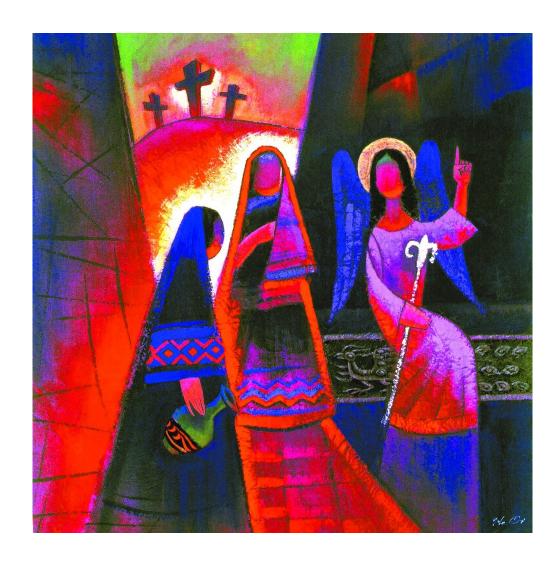
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The Seventh Sunday of Easter HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 16, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome worshippers back into the church. To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccine status.

UPDATE: The recent guidance on mask wearing from the CDC comes as good news for those who are fully vaccinated. For now, however, **St. John's will continue to require that everyone, regardless of vaccine status, wear a mask** while attending worship or other events here, to protect the most vulnerable and avoid difficult judgment calls regarding individuals' vaccination status. We are continually evaluating our guidelines and will update them as conditions change. Thank you for your understanding.

- Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times. We have disposable masks should you need one.
- Congregational singing is not currently permitted. Quiet humming is allowed.
- Practice social distancing with members of other households. Observe signs and the directions of vergers and ushers about where to sit. Greet one another from a distance with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
- Children must stay with their accompanying adult(s).
- Enter through the red doors only, and leave through either the red doors or the side doors into the Cloister Garden portico, as directed by a verger or usher.
- We will not be passing the plate during the Offertory. You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box. We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site. Thank you!

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 need to participate in the service is found here in this bulletin.

Our ushers and vergers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. We're glad you're here!

Cover image: He is Risen by He Qi.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Fugato on Hyfrydol

June Nixon (b. 1942)



One of Australia's best-known organists, choir trainers, and composers, June Nixon was the first woman to be granted the John Brooke prize for the Choir Training Diploma at the Royal College of Organists in London. In 1968 she was the winner of the Australian National Organ Competition, and in 1973, was appointed organist and director of music at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. She retired from this position in February 2013 and is now organist emerita. Nixon is a widely published composer, both in the USA and England, writing music that is accessible and enjoyable for both musicians and listeners. Several cathedral

choirs have recorded her works, and her arrangement of the traditional carol The Holly and the Ivy was included in the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 460, vv. 1, 3 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

All stand. Congregational singing is not permitted; you may hum quietly if you wish.



Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Hyfrydol

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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 HYMN OF PRAISE, vv. 1 & 2

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

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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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great

triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

All sit.

To those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 1

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

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

THE GOSPEL John 17:6–19

All stand.

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Tesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know J that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Linda Spiers

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

In our joys and our sufferings, let us give glory to God and offer prayers for all people of the world.

For the Church, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop, and Ian and Laura, our bishops, and all the holy people of God in every place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For this holy gathering and all who enter our circle of faith. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations and peace in the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our town and the community around us, especially those coping with grief, illness, unemployment, anxiety, and despair due to the ongoing pandemic. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all in any pain and all who sorrow, especially for those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who rest in the peace of Christ, especially Annie Latha and Anna Zipporah, and for all the departed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you do infinitely more for us than we can ask or imagine: Hear our prayers for all your creation and gather us in the embrace of your abundant and lifegiving Spirit. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE ANTHEM The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte (1895–1964) Cleveland Williams, soloist



