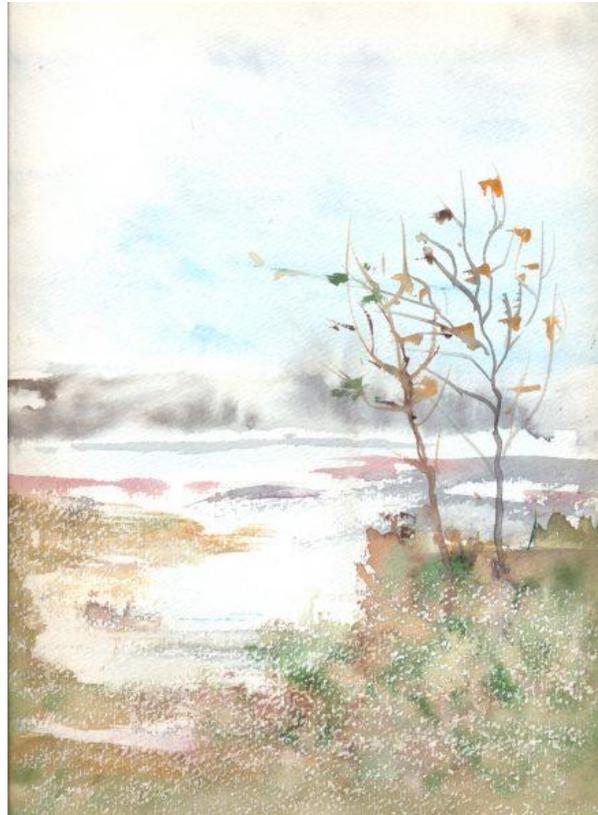


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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 30, 2018

10:30 a.m.

An Autumn Message from the Rector

We enter into autumn, a lovely time of transition both in nature and in our spiritual journeys. We continue in what we call Ordinary Time on our liturgical calendar, counting the number of Sundays after Pentecost, when we celebrated the Church's very beginning. In late November, we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, which concludes this liturgical year before we begin anew on the first Sunday of Advent in early December. This fall, we transition from a time of rest and relaxation that we enjoyed during the summer months into the autumn, when we pick up our pace with our work and study. As we leave the searing summer heat behind and welcome the cool and crisp autumn weather, we are invited to take time to ponder what God is calling us to be and do at this time in our lives. We are each called to use our unique gifts and talents to serve each other and our community, becoming the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We offer a number of ways to be involved both inside and outside the walls of St. John's with our worship services; our faith forums, study groups and church school; and many different ministries in the Greater Hartford area and beyond. Autumn is the perfect time to discern where God is calling us to live into a life of grace as the children of God.

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 from the ushers.

We welcome children of all ages to St. John's. Your children are always welcome to stay in church with you. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged when they can see what's happening. We also offer a professionally staffed nursery for children age 0 to 5 in our education wing. On most Sundays, we hold a *Word Alive* program for school-age children, where they will engage with the lectionary scriptures in an age-appropriate way. An acolyte will lead children out to *Word Alive* during the hymn before the sermon, and bring them back during the Peace. We also have resources for quiet play available at both entrances to the church.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Autumn Sketches Carson Cooman (b. 1982)
 Herbststimmung (Autumn Mood)
 Herbstfarben (Autumn Colors)
 Sonnenuntergang (Sunset)

Three Autumn Sketches after a Watercolor by Maria Willscher (2017) are inspired by a watercolor painting by Maria (Neumann) Willscher (1922–1998) entitled "Herbststimmung." The three movements explore moods and colors of autumn as reflected in the painting (found on the cover of the bulletin).

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling HYFRYDOL
All stand and sing.

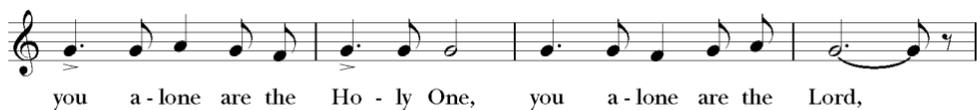
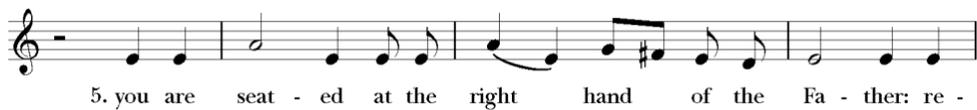
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22

All sit.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 124

The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 **If the Lord had not been on our side, ***
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 **Then would the waters have overwhelmed us ***
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 **Blessed be the Lord! ***
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 **Our help is in the Name of the Lord, ***
the maker of heaven and earth.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

James 5:13–20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 301 Bread of the world, in mercy broken

RENDEZ À DIEU

All stand and sing. An acolyte will lead the children out for Word Alive. They will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

*Mark 9:38–50**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

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

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

Ever-present God, you reveal yourself in the splendor and order of your creation. Heal our broken lives that we may join in the reconciling work of Christ, as we pray: Our help is in the Name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.

