

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*July 28, 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 Variations on *Vreuchten*

Peter Niedmann (b. 1960)

THE OPENING HYMN 410 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*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. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

*Genesis 18:20–32*

*All sit.*

**T**he Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## THE PSALTER

*Psalms 138*

*The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
**before the gods I will sing your praise.**
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
**because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
**and your word above all things.**

- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
**you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
**when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
**that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
**he perceives the haughty from afar.**
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;**  
**your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
**O Lord, your love endures for ever;**  
**do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Colossians 2:6–15*

**A**s you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 674 Forgive our sins as we forgive

DETROIT

*All stand and sing.*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 11:1–13**Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:  
 Father, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come.  
 Give us each day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

*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.*

Our Father who art in heaven, we come to you as your disciples, bringing the hopes and fears of our lives, and asking that you teach us to pray.

We hold up your Church: Bless all our bishops, priests and deacons. Inspire and guide St. John's Vestry, staff and people to be witnesses of your love wherever we are. **Hallowed be thy name.**

We pray for the leaders of all nations, for the political leaders of our country, and for the media, that they may work together in peace, and bring justice and prosperity to all your people. **Thy Kingdom come.**

We ask your healing grace for those who are wearied by chronic disease, those who are having surgery, those whose minds are ravaged by mental illness. Bless their physicians and caregivers and send us to serve where we are needed. **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

We pray for those who must search for their daily food and walk far to find water, those whose children are starving, those who are hungry for companionship and love. **Give us this day our daily bread.**

We beg your pardon for all our sins and failings; lead us to repentance and amendment of life. **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

We ask your blessing on Jyothsna Vijaya and José Carlos Diaz as they prepare for their marriage. We give thanks for those who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter and support. We remember those who have died, thankful that you enfold them in your loving arms.

*Celebrant* For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.

*People* **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 Choral

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>*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 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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 635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*All stand and sing.*

**THE DISMISSAL**

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

**THE VOLUNTARY** *Wer nur en lieben Gott*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*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 Susan Pinkerton**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Layreader:** Paul Shaker**Organist:** Scott Lamlein**Ushers:** Bette-Jane Hardersen, Emmy Aziz**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**Altar Guild:** Carol Sonne, Audrey Walker**At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center****Layreader:** Carol Sonne**Musician:** Ray Giolitto

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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:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael
Kim Green	Meg	Beth
Carol Grieco	Edward Shaker	Chris
Janet Ray	Edith Connolly	Mary Byrd
Susan Murray	Linda Evans	Mary Stoughton
Brad Babbitt	Sally	Lynda

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

David Kvam	Michael Mei
John Wilcox	Strother Cech
Kali Harrington	Jim Sharp
Elizabeth Proteau	David Beers
Barrie Mosher	Lucia Wolgast

**Those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

Carolyn & Stanley Giliberto  
Lyn Walker & Tyler Smith  
Nancy & Bob Skeele  
Susan Knapp & Brad Thomas  
Debbie & David Kvam

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Christ Church, Roxbury; St. John's, Salisbury; Trinity, Seymour; Christ Church, Sharon; and for parish office volunteers, curates, seminary interns, parish assistants and associates, and missional curacies.



## 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*

### Give away fresh veggies to our neighbors this morning

If you can, please stay for a short time after the 9 a.m. service to staff our giveaway table in front of the church, on the Farmington Avenue side of the property. It's a great way to connect with neighbors and a great family activity — kids are welcome to help!

## Fresh Vegetables

# FREE

## Sundays at 10 a.m.



Vegetables are grown in a Jessie's Community Garden at St. John's Episcopal Church. Available most Sundays during the growing season (late June through early September).

### 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@sparish.net](mailto:music@sparish.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>



## FREE ADMISSION! All are welcome

# Community Block Party

## at St. John’s

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




**Pizza, hot dogs, ice cream**  
**Kids’ games, bounce house, fire truck tours**  
**Tours of our historic church**

*Featuring live music*  
**The Hartford Steel Band (11:45)**  
**Jeff Verney’s Belfalus Khan, and more**  
*Rain or Shine!*







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### *How will you get involved this year?*

The start of a new program year in September is a great time to join one of the ministries that contribute to St. John's mission and vitality. Information, training and ongoing support are provided, so don't worry if you don't know what to do — we'll help you figure it out.

- **Serve as an usher** - Greet worshippers, hand out bulletins, secure the offertory money, help in case of emergency.
- **Serve on the Altar Guild** - Set up altar supplies and linens for services; care for vestments, linens and communion vessels.
- **Serve as a lay reader** - Read the lectionary scriptures at services, serve as chalice bearer for communion, lead services at Hughes Home.
- **Play piano at Hughes Home services** - Accompany hymns for the congregation at Hughes Home on Sunday mornings.
- **Help with children and youth programs** - Teach Sunday school, provide child care and tell Bible stories in the nursery, help with youth group or the Christmas pageant. Detailed instructions, curricula and supplies are provided — you just have to show up with enthusiasm!
- **Help with special events**, such as the Community Block Party and the Christmas Festival. Right now, we need help with planning these events. Future newsletters and bulletins will have information about specific needs as these events draw nearer.
- **Join the adult or youth choir** - Attend Wednesday evening rehearsals, sing on Sunday mornings and for other services and special events.
- **Help with Music at the Red Door concerts** - Hand out programs and greet concertgoers, help with post-concert receptions.
- **Help with community service programs** - Cook or serve a meal at the Loaves & Fishes feeding program, donate materials for Blessing Bags for people in need (small-size toiletries, warm gloves and socks, non-perishable single-serve snacks), help maintain the community vegetable garden, staff the neighborhood vegetable giveaway on Sunday mornings, attend a fundraiser for one of our community partners.
- **Join the healing prayer team** – Pray one-on-one with people who request prayer for themselves or others during communion on Sunday mornings (at the 10:30 service during the program year, 9:00 service during the summer), participate in occasional team meetings for training and mutual support.

To learn more about these or other ministries, speak to one of the clergy, contact the parish office, or speak to the music director (for choir and Music at the Red Door). We'll publish an updated Ministry Guide in late August that will include these and other opportunities. **There's something for everyone, and your help is truly needed!** If you're not sure about a particular ministry, you're welcome to try it out for a few weeks before making a commitment.

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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

## STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net) .....	Rector
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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

Virginia Van Dyk .....	Warden
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Ellen Painter Dollar .....	Scribe

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Andrew Worrell

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2019-21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr