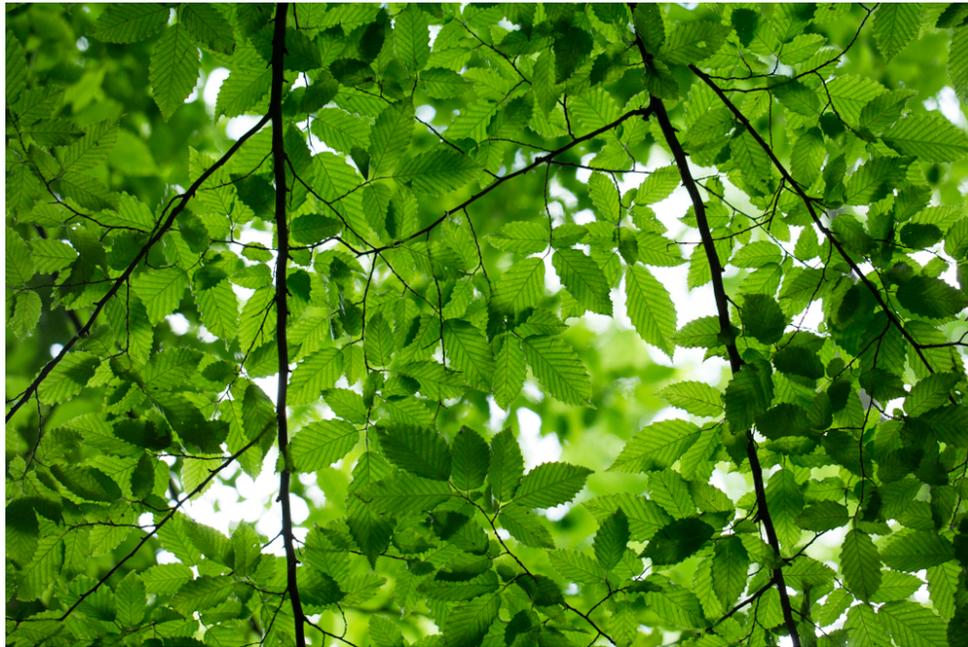


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The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 8, 2018

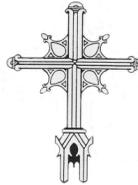
9:00 a.m.

An Ordinary Time Message from the Rector

This is the time of year when the church goes “green.” The church’s ancient wheel of liturgical time slowly turns from season to season. We keep track of the seasons with the specific colors associated with each one. In Medieval times, the colors were the way that most people, who were illiterate, kept track of which liturgical season it was. Two weeks ago, we celebrated the Day of Pentecost with vibrant red vestments and altar hangings (the fabric draped on the altar and the bands of fabric that hang from the lectern and the pulpit). On Trinity Sunday, we switched to white, the color of Jesus’s burial garments. Now, we enter into the longest season of the liturgical calendar, ordinary time, with the color green, representing the new beginnings of the church after Pentecost and also the promise of new life in the Resurrection. Now and until the beginning of Advent, we will concentrate on the Gospel of Mark, the earliest and shortest of the four Gospels that tells the story of Jesus in a most compelling way.

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here, in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew rack. Hearing assist devices are available. Please ask the ushers for assistance with these or any other requests.

We welcome children of all ages at St. John’s. Your children are always welcome to stay with you in church. We encourage you to sit up front, as children are more engaged if they can see what’s happening. We also have supplies for quiet play available at both entrances to the church, which children are welcome to use as they sit in the pews. During the summer, our Good Shepherd Room is available for parents and children to use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Pastorale in F

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

OPENING HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

HYFRYDOL

All stand and sing.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, 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.

People **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All sit.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 48

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
**they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**

- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:2–10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 671 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
All stand and sing.

NEW BRITAIN

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 6:1–13**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Walter McKenney

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**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

*A period of silence is kept. The people say the words in **bold**.*

We pray for the Church and for the world.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer**.

Lord, your house is a house of prayer for all peoples, all outcasts, and all who love your name. Reach into our hearts and focus our attention on this central mission of your gospel.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

You asked us to maintain justice and do what is right, that all nations may know peace. We pray for all living in places of war and unrest. Uphold our leaders to strive to work together for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Open our hearts to the visitors among us, and to their gifts and questions. Fill them with your welcoming presence. Watch over those who are away and bring them safely home, especially those attending the Episcopal Church General Convention in Austin.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Shine your face upon those in need of healing for our bodies, minds, and spirits. Strengthen our faith and fill us with hope as we humbly kneel before you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

We pray for all who have died and commend them into God's eternal care. We give thanks for their presence among us and all that they have taught us in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Celebrant Holy God, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City where the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. We especially remember before you all poor and neglected persons it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Andante, from Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

