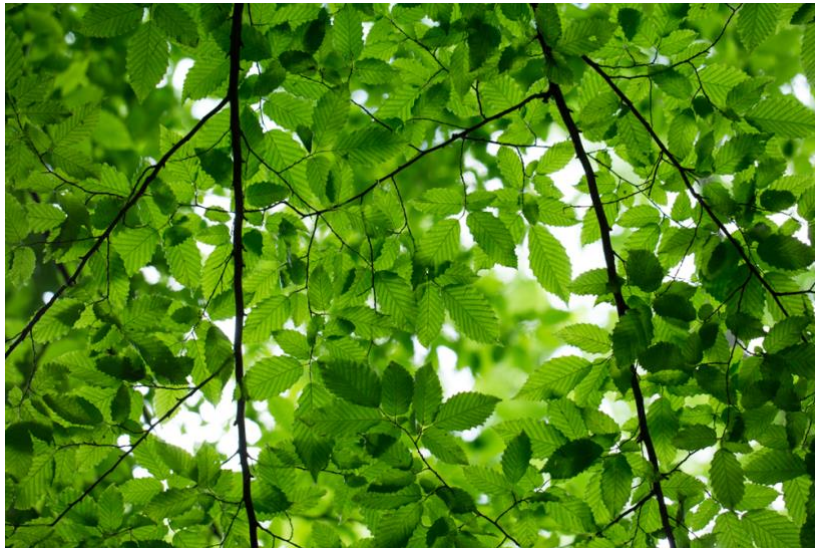


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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 1, 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 Jesu, joy of man’s desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE OPENING HYMN 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

HYMN TO JOY

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 SONG OF PRAISE *Dignus es*

Benjamin Straley (b. 1986)

The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.

Splendor and honor and king - ly power are yours by right, O Lord our God.

For you created every thing that is,
 and by your will they were created and have their being; **Refrain**
 And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
 From every family, language, people, and nation,
 a kingdom of priests to serve our God. **Refrain**
 And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
 and to Christ the Lamb,
 Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
 for ever and for evermore. **Refrain**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.*People* **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Sirach 10:12–18**All sit.*

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 112**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 **For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 **Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 **The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 568 Father all loving, who rulest in majesty
All stand and sing.

WAS LEBET

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7–14

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher,’ then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend William J. Eakins

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.

Invited to the wedding banquet, let us offer prayers for all those in danger and need.

For our leaders who speak the word of God to us, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For students and teachers, and all those returning to their studies. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For workers and their organizations, and for those who employ and manage them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For farmers, farm workers and abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the suffering, those in prison, and all those in distress, especially those on our parish prayer list and those affected by recent hurricanes. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ and for all the departed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, guest at all our tables, we pray.

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 Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Words: George Herbert (1593–1633), found at Hymn 487

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

All stand and sing.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

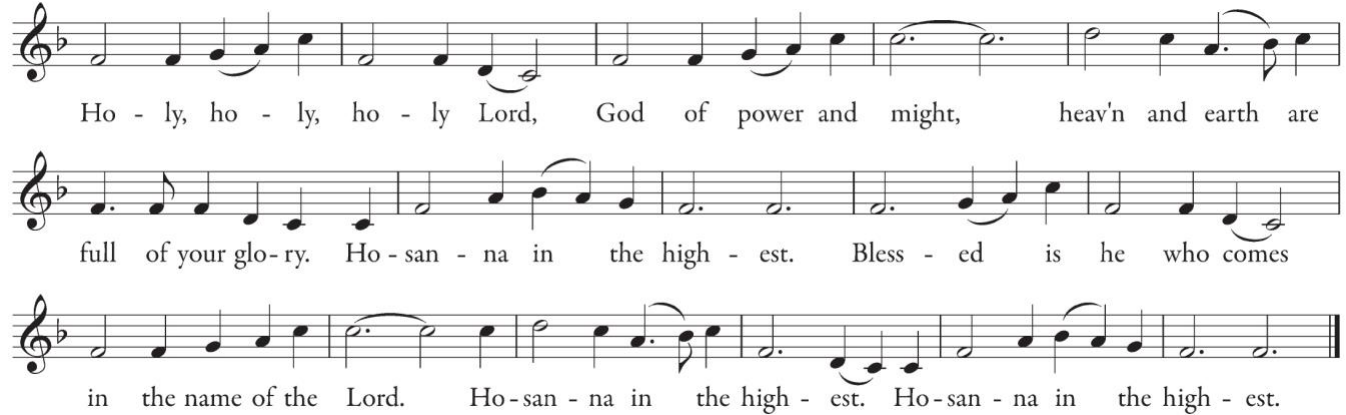
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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 FRACTION ANTHEM Be known to us, Lord Jesus Gary James (b. 1957)
The refrain is introduced by the choir, then all repeat. The choir sings the verses, and all join in the refrain.



The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**
 One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread. **Refrain**

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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 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing
All stand and sing.

SICILIAN MARINERS

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Andante Largo in D for Trumpet

John Stanley (1713–1786)

*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: The Reverend Hope H. Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Paul Shaker

The St. John's Youth Choir

Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Ushers: Geoff & Karan Emerick

Healing Prayers: Wes Winterbottom

Altar Guild: Nancy Pedersen

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Lissie Brooks

Musician: Helen Hughlett

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	Beth Maturo Vecchitto
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Giovanni Guzzo
Carol Grieco	Edward Shaker	Chris	Margaret Thomas
Janet Ray	Edith Connolly	Mary Byrd	Karen Licht
Susan Murray	Linda Evans	Mary Stoughton	Tina
Brad Babbitt	Sally	John Vecchitto	Ann Marie
Paul Hamer			

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Jadzia Genece	Troy Gostyla
Benjamin Puzzo	Arlene MacIntyre
Flora Speer	Julia O'Brien
Jakob Montas	George Hicks

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Jenefer and Frank Berall
Joan and David Murphy

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Trinity, Southport; Grace Church, Stafford Springs; and for church musicians; organists; choirs and choir directors; bands; community chorister programs; and parish committees on liturgy, music, and worship.



Bring in non-perishable food donations. Donations go to the Seventh Day Adventist Church Food Pantry on Prospect Avenue, which is open every Wednesday to anyone who needs food: no ID check, no lists, no limits on how often patrons can visit. **New this fall!** - Children will begin bringing up food pantry items each week during the Offertory, starting on Sunday, September 22. This serves two important purposes: it shows that the food collected is an offering to God, to be shared among the needy in our community; and, it involves the children more fully in the service. What will this look like? At the Offertory sentence, children may go to the back of the nave and pick up a food pantry item. They will walk with their item up the central isle and place the item in a basket on the chancel steps. Each child will carry one item at a time but may make multiple trips, until there are no more items to take up. Then an acolyte will move the baskets off the chancel steps. This is both a small change (it doesn't require a rota, or planning meetings, or a budget) and a big change (added movement during the Offertory, children out of their seats). **How can you help?** Add the food pantry to your shopping list. **Bring in food** as often as you'd like. There is *always* a need. **Invite** your children or grandchildren to bring up food pantry items.

Contribute to the Rector's Discretionary Fund on the first Sunday of the month (that's today!) Did you know that the cash offering collected on every first Sunday goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund? This fund allows our clergy to provide limited financial help to people in need. This year, the fund has been used to help several neighborhood families avoid having their electricity or gas cut off, to support another Connecticut church's work to sponsor an asylum-seeking family, and to help cover funeral costs for families with limited income. Your cash contributions in the offering plate on the first Sunday of the month are vital for replenishing this fund. We can also accept check contributions on any Sunday; please write "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line so we know to apply the contribution there, and not to your pledge.

Teach Sunday School. The program year is just around the corner, and we are looking for a few more volunteers to teach! Teachers serve on alternating Sundays, and all materials are provided in advance. Training will be held on Sunday, September 8 after the 10:30 service. Interested? Contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201 x 312.

Purchase Blessing Bag items from our Amazon wish list. Blessing Bags are given to people in need who come to the church asking for help, and contain toiletries, non-perishable snacks, and warm socks, gloves and hats. While we welcome donations of individual items (such as unused travel toiletries), the most cost-effective and efficient way for you to help is to order items in bulk from Amazon and have them shipped directly to the church. We've created a wish list for this purpose, which includes bulk packages of trial-size toiletries, single-serve snacks, and warm accessories for men and women. Go to <http://a.co/1bLDv2Q>, purchase one of our needed items, and it will automatically be shipped to the church and removed from the wish list. **THANK YOU** to those who have responded to this opportunity so far! More than half of our wish list has already been purchased by generous parishioners!

Help in the community vegetable garden on Wednesday mornings. Our curate, Margie Baker, will be in the garden (which is out back, behind the sexton's house) **from 8 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings**, weather permitting. All are welcome to stop by (kids are welcome with an adult) to help weed, water and harvest. You don't need to sign up ahead of time, and you don't have to stay for the whole two hours. Just come on by in your gardening clothes, and stay for as long as you can! If you'd like to help but that's not a good time, contact the parish office to make other arrangements.

Save the Date

Fall concert featuring Scott Lamlein, September 7, 7 p.m.

Our organist and music director, Scott Lamlein, will give a concert as part of the Somers Congregational Church Music and Arts Concert Series, next Saturday at 7 p.m. Joining him will be Emily DeNucci on flute. Admission is free, with no tickets required, and a free will offering will be taken. More information and directions are available at thesomerschurch.org.