Albert Hay Malotte sang at Saint James Episcopal Church in Philadelphia as a choir boy, then studied the organ at home and in Paris. His career as an organist began in Chicago, where he played for silent pictures, and he later concertized throughout the US and Europe. His setting of the Lord's Prayer was composed in 1935, and recorded by many notable singers. According to his New York Times obituary: "Mr. Malotte's musical setting of 'The Lord's Prayer' was the first one that achieved popularity, although the prayer had been set to music many times before."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

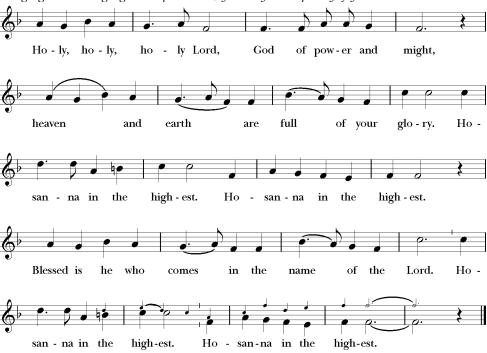
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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

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All remain standing or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

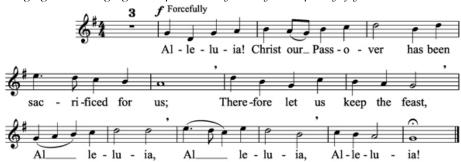
and the glory

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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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.

Exit your row when prompted by an usher, and form a single line in the middle aisle, maintaining social distance with your neighbors.

Once you receive the bread, return to your seat, at which time you may remove your mask to consume the bread, and then put your mask back on.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest when you get to the altar rail. If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

While those worshipping in-person are now able to receive communion, we will continue to say the Prayer of Spiritual Communion due to the many people who continue to worship online.

Celebrant

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

People

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 494, vv. 1, 2, 5 Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA



Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon

Scott Lamlein (b. 1972)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say **Amen** at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Margie Baker **Preacher:** The Reverend Linda Spiers

Layreader: Paul Smith
Cantor: Cleveland Williams
Organist: Scott Lamlein
Verger: Annabel Clapp
Ushers: Emmy Aziz, Paul Shaker
Livestream Oversight: Francis Lamlein
Altar Guild: Buffy Ineson

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In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Patricia
Kim Green	Sue	Beth	Enid
Janet Ray	Billy Ulrich	Chris	Zachary
Brad Babbitt	Whitney Lynch	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Robert E. Eikel	William Bittinger	Judy Gardiner	Kent Lawrence
Ward Farrell	Seamus Turco	Anita Winters	Clark Hendley
Mary A. Looney	David Lerner	Jennifer Bennet	

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Nancy Roberts	Aiyanna Coulter
Ellen Flynn	Alison Hardy
Ginger Gillespie	Catherine Needham
Linda Dunakin	Frisha Hugessen
Wendy Bartlett	Huck Whittemore

Those who have died:

Annie Latha and Anna Zipporah, aunts of Jyothsna Diaz

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. James', New Haven; St. John's, New Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; and for Companions in Mission for Publishing & Communication, and Education for Ministry leaders and students.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea.

Summer volunteer opportunities for adults and youth - Sign up now!

We're looking forward to a great summer here at St. John's, with Vacation Bible School in June and the Kids Community Music Camp in August. For both camps, we need a lot of volunteer help. To ensure that we have enough volunteers, we'd like to hear from interested volunteers ASAP. Please contact the church office to let us know how you can help!

Vacation Bible School: June 21 to 25, 9 a.m. to noon

- Volunteers needed: adults and kids age 12 and up
- Volunteers will supervise groups, lead activities, serve as storytellers, and oversee snacks.
- To register a child for VBS go to <u>www.sjparish.net/vbs</u>. VBS is for children going into kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall, and anyone is welcome, regardless of whether they attend St. John's.

Kids Community Music Camp, August 9 to 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- Volunteers needed: adults, high school and college students
- Volunteers will supervise groups as they attend various classes and activities, provide (make or purchase) lunch for 30 kids plus staff and volunteers, do lunch set up/serving/clean up, and provide other assistance for campers and teachers.

