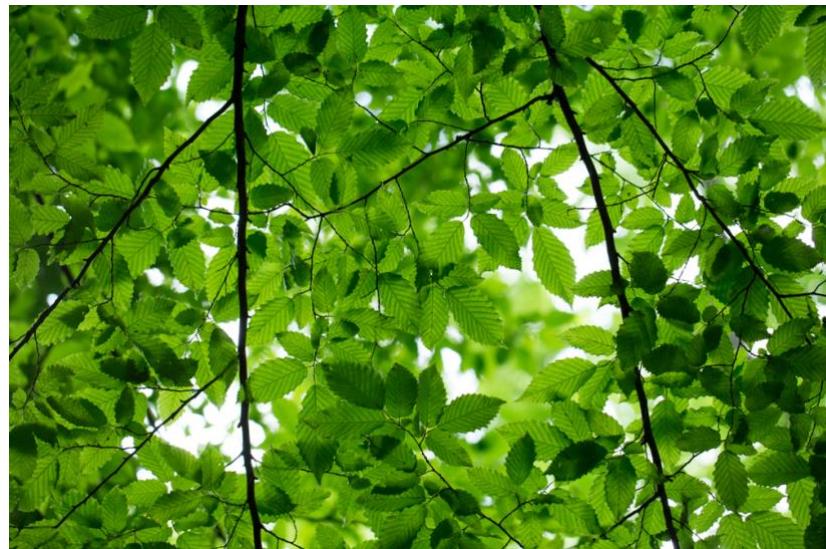


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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 21, 2019

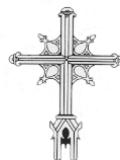
9:00 a.m.

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. In early June, 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. The word “ordinary” does not mean common or mundane. Instead, it is from the word “ordinal” which means “counted.” We count the Sundays after Pentecost because it is a long stretch of time that spans several months, concluding with the Feast of Christ the King in the late fall, just before Advent.

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.

Our ushers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship. Please speak to an usher if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. Again, welcome.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Partita on *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Francis Snow (1890–1961)

THE OPENING HYMN 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

IN BABILON

All stand and sing.

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

People **And blessed be God’s 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. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–10a

All sit.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 15

The people say the words in bold.

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:15–28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 711 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
All stand and sing.

SEEK YE FIRST

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Deacon 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.

Let us lift our needs and those of others to God, who is revealed to us in acts of hospitality, care and worship.

We pray for all peoples on earth and their leaders, and for mercy, justice and peace in the world. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, that we may welcome the strangers at our doors, serve all people as your hands of love, and sit at the feet of those who need compassionate care. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those on vacation, that they will be refreshed by times of rest and deeper connections with those whom they love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in danger and need, especially for refugees in search of shelter, travelers on their journey, and those who give them hospitality. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, our families, our companions and all those we love, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who rest in Christ and all the departed. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God who comes among us in the person of Jesus, hear the prayers we offer today, and grace our worship and our homes with your presence in word and at table, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFSSION 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 Prélude Modal

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand and sing.

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. 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 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



Music: *Land of Rest*, arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

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.

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 MUSIC Let us break bread together

Charles Callahan (b.1951)

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 488 Be thou my vision
All stand and sing.

SLANE

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Praised be God

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

*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 and Preacher: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: David Beers

Organist: Charles Page

Ushers: Don Polk, Paul Shaker

Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd

Altar Guild: Ginny Kemp

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Jessica Harmon

Musician: Natalie Giana

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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 missioner 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	Susan	Michael	Mary Stoughton
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Julie Verney
Carol Grieco	Edward Shaker	Chris	Diane Ryan
Janet Ray	Graham	Melody	Lynda
Susan Murray	Giovanni Guzzo	Linda Evans	Mary Byrd
Brad Babbitt	Edith Connolly	Sally	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Julia Verney	J.P. Evans	Richard Blum
Bob Bainbridge	Malcolm Latif	Brad Babbitt
John Walsh	Priscilla Hexter	Julia Foust
Charnley Parr	Danielle Foint	
Marion Leoniuk	Francis Lamlein	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Eleanor & Jack Barnes
Lissie & Lynn Brooks
Ellen & Daniel Dollar
Peggy & Jimmy O'Toole

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Redding; St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; and for committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds.



