thy table now is spread

Diane Atherton, soprano

Rockingham

Please join in singing.

“You shall cross the barren desert”

Wonder, Love, and Praise, 811

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand.

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a variety of textures, including chords, arpeggios, and melodic lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The first system begins with a rest for the vocal line, followed by the lyrics '1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you'. The second system continues with 'shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in'. The third system continues with 'safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall'. The fourth system concludes with 'speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand.'.

You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al-ways.

Come, fol - low me, and I will give you

Verse 2

rest.

2. If you

pass through rag - ing wa - ters in the sea, you shall not

drown, If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames, you shall not be

harm'd. If you stand be - fore the pow'r of hell and

death is at your side, know that I am with you — through it

To refrain Verse 3

all. *To refrain* 3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the

king - dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that

weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if

wick-ed men in - sult and hate you all be-cause of me,

bless-ed, bless-ed are you!_____

Final Refrain

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.

Come, fol - low me, and I will give you

rest._____

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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 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

"We're marching to Zion"

Music: *LEVAS*, 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

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.

Refrain

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements and Blessing of Backpacks, Bookbags, and Briefcases

God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all schools at the beginning of this new academic year, that they may be lively centers for learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of goodness. We pray also for our places of work, that our time laboring may be fruitful and enriching. Give students open minds and open hearts to learn and to experience more fully the majesty of the world you have created. May this year be full of promise for them and their teachers, as together they experience new beginnings and fresh starts. Enable them to grow in knowledge and wisdom all the days of their lives. Now O God, bless these backpacks, bookbags, and briefcases, and the students, teachers, and workers who carry them. In the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Fugue in C Major

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Please remember in prayer:

Julie Anderson; Jeff Boesch; Phil and Patti Carroll; Rick Conroy; Bill Cooke; Steve Cooper; Austin Cox; Henry Cox; Donna Embry; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Joann Fowler; Jon Michael Gaudio; Ben Hull; David Hull; Frank Libutti; Patricia Mackenzie; Jim McGee; Elena Marchetti and 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; Karen; Katherine; Marty; Melanie; Sherry; *and* Shiloh



Celebrating More Contemporary Saints

This week we give thanks for the lives of several noteworthy individuals of deep faith who set an example of “saintly living” for the rest of us.

David Pendleton Oakerhater is recognized as a saint for his transformation from a Cheyenne warrior to a devoted Christian Deacon and missionary who served his people for over 50 years. After being imprisoned following the Indian Wars, he converted to Christianity, was ordained, and committed his life to ministry among the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, providing spiritual leadership and advocating peace and reconciliation. The Episcopal Church remembers him on **September 1**.

The Martyrs of New Guinea, honored on **September 2**, are venerated for their sacrifice during World War II. These clergy, teachers, medical staff, and layworkers (both indigenous Papuans and foreign missionaries) remained at their posts during the Japanese invasion, despite the danger, and were executed for their faith and service. Their steadfast commitment, even unto death, serves as a witness to courage and faithfulness in the face of persecution.

Bishop Paul Jones is recognized as a saint in the Episcopal Church because of his steadfast Christian pacifism, social activism, and courage in witness to the Gospel of peace. He publicly denounced war as unchristian during World War I, declaring that “war is unchristian,” which led to his forced resignation as Bishop of Utah. Despite opposition, he continued ministering, working for justice, advocating for workers, and supporting conscientious objectors. His sainthood is rooted in: his prophetic and public advocacy for nonviolence and peace, even at great personal and professional cost; his lifelong service among marginalized communities, including miners, railroad workers, immigrants, and Native Americans; and his leadership in the Christian pacifist movement and efforts to support conscientious objectors and the cause of peace within the Church. The Episcopal Church honors him on **September 4**, recognizing his witness as a model of Gospel-centered peacemaking and justice. ~ *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!