Mighty and Patient One, you have taught us that whoever is not against us is for us, and you have promised a divine reward for all who befriend any of your children: Save your Church from whatever may cause us to stumble, that our hands may serve with compassion, our feet walk in the ways of truth, and our eyes be set upon your love. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Just and Compassionate One, you call us to defend the vulnerable and to resist the oppressor: Give our leaders vision and strength to be instruments of justice and servants of peace who will take up the burden of your people and serve them rightly. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Gracious and Loving One, you have made the earth one home for all people: Inspire us to serve alongside those who care for your creation, and bestow upon all people, upon our children, and upon our children's children the fruit of that good work. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Kind and Gentle One, you uphold the little ones, the weak and the vulnerable: Raise up those who suffer or who are oppressed throughout the world, that they may know the comfort of your saving help. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Merciful and Healing One, you have taught us that the prayer of faith will save the sick and that you will raise them up. Hear us as we pray for all in need, especially those on our parish prayer list. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

You have overcome death in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Accept into your eternal love those who have died. Our help is in the Name of God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Send your Spirit into all the earth, O God, that every human being may know your love, grow in faith, and serve your creation in grateful humility, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People **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 ANTHEM The heavens are telling Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)
Words: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert based on Psalm 14

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory.
Through all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:
O man, repeat that glorious sound!
The starry hosts He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night-curtain'd slumber;
O man, adore the King of Kings!

The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor,
His power in all things thou dost see;
The Lord of hosts who for ever and ever
Thy God and Father still shall be.
He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver,
A God of wisdom, ever kind;
Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor,
In Him salvation shalt thou find.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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. 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:

THE SANCTUS

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.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

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.



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Title: *The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

Music: *Gerard R. Near (b. 1942) Copyright © 1985 Aureole Editions, Dallas, Texas.*

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.

Everyone is 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.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Nunc dimittis in D

George Dyson (1883–1964)

Words: The song of Simeon, Luke 2:29–32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end, amen.

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

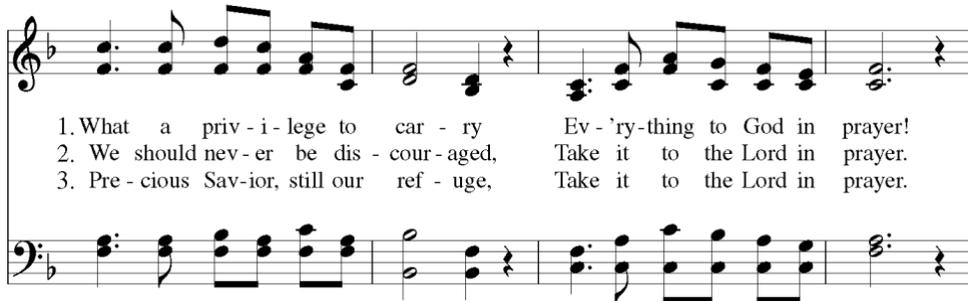
The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN What a friend we have in Jesus

CONVERSE



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819–1866)

Music: Charles C. Converse (1832–1918)

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Counterpoint on *Hyfrydol*

Christa Rakich

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.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton**Layreader:** Christoph Stretz**The St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs****Organist and Choirmaster:** Christa Rakich**Psalterer:** Emma Evica**Acolytes:** Sophie Murchie, Claire Ciscel, Alice Murchie, Isabel Grant**Ushers:** John & Laura Roche, Paul Shaker, Susan Clemow, Don Polk**Altar Guild:** Janet Willard, Conny DeLuca**Healing Prayers:** Cindy Lawler**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:****Layreader:** Carol Sonne**Musician:** Helen Hughlett**The altar flowers are given in memory of James E.C. Walker, M.D.****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:

Jim Evans	Cheryl Trahan	Edward Shaker	Robert Connolly
Kim Green	Andrew Lee	Katie	Ronald Bruno
Carol Grieco	Susan	Cait Semanie	Mike Cassidy
Janet Ray	Leo	Jewel	Rico Dence
Susan Murray	Meg	Manny Aguiar	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

John Brunjes	Jenifer Hartt	Brittany Bass
Jennifer Evans	Stephan Christiansen	Katie Cech
Jake Giuliano	Heather Simson	Ford Gillespie
Alexander Thaxton	Joan Warner	Natalie Puzzo

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Buffy and John Ineson
 Laura and John Roche

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; and for youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.

Save the Date

Community Breakfast, Ministry Fair and Pumpkin Patch, TODAY at 9:30 a.m.

St. John's is fortunate to have many active ministries, from those that serve the parish and nurture our faith to those that connect us with our neighbors. The Community Breakfast, Pumpkin Patch and Ministry Fair is an opportunity to have a bite to eat, learn more about our many ministries, and maybe even find something new to try! You can also fill a Blessing Bag for our neighbors in need, and purchase pumpkins for fall décor, jack-o-lanterns, and baking. Many sizes, shapes and colors of pumpkins and squash will be available, priced from \$3 to \$8 each (bring cash or check). Proceeds will support youth chorister scholarships for a summer 2019 choir trip to Washington, D.C. These pumpkins, grown and donated by choir member Danielle Foint, are the best deal in town—friends and neighbors are welcome!

New World Trio Concert, TODAY at 2 p.m.

Join the New World Trio (ensemble in residence at Music at the Red Door) for "Native Sons," a concert featuring works by Chausson, Turina, and Foote. Anahred Stowe, violin, Peter Zay, cello, and Pi-Hsun Shih, piano. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$20. For information www.newworldtrio.org, 860-586-8579.

League of Women Voters Potluck Supper, October 4, 6 p.m.

The League of Women Voters, West Hartford, will hold a potluck supper in St. John's Hubbard Hall on Thursday, October 4 at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. Please bring something to share. Max Reiss, political reporter, from NBC CT will speak about reporting on Hartford politics at 6:45 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals, October 7, 10:30 a.m.

At the 10:30 service on October 7, you're invited to bring your pet for a blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day. All types of pets are welcome; please use a leash or crate as needed to ensure the comfort and safety of animals and people. Children's stuffed pets, and photos of beloved pets, past and present, are also welcome.

Celtic service, October 7, 4:30 p.m.

The first Celtic service of the new program year will be that afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Celtic services are a joint program of St. John's and St. James's. They feature silence, prayer, reflection, chant, meditation, and live music from a variety of traditions. All are welcome to come experience this fresh way of connecting with God and finding nourishment for your spirit.

Annual "Dine Around" dinners, October 12

Come have dinner and socialize with other parishioners in their homes on Friday, October 12. Dine Around dinners are an opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other better and enjoy a good dinner and conversation. All adults are welcome—married, single, of all ages, long-time parishioners and newcomers. Several dinners will be hosted at parishioners' homes at the same time. Don't miss this fun evening! The Dine Around committee will match you with a host, who will reach out to let you know what you can contribute to the dinner. To sign up to attend or serve as a host, look for the clipboard in Hubbard Hall, call the church office or email Kim Byrd at Kimberley.byrd@comcast.net.

Jazz at the Red Door: The Nat Reeves Quintet, October 14, 3 p.m.

An afternoon of incredible jazz! Join us on Sunday, October 14 at 3 p.m., in the marvelous acoustics of St. John's Church, for a foot-tapping delight. During the past 30 years, Nat Reeves has been one of the top bassists in jazz. His supportive and stimulating playing has uplifted a countless number of sessions and recording dates (most notably with the great altoists Jackie McLean and Kenny Garrett). Both as a performer and an educator, he has made a strong impact on the jazz world. The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20.



Bring food donations next Sunday

On the first Sunday of the month, we collect nonperishable food for the Grace Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry on Prospect Avenue. Please bring any of the following next Sunday and put it in the wagon in the back of the church: peanut butter, tuna, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned pasta/stew/soup, canned veggies and canned fruit.

We need more ushers!

Our usher teams play an important role in worship on Sundays and special services. They greet people, hand out bulletins, guide people through communion, and are stewards of the offering plates. Each usher team serves on Sunday mornings every six weeks during the program year. Ushers also volunteer as their schedules allow for special services, and once over the summer. A couple of our teams are short on members due to people moving away or choosing to focus on other ministries. Please consider whether you can help by joining an usher team. We strive for flexibility to accommodate individual schedules. Contact John Amamoo (head usher) or Ellen in the parish office for more information.

Donate fabric for our prayer tree

Our prayer tree, located on the west side of the property near Highland Street, has been a huge success since this project began last spring. Neighbors and passers-by are invited to tie a strip of fabric onto a branch to symbolize the prayers they lift up to God. We need more fabric to create the prayer strips. If you have fabric leftover from craft or sewing projects, we can use it! All colors, patterns, and materials are welcome. Please drop off your fabric donations in the office during the week or on Sunday morning.

Cloister Garden work day, October 6, 9 a.m.

We need a few enthusiastic gardeners to help prepare our Cloister Garden for the winter by pulling up annuals, cutting back perennials, filling bird feeders, etc. Please wear gardening clothes, and bring gloves and any garden tools that might be useful. With many hands, the work should only take a couple of hours.

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

Pets of all kinds are welcome to receive a blessing. You are also welcome to bring toy pets and photos of beloved pets, past or present.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday
4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)
5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

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**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

VESTRY

Buffy Ineson *Warden*
Wes Winterbottom *Warden*
Tim Goetz and John Roche *Co-Treasurers*
Ellen Painter Dollar *Scribe*

2016-18: Bess Amamoo, Ginny Kemp, Will Smith

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Douglas Hyland, Virginia Van Dyk, Andrew Worrell

2018-20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Sonia Michel, Alex Nelson