Many gifts, one spirit: Ministry, giving & finances at St. John's

Did you know?

- In early July, a group of 17 adults and 6 youth from the St. John's choir sang six services at the National Cathedral and the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (in Washington, D.C.) and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine (in NYC). The trip was in partnership with the choir of St. Paul's-on-the-Green, Norwalk.
- St. John's is hosting an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) class, taught by a Town of West Hartford teacher, two evenings per week through the month of July. This is the first time that our education partnership with the Town of West Hartford has included a summer term for ESOL, which is vital for helping new English speakers retain and build on prior learning.
- Over the summer, St. John's clergy have led/will lead eight services off-site, for residents of a low-income apartment building and several assisted living and rehabilitation facilities.
- Sixteen children, aged 7 to 10, participated in the inaugural Music at the Red Door Kids' Music Camp in late June, where they got to sing, dance, play violin, drum, and perform under the guidance of dynamic and talented teachers. Four campers will join the youth choir this fall.
- Our online community of those who join in worship from afar via our live-stream videos continues to grow, with 224 subscribers to our YouTube channel.
- Our new curate, the Reverend Margie Baker, is spending the summer designing a robust Christian education program for children and youth, in partnership with parish volunteers. In the 2019–2020 program year, St. John's will offer programs for children, youth and adults *every* Sunday during the education hour at 9:30 a.m.

It costs \$2,548 per day to do all of this – and more! – in fulfillment of our mission to serve God and our neighbors.

This is the second in a quarterly series of updates on giving and finances, and how your pledges and gifts support the church's ministries.

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul talks about the fruit of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are the values we cherish as Christians and strive to emulate. These good things become the very essence of who we are when we dare to follow the call of the Holy Spirit. We witness an abundance of these fruits of the Spirit here at St. John's, through the good and faithful work of our brothers and sisters in Christ as we come together to be a part of God's mission in the world. The Spirit is on the move at St. John's, and I invite you to see where the Spirit may be calling you to be a part of all this good work. – *The Reverend Susan Pinkerton, Rector*

Our increased number of pledges in 2019 (compared with 2018) has resulted in increased pledge receipts compared with last year and the budget. As of June 30, we have received \$259,694 in pledge payments, and our 2019 budget includes \$400,000 in expected pledge receipts by year-end. Out of 138 pledging households, 125 have made at least one payment toward their 2019 pledge. Overall, our 2019 income is higher than budgeted, and expenses are slightly lower.

This is a very positive position, but requires some clarification on both income and expenses. We generally receive a significant portion of pledge income in the beginning of the year, then fewer pledge receipts in the summer, followed by another increase in the fall through the end of the year. In addition, we budgeted for our new curate position for the full year, but Margie Baker, whom we hired for this position, did not start until June, so this expense will catch up with the budget over the remainder of the year. Therefore, while we are in a solid financial position, we expect the pattern of higher-than-budgeted income and lower-than-budgeted expenses to even out and end up close to budgeted figures at the end of the year.

We have just drawn \$100,000 from our endowment to ensure that we have sufficient funds available to cover expenses. While this draw is not unexpected and is consistent with prior years, it is still not ideal. The summer season brings fewer pledges and gifts due to vacations and travel. Unfortunately, most expenses do not take a summer vacation! We would like to keep our

endowment draws to a minimum — please remember to send in pledge payments on a regular schedule. Thank you for your ongoing support! — *John Roche, Co-Treasurer*

Jazz Mass this morning at Christ Church Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.

Once again, Christ Church Cathedral invites everyone to their annual Jazz Mass, today at 10:30 a.m. This annual event brings together Episcopalians from many area churches for wonderful music and worship. Our rector, Susan Pinkerton, will be preaching at the service.

Parking for services at the cathedral is available on local streets, where parking is free on Sunday. You may also park in the Talcott Street parking lot, but you must pick up a Cathedral Card from the cathedral narthex and leave it on your dashboard. Parking is also available in the garage across from the cathedral on Church Street. Parking for those with disabilities is available in the alleyway between the cathedral and the Cathedral House.

Give away fresh veggies to our neighbors this morning

If you're not planning to attend the Jazz Mass, please stay after the 9 a.m. service to staff our veggie giveaway table out in front of the church, on the Farmington Avenue side of the property. It's a great way to connect with our neighbors and share the bountiful blessings of St. John's community garden. We'll be giving away vegetables on Sunday mornings throughout the growing season.

Coming in August: St. John's Summer Singers

Anyone, age 8 and up, is welcome to experience the joy of singing in our choir during the month of August at our 9 a.m. service. This is a great opportunity to see what it is like to sing, without the commitment of a midweek rehearsal. A core of our regular choir members will be present and singing to help you feel confident and welcome.

Why try choir? Singing in the choir has benefits you may have not considered, other than the obvious — *using your voice to express praise to God, at the same time helping those who hear you to praise and pray.*

- Choir is an amazing, close-knit community
- Singing has proven health benefits, both physical and mental
- Best seat in the house on Sundays
- An activity that children and adults can do together
- Best robes in town!

Join us on any Sunday during August at 8:15 a.m. in the church for a brief rehearsal to learn the Offertory Anthem for the day. You can just show up, or contact Scott at music@sjparish.net for details.

The Episcopal response to the southern border crisis

In response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis involving migrants at the southern border of the U.S., the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, issued the following statement:

"We are children of the one God who is the Creator of us all. It is our sisters, our brothers, our siblings who are seeking protection and asylum, fleeing violence and danger to children, searching for a better life for themselves and their children. The crisis at the border is not simply a challenge of partisan politics but a test of our personal and public morality and human decency."

Just a few days ago, Bishop Curry released a video reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan in light of the border crisis. In the video, he said:

"Deeply embedded in the Christian faith, indeed deeply embedded in the Jewish tradition, which is the mother of the Christian faith, and deeply embedded in the faith and traditions and values of many of the world's great religions, is a profound conviction in a sure and certain value and virtue that care for the stranger, the alien, the visitor, is a sacred duty, a sacred vow."

The presiding bishop's complete video and a written version of his message are available at:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/video-presiding-bishops-message-who-my-neighbor>

The Episcopal Church, through the Office of Government Relations (OGR) and Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), has compiled a list of resources, bishop statements, and information in response to the ongoing humanitarian situation at the southern border.

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/response-to-the-border-education-and-advocacy/>

The Office of Government Relations for the Episcopal Church also provides updates and Action Alerts for those who want to know more about how they can respond to current concerns and crises. To learn more and sign up for Action Alerts, go to:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/OGR/action-alerts>

Join one of our usher teams!

St. John's ushers provide vital support for our main worship services. We need some new ushers to fill vacancies left by ushers who are no longer able to serve.

- **Ushers help provide a welcoming, safe space for all.** They greet people at Sunday and holiday services, hand out bulletins, secure offertory cash and checks, and are the "first line" of response for churchgoers, most often by answering questions and pointing people in the right direction, and rarely in case of an emergency.
- **The usher schedule is flexible.** Six usher teams rotate during the program year (September through June). Each team has six or seven members, so that not every person on the team has to serve each time the team is scheduled. Each team has a leader who reaches out the week before their team is scheduled to determine which three or four members of their team can serve on the upcoming Sunday. Ushers also serve at one 9 a.m. service during the summer. We ask for volunteers to usher for services at Christmas and during Holy week, and occasionally for a funeral.
- **Ushering is a great way to get to know other St. John's parishioners.** Ushers serve with a consistent team of people, while also greeting everyone who attends services, from regular attenders to newcomers.
- **New ushers receive a written information packet along with the guidance of their team leader as they learn how to serve in this capacity.** St. John's also provides occasional training for ushers, particularly for their role as key responders in a medical or other emergency.

Want to know more?

Contact Ellen in the parish office, 860-523-5201 or ellen@sjparish.net.



FREE ADMISSION! All are welcome

Community Block Party

at St. John's

Sunday, September 15, 12-3 p.m.



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SUMMER SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

9 a.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist in the church

5 p.m. Sunday Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

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