The Week Ahead:

- + **Monday, September 1:**
 - **Parish Office closed in observance of Labor Day holiday**
 - **Deadline for Education Equals Hope (E = H) contributions.** Once again this year, St. Dunstan's is sponsoring students at **Buen Pastor Episcopal School in Ecuador**, which serves vulnerable children and their families. Your contribution of **\$40/month or \$480/year** will make an enormous difference in the life of a student. *To donate:* Write a check to St. Dunstan's, noting "E = H" on the Memo line, or visit StDunstansBethesda.org, click the green "Give" button, then "One Time Donation," with "E = H" in the Details of Contribution box. Thank you!
- + **Tuesday, September 2:**
 - **11 a.m.: "What Now?!" Discussion Group** (*Parish Hall*)
 - **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** (*Zoom and Facebook**)
- + **Wednesday, September 3:**
 - **10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke** (*Zoom**)
- + **Next Saturday, September 6:**
 - **10 a.m.—4 p.m.: Children's Choir Camp** (*St. Dunstan's*). Children ages 5-13 are welcome to join **Diane Atherton** and **Ulysses Squitieri** for a fun-filled day of singing selections from "**The Sound of Music**"! The fee is \$25 per child. To register your child(ren), scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/KidsChoirCamp>. This is a great way to invite friends to come discover St. Dunstan's!



Coming Up:

+ “Welcome Home” Sunday, September 14:

- **10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist, with Children's Chapel and September Anniversary and Birthday Prayers**
- **12 Noon: All-Parish Potluck Brunch** (*Parish Hall*). Come share a delicious meal, learn more about St. Dunstan's ministries, and hear about our hopes and *plans* for the coming year! Please see the button in the online parish newsletter to let us know what you can bring, and whether you can help with setup or cleanup. We have so much for which to be thankful...Let's celebrate!

+ Saturday, September 20:

- **11 a.m.: Memorial Service for longtime St. Dunstan's parishioner Jessie McCardell** (*Nave*), followed by Luncheon Reception (*Parish Hall*)



Celebrating More Contemporary Saints

The most important thing that we do as a community of faith is worship together. The Body of Christ gathers to offer our prayers and praises to God, and as a congregation we make Communion – together. Another word for our collective worship is *liturgy*, which comes from Greek words meaning "work" and "people." As the Church teaches, our "public worship of God is the work of the Christian people." Worship is our primary reason for being, and everyone is invited and encouraged to take part, actively, in Sunday services. Worship is not about performance, but participation. Here are some ways for you to get involved:

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| • Livestream Minister* | • Usher |
| • Greeter | • Healing Minister* |
| • Acolyte | • Lay Eucharistic Minister* |
| • Crucifer | • Children's Chapel Helper |
| • Lector | • Snack Angel |
| • Psalm Leader | • Barista |
| • Intercessor | |

Every role is important and essential to our worshipping life. In short, there is a job for you (and your children)! Just use the link in the online newsletter to sign up; feel free to reach out to the Rector for more information.

**** Training provided.***

Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Musicians:	Diane Atherton and Ulysses Squitieri
Altar Guild:	Augusta Cox
Flower Guild:	Anne Tager
Greeter:	Julie Anderson
Livestream Minister:	Vince Leonard
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	Lynne Leonard
Children's Chapel:	Maggie Clark and Jenna Monroe
Lector:	Nancy Douglas
Psalm Leader:	Fred Atwood
Intercessor:	Sue Carroll
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Ray Donnelly and Lynne Leonard
Usher:	Marie Park
Barista:	Fred Smoak
Snack Angels:	Nancy Douglas and Claire Owen
Vestry Member of the Day:	Vince Leonard

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Artist's Reflection: "Light shines in the darkness." It certainly feels like times are dark. But I do believe there is light, if we can remember to look for it. Then we need to lift our faces to it, and let it bathe us – nourish us – and give us direction. The background here is blue velvet, the profile is painted paper "lit" with embossing powder, and the moon is white wool felt embroidered with beads and pearls. ~ Sue Carroll, *Liturgical Artist-in-Residence*



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