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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & BAPTISM OF

Cameron Wellington Fulton

September 15, 2019

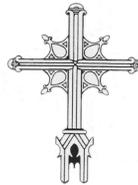
10:30 a.m.

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 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 (available from an usher), 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.

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

The Hartford Steel Symphony

THE OPENING SONG Alleluia

CREEK INDIAN CHANT

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 There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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

Exodus 32:7-14

All sit.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 51:1–11**The people say the words in bold.*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12–17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–10

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Cameron Wellington Fulton to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that he is being brought up in the Christian faith and life?*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God’s help.*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help him to grow into the full stature of Christ?*Parents and Godparents* I will, with God’s help.*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who speak on behalf of the child.**Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?*Answer* I renounce them.*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?*Answer* I renounce them.*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?*Answer* I renounce them.*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?*Answer* I do.*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?*Answer* I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the Congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Cameron in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All stand.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant Let us now pray for Cameron who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The Celebrant says to the candidate

Cameron Wellington, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the child's head, marking on his forehead the sign of the cross and saying

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

The Hartford Steel Symphony

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 rear of the worship area 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 SONG Amen

TRADITIONAL

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY

The Hartford Steel Symphony

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Christoph Stretz

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Song Leader: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Meg Babbitt, Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Bradley Crocker

Ushers: Steve Crocker, Julia O'Brien, Don Polk, Paul Shaker, Emhart Aziz

Healing Prayers: David Grimaldi

Altar Guild: Shirley Blean, Nancy Pedersen, Paul Shaker

Nursery Caregivers: Elsa Ciscel and Olivia Thaxton

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center

Layreader: Jeff Verney

Musician: Steve Metcalf

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of George Stoughton.

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.

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
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Chris	Margaret Thomas
Susan Murray	Edith Connolly	Mary Byrd	Karen Licht
Brad Babbitt	Linda Evans	Mary Stoughton	Tina
Paul Hamer	Sally	John Vecchitto	Ann Marie
Michael Bruce	Ingrid	Ronald	Daphne Lynch Fifield
			Jackie Twible

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Chris Byrd	Lisa Farrell	Katie Mahoney
Joy Pond	Maggie Mahoney	Helen Cooke
Jacqueline Smith	Abigail Brunjes	Bradley Crocker
Phoebe Carlisle	Mac Mahoney	William Smith

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Toby and Manuel Aguiar
Jon and Louise Mansolf
Julia and Jim O'Brien

Those who have died:

Bob McIlroy

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; and for the Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and congregations; the Provincial Synod; and all Provincial Networks.

HAPPENING TODAY

Faith Forum: The Beginning of the Journey – Abraham, 9:30 a.m.

Think Sunday School is just for kids? Not so! Continue your education and deepen your faith every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at the Faith Forum in Hubbard Hall. Topics and formats are varied, and coffee and bagels are provided. Join us! This year's theme for adult Christian education is "Journeys of Faith," and we kick things off this morning with a conversation about Abraham as a central player in how the biblical story of God's relationship with God's people begins.

Community Block Party, Noon to 3 p.m.

The fourth annual Community Block Party will take place after the 10:30 a.m. service. 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.

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 aisle 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.



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

Sacred Circle, Tuesday, September 17, 7 p.m.

Sacred Circle is a small committed group of women who meet once a month to explore our relationship to the sacred and to honor the divine in everyday life. Meetings are the third Tuesday evening of the month. Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. in the church. Please come. All women are welcome. For more information, call Beth Rocco at (860) 521-5433.

Attention Women of St. John's!

Our annual "Girls' Night Out" — an evening of beverages, food and conversation hosted by the 2019 Spring Fling Committee — will take place on Thursday, September 19 from 6 to 8:30ish, at the home of Virginia Van Dyk, 58 Walbridge Road. This event is a beloved tradition and you do not want to miss it! If you have not yet reserved your spot, never fear. The cost is \$25, and you may drop it off at the church office or just bring it with you on the 19th. Please put "Girls Night Out" in the memo line. You do not need to RSVP ahead of time.

Faith Forum: Holy Places Around the World, Sunday, September 22, 9:30 a.m.

Next week's Sunday Faith Forum will feature our priest associates, Bill and Hope Eakins, sharing stories from their around-the-world cruise and the variety of faith communities and religious expression they encountered. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a fascinating discussion!

Choral Evensong, Sunday, September 22, 5 p.m. – Open to all singers!

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! **If you plan to sing, please RSVP to Scott Lamlein** at music@sjparish.net or 860-523-5201 x 324.

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.

Episcopal Migration Ministries Webinar on the U.S. Immigration System, September 19, 1 to 2 p.m.

The Episcopal Migration Ministries are offering a 50-minute webinar overview of U.S. immigration history, laws, and system. Whether you're working with refugees, immigrants, or the unauthorized, or you're a curious citizen and want to understand U.S. immigration, this webinar is for you. For more information, go to <https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/webinarsandevents/>

First Baptist Church workshop series on “A Life Well Lived,” Sundays in October, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

This fall, the First Baptist Church (90 North Main Street, West Hartford) is hosting a series of workshops to help participants reflect on the practical and emotional aspects of death and dying. The sessions are all on Sunday evenings in October, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., as follows: **October 6** – *Celebrating a Life Well Lived*, **October 13** – *Living Wills and Issues Surrounding Long-Term Care*, **October 20** – *Estate Planning*, **October 27** – *Grieving a Life Well Lived*. For more information, contact the First Baptist Church at whfbc@yahoo.com or 860-521-9460.

ECCT Pilgrimage to National Museum of African American History and Culture, November 16–17

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut’s Racial Healing, Justice, and Reconciliation Ministry Network is leading a pilgrimage to the Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. for Saturday, November 16 and Sunday, November 17. Travel will be by motor coach, departing Hartford at 4 a.m. on November 16, and stopping in Riverside at approximately 5:30 a.m. en route. The bus departs D.C. at 2 p.m. on Sunday for the return trip. The cost for bus riders is \$80 per person. The Network has an additional 20 tickets available for individuals who wish to make their own travel arrangements. They must be present with the rest of the group to have their timed-entry tickets accepted. Attendees will be responsible for making their own reservations at a nearby hotel; discounted rates are available. Lunch on both days, and Saturday dinner, are also separate. There is no admission fee to the Museum; you need the timed-event tickets. Group size is limited and will be first-come, first-served. To register go to Eventbrite.com and search for “Pilgrimage to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.”



Even song
rest reflect worship

Selected Sundays at 5pm

9/22
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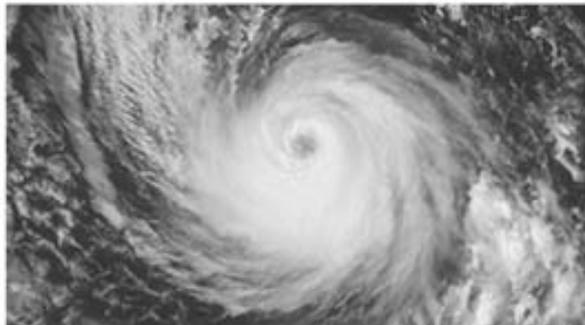
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)

5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

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