Welcome Back Sunday, September 8

We will return to our regular service schedule (8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) on Sunday, September 8. Special events planned for that morning include a Sunday School Open House and a chance to help fill Blessing Bags for people in need (both at 9:30 a.m., during the education hour), plus a special coffee hour hosted by the Vestry after the 10:30 service. Sunday School teacher training will take place from noon to 2 p.m., with lunch provided.

Camp Washington Youth Festival, September 7–8

Camp Washington will hold its fourth annual Youth Festival on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8. The Festival is an opportunity for youth in grades 8 to 12 to come together for an awesome weekend of fun, music, games, great food, worship, and friendship. Thanks to grant support, the cost is only \$30 per person. Go to www.campwashington.org for more information and to register.

Community Block Party, Sunday, September 15, Noon to 3 p.m.

The fourth annual Community Block Party will take place after the 10:30 a.m. service (which will be outdoors, weather permitting) on September 15. This popular event includes live music, food, a bounce house and other fun activities for kids, and more. It's a great chance to catch up with St. John's friends while also welcoming our neighbors. See "How Can I Help" on page 12 for volunteer needs.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, September 22, 5 p.m.

The ancient and beautiful service of Choral Evensong is presented on the fourth Sunday of selected months at St. John's. For our first Evensong of the program year, we're issuing an open invitation to singers from St. John's as well as other churches in the area. Do you love to sing Evensong? Join us at 3:15 p.m. to be part of the choir!

Lunch lectures on the *Art & Architecture of Faith*, Sundays, September 22, September 29, & October 6 after the 10:30 service

St. John's will host a three-part luncheon lecture series on *The Art & Architecture of Faith*, at which Michael J. Crosbie, Ph.D., FAIA, will offer a series of three presentations on the roles that architecture and art play in the lives of faith communities. Dr. Crosbie is professor of architecture at the University of Hartford's College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture, and former chair of the Department of Architecture and associate dean. He is editor-in-chief of *Faith & Form*, a quarterly journal on religious art and architecture. He is also a frequent contributor to *Architectural Record* and writes about architecture and design for the *Hartford Courant*. Dr. Crosbie's programs will take place after the 10:30 service on September 22, September 29, and October 6, in Hubbard Hall. Lunch will be served free of charge, with donations accepted. **Please RSVP to the parish office by September 18 so we have an accurate count for lunch, and invite a friend!**

Acolyte Lunch and Training, Sunday, September 29, 12 to 2 p.m.

Children and youth in grades 5 to 12 are invited to join the acolyte team! Acolytes serve on a rotating basis at the 10:30 service and at other important services throughout the church year (Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, et al.). This is a fantastic service and fellowship opportunity. Acolyte training is scheduled for Sunday, September 29 from noon to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. **New and returning acolytes should attend!** Youth choristers are welcome to serve as acolytes, as we will schedule them to acolyte only on Sundays when they are not singing. **Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/sjpacolyte>.** The RSVP form also includes a poll where you can give your Sunday availability from September through January, to help with acolyte scheduling.

Women Together book discussion group, every Tuesday starting September 10, 2 p.m.

Women Together is a group that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer and fellowship. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 2 p.m. *Open the Door - A Journey to the True Self* by Joyce Rupp is the focus of the first six-week session. The book is available at Amazon and other booksellers, and includes a reflection for each day of the week. At our first meeting on September 10, we will discuss Week 1. Women Together meets every Tuesday from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's, and is currently attended by women from St. John's and Trinity, but new members from any church are always welcome! For more information, contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com.

A message from the parish manager

Dear St. John's friends,

Starting on Wednesday, September 11, I will be out of the office for several weeks of medical leave for a knee replacement. I will not be checking e-mail or voicemail while I'm out. In my absence, you may contact Peggy O'Toole, our financial manager, at peggy@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201 x 311. Peggy will either respond to your inquiry or forward it to another staff member or parish volunteer to handle. During my leave, Peggy will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Starting on September 13, the office will be closed on Fridays until I return to work full-time. My schedule for returning to work will be open-ended to accommodate my recovery, and I will return part-time at first, including doing some work from home.

This surgery will be the first of two, as I plan to have the other knee replaced in 2020. These surgeries, which will take place at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, are a good thing that I have been looking forward to for a long time! Please keep me and my wonderful colleagues at St. John's in your prayers, and thank you for your support and understanding for all of us.

Ellen Painter Dollar
Parish Manager



FREE ADMISSION! All are welcome
Community Block Party
at St. John's
Sunday, September 15, 12-3 p.m.



Pizza, hot dogs, ice cream
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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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VESTRY

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

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

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