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

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All remain standing 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive Healing Prayers, go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

You are also welcome to light a candle, located near the baptismal font, in memory of a loved one or to lift a prayer to God.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 535 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim

PADERBORN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY Postlude in G

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the Voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Assisting: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Layreader: Cindy Lawler

Organist: Scott Lamlein

Ushers: Edwin Genece, Paul Shaker

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Altar Guild: Paul Shaker

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Carol Sonne

Musician: Joyce Burke

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey, and our missionary in Haiti, Dr. Lucinda Mosher.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

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| Jim Evans | Cheryl Trahan | Chas | Paul Major |
| Kim Green | Andrew Lee | Meg | |
| Carol Grieco | Dorothy Nelson | Lina | |
| Janet Ray | Susan | Edward Shaker | |
| Susan Murray | Cait Semanie | Kenny | |

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

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| Philip Tummescheit | Barry Simson |
| Miriam Lockhart | Emma Kosinski |
| Charlotte Beers Plank | Andrew Hicks |
| Abigail Stretz | Mike Corey |

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Cindy and Jim Lawler
Conny and Michael DeLuca

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Pakistan.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Peter's, Oxford; Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; St. Paul's, Plainfield; and for military chaplains, and the men and women who serve our country.

Community Garden Update

Our first distribution of free vegetables to our neighbors happened on Tuesday morning. Kale, bok choy, spinach and herbs were washed, bagged and offered to passers-by and visitors to the church, who were grateful—and surprised!—to receive fresh vegetables at no cost. We expect to continue distributing vegetables on Tuesday mornings, and may add other days and times.

We are now signing up gardening volunteers for each week during the summer and into early fall. Volunteers may come at any time during their chosen week to weed, harvest and do any other needed garden maintenance. It is best if at least one person per week either attended one of our recent garden orientations, or has some gardening experience, as volunteers will be on their own to do what needs doing.

There is a paper sign-up on the large bulletin board located between Hubbard Hall and the Education Wing, and an online sign-up available via our web site at <https://sjparish.net/gods-garden>. **We are also in need of plastic grocery bags in which to distribute the vegetables**, so please bring in extra bags that are taking up space at home!



Pray for our young missionaries and chaperones!

On Saturday, June 30, six St. John's young people and three chaperones safely traveled to the Dominican Republic, where they are helping to lead a Vacation Bible School for 400 children, together with other Connecticut Episcopalians. Please keep them in your prayers, and check the St. John's Facebook and Instagram pages for photos and updates! You may access our social media accounts through our web site at www.sjparish.net.



Jazz Mass at Christ Church Cathedral, July 22

Once again, Christ Church Cathedral invites everyone to their Jazz Mass, on Sunday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. This annual event brings together Episcopalians from many area churches for wonderful music and worship.



What is Efm *and could it be right for you?*

Education for Ministry (Efm) is a four-year curriculum for lay people sponsored by Sewanee School of Theology, University of the South. Each year is a nine-month cycle of study, for which students enroll one cycle at a time.

During these four years of study, a close-knit community of seekers is formed. Together, they study the Bible, church history, theology and philosophy, asking myriad questions and sharing their wisdom, while becoming more deeply rooted in their own faith.

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Efm program provides people with education to support their ministry—that vocation for which we pray at the end of the Eucharist: “And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.”

Efm offers an opportunity to do just that. It is a wonderful, life-giving way to discover our unique gifts and how to use them to make this world a little bit better, as we become more the person God calls us to be.

At St. John’s, the Efm group meets on Thursday evenings from September through June. **If you’d like to learn more about Efm and explore whether this opportunity is right for you, contact Susan Pinkerton at susan@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201.**



Efm is not just “Bible study” through the lens of an organized religion. It’s way more. Yes, it is a lot of reading. And to get something out of it, you have to spend some more time contemplating what you read. And then you come to class and it develops more depth and breadth in discussion. We explore the readings to find embedded lessons for the context in which they were written, and then how the message might relate to current everyday life. The application of the Efm process week after week is like fog slowly dissipating. Or maybe like learning to make sense of the light and shadows on X rays. What might start out as an opaque blob becomes a tool to refine your personal view of God in relation to the world (that is, your personal theology), and insight to ground the big and small choices you make to use the gifts you have in your life while you’re on earth.

And in addition to that, we laugh a lot. I look forward to it every week. Efm is one of the most personally rewarding things I’ve ever done.

Marki Ware
Efm member at St. John’s

St. John's Summer Service Schedule



9 a.m. Sunday morning in the church
5 p.m. Sunday evening in the garden

June 17 through September 2

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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the church

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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VESTRY

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| Wes Winterbottom..... | Warden |
| Tim Goetz and John Roche..... | Co-Treasurers |
| Ellen Painter Dollar..... | Scribe |

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