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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
September 29, 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 (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 racks. 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


*From 1947 through 1971, Richard Purvis held the position of organist and master of choristers at Grace Cathedral, where he helped to form a cathedral school for boys. Upon his retirement from Grace Cathedral, he continued to compose, teach, and give recitals into his 70s. He died on December 25, 1994 at the age of 81. He left a legacy of more than 200 works and an uncounted number of choristers, students, and satisfied listeners. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 438   Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!   WOODLANDS

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.

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  Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People  Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON  Amos 6:1a, 4–7

All sit.

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.
THE PSALTER

Psalm 146

The people say the words in bold, and sing the antiphon as indicated.

1 Hallelujah!
   Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
   I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
   I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,*
   for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,*
   and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!*
   whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
   who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,*
   and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
   the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
   the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
   the Lord cares for the stranger; *
   he sustains the orphan and widow,
   but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever,*
   your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
   Hallelujah!  Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6–19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which
you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 705    As those of old their first fruits brought
                          Forest Green
                          All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

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

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

Children are invited to go to the Education Wing for Children’s Chapel, and will return at the Peace.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Hope H. Eakins
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.

Recalling the words of Holy Scripture, let us offer our needs and desires to God and let us rejoice and give thanks for our many blessings. Guide us in the ways of righteousness, godliness and faith.

We pray for St. John’s parish: we give thanks for those who designed and built our church buildings and for those whose labors and love maintain and restore them. Bless the House Committee, our Sexton, and all who care for our grounds. Move us to be generous and ready to share what we have.

We pray for our world: inspire those working in places of power and influence to seek the ways of truth and justice. Lead us all to do good and be rich in good works and help us keep your commandments without spot or blame.
We pray for our earth: make us good stewards of land and sky and sea so that generations to come may praise you for your bounty. **Set our hopes upon you.**

We pray for the hungry and homeless, for refugees and prisoners, for those who face violence and those whose water and air is polluted. **Provide them with everything for their enjoyment.**

We pray for those for whom today will seem long and hard: for the sick, those waiting for a job or for a friend to call, those whose sadness weighs them down, and particularly those for whom this day will be their last. **Bless them with faith, love, and endurance.**

We pray for those who are estranged from us and from this Eucharistic table, that they may return home and that we may be there to greet them. **Open our hearts to take hold of the life that really is life.**

We pray for those who have run the race and kept the faith, giving thanks for the memories and gifts they have left us. **Receive them into life eternal, to which you call us all.**

**Celebrant** Loving and merciful God, creator of all things: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

During the Offertory, children are invited to bring donated items for the food pantry up to the chancel steps.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM  Teach me, O Lord  William Byrd (1543–1623)  Words: Psalm 119

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.
‘Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

Soloist: Claudia Ayer

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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 FRACTION ANTHEM  Be known to us, Lord Jesus

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

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


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 baptismal font in the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MOTET  Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.
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 HYMN IN PROCESSION 494  Crown him with many crowns

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY  Prelude in D Major, BWV 532a

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.

Bach biographer Philipp Spitta (1841-1894) considered the Prelude and Fugue D Major, BWV 532 to be “one of the most dazzlingly beautiful of all the master’s organ works.” Composed in Weimar during Bach’s early years, the work is notable for its charm, drama, and virtuosity of the pedal line. The full work is presented in a series… You’ll need to wait for next Sunday to hear the Fugue!

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Audrey Walker, in memory of James E.C. Walker, M.D., and
June and Emhart Aziz, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Susan Pinkerton
Preacher: The Reverend Hope H. Eakins
Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker
Layreader: John Hardy
Psalterer: Claudia Ayer
The St. John’s Adult Choir
Organist/Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Meg Babbitt, Alice Murchie, Isabel Grant, Aviyah Lohr
Ushers: John Amamoo, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Shirley Blean, Sarah Kieffer, Philip Chapman
Healing Prayers: Karen Licht
Altar Guild: Shirley Blean, Conny DeLuca, Paul Shaker
Nursery Caregivers: Elsa Ciscel and Abigail Thaxton

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Layreader: Paul Shaker
Musician: Ann Hutchinson

HAPPENING TODAY

Faith Forum: Prayer as “Holy Navigation,” 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! At today’s forum, the rector, Susan Pinkerton, will continue our “journeys of faith” theme by discussing the role that prayer can play in guiding our lives and decisions.

Lunch lecture #2 on the Art & Architecture of Faith, after the 10:30 service
St. John’s is hosting 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 second program will take place after the 10:30 service today, and the final one on October 6, in Hubbard Hall. Lunch will be served free of charge, with donations accepted. Please RSVP to the church office if you’ll attend next week.

Acolyte Lunch and Training, 12 to 2 p.m., followed by “Acolyte Olympics” for ALL youth at 2 p.m.
Acolyte training for new and returning acolytes is today from noon to 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Following acolyte training, all youth in grades 6 to 12 (or equivalent) are invited to this week’s youth group activity — Acolyte Olympics! We’ll have an afternoon of games and fellowship, with acolyte tools and techniques as inspiration. Everyone is welcome, even if you’re not an acolyte.
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 Épisopale d’Haiti (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:

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In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Episcopal Church and the Most Reverend Michael Curry.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Trumbull; Grace Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; and for youth and youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in their faith and discipleship.
Men’s Bible Study Resumes
We meet every Thursday, 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. in the Reception Room. This fall, we will be studying the life and story of David in 1 and 2 Samuel. Gentlemen, start your day out right; join us!

Faith Forum on St. John’s ESOL partnership, Sunday, October 6, 9:30 a.m.
For the 9:30 a.m. Faith Forum on Sunday, October 6, our special guests will be Andy Tyskiewicz, program director for the Town of West Hartford’s ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes, including the classes held here at St. John’s. Andy will be joined by two students who participate in the St. John’s ESOL program; they will share how this program is improving lives and some exciting plans for the future. Faith Forums are held every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., and coffee and bagels are provided. All are welcome!

Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 6, 10:30 a.m.
Next Sunday’s 10:30 a.m. service will honor St. Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pet for a blessing; stuffed animals and photos of beloved pets are also welcome. For everyone’s safety, please bring your pet with a leash or crate.

Celtic Contemplative Service, Sunday, October 6, 4:30 p.m.
The monthly Celtic service, held in partnership with St. James’s Episcopal Church, resumes on the first Sunday of October at 4:30 p.m. Celtic services include prayer, reflection, live music from a variety of traditions, and chant. The service begins with an extended period of silence.

WeHa Youth Group, Sunday, October 6, 5 to 7 p.m.
On the first Sunday of the month, St. John’s youth group pairs up with Westminster Presbyterian and First Congregational Church for fellowship and service. This month, we will meet at Westminster Presbyterian (Farmington Ave. and Mountain Rd., West Hartford) for Christmas in October! We will eat, play games, and also make Christmas cards for veterans, to be delivered in December by the Red Cross. Bring a friend!

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.

Dine Around! Friday, October 18, 6:30 pm.
Join the all parish Dine Around! All parishioners are invited to enjoy casual potluck dinners at the home of a fellow parishioner. There will be 5 locations - 4 homes and 1 gathering at St. John’s (for families of young children or those who wish to join that group.). Please sign up at the coffee hour or call the parish office to sign up. You will be asked to bring a side dish by your dinner host. *Transportation can be arranged for those who need it. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun!

Annual Note Writing, Sunday, October 20
Join fellow parishioners on at 9:30 am in Hubbard Hall to share what St. John’s means to you, and why you give to the church. We are now in our 3rd year of a new approach to Stewardship and annual pledging. Parishioners can chose from beautiful photo cards of St. John’s and write a fellow parishioner a message about what St. John’s means to them. Please join this important ministry of sharing and giving.
Youth at Convention, October 26-27
Youth grades 9-12 (or equivalent) are invited to participate in Convention this year! This is a diocesan-sponsored event (meaning: Margie will not be in charge). From the website: “High school age youth from across the Episcopal Church in Connecticut are invited to be a part of the youth presence at our Annual Convention in Hartford this year! Come participate in the work of ECCT, learn how our church runs, and spend time in fellowship and prayer with other high school students from churches all over our state.” Interested? Contact Margie!

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. on 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.”

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 TODAY. 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 8:30 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.
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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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