Pipes Alive! with Sean McCarthy, Sunday, June 6, 12:30 p.m. – Livestreamed and in-person

Our final Pipes Alive! half-hour organ recital of the program year will feature Sean McCarthy, director of music at First Church of Christ in Wethersfield. The recital will be available online and in-person to a limited-capacity audience. Those attending in-person must register for free ahead of time. For more information and to register, go to www.reddoormusic.org/event/pipes-alive-sean-mccarthy-organist/.

Monday night online Bible study resumes on May 24, 7 p.m.

From May 24 through June 28, the Monday evening Bible study will discuss the parables in Mark. All are welcome to join us in Zoom, and you don't have to commit to every session. After this series, the Monday Bible study will take a break for the summer and resume in the fall. The Zoom link will be provided in the Monday and Thursday enewsletters.

Summer service schedule begins on June 6

From June 6 through September 5 (Labor Day weekend), we will offer two Sunday morning services: a 9 a.m. service outdoors (in the Cloister Garden or on the West Lawn, depending on attendance), and a 10:30 a.m. service indoors that will also be livestreamed.



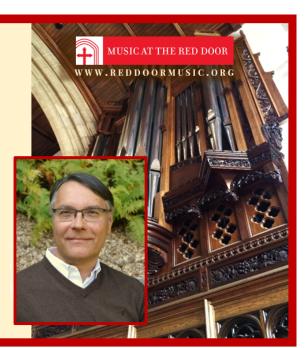
Congratulations to our organ scholar, Ted Babbitt!

Ted was selected as a finalist in the L. Cameron Johnson Organ Competition in Storrs! We continue to support and pray for him as he records for the final round this week.

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of St. John's Renowned Austin Organ

Sunday, June 6, 2021 12:30 pm livestreamed from www.reddoormusic.org Limited in-person seating

SEAN McCarthy



Do you know a child who loves to sing?

The St. John's Youth Choir

is holding auditions for 2021-2022.

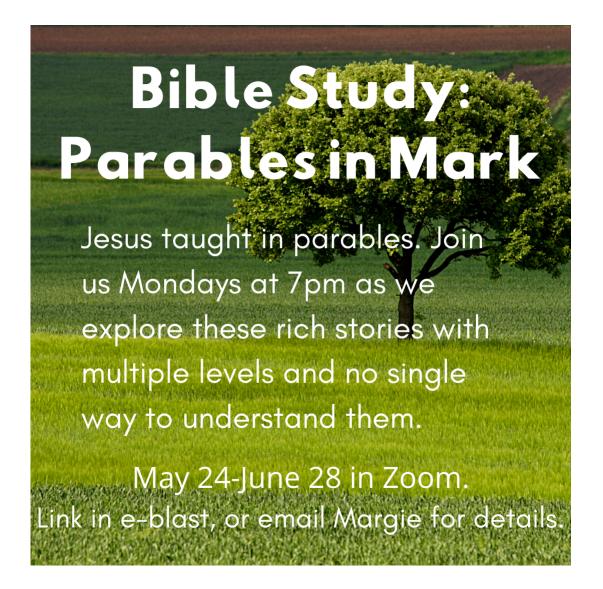
- Learn the finest choral repertoire, as well as music theory.
- Sing with other youth and adults at a professional level.
- Sing for one rehearsal a week, two Sunday services a month, and occasional holiday services and special events.
- Participate in a vibrant, family-friendly community.
- Contribute to beautiful and meaningful worship.
- Get recognition for progress, including a stipend.
- Attend an annual summer day camp.
- Make friends and have fun!

Open to children 7 1/2 and older.



For more information and to schedule an audition. contact Choirmaster Scott Lamlein. music@sjparish.net

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St. John's Church Vacation Bible School

June 21-25, 9am-noon

We'll learn about God's creation as we explore water, soil, seeds, animals, and harvest. Outdoor, masked, socially distanced.

- Rising kindergarten-6th grade
- \$50 per child (assistance available)
- All are welcome!



Sign up at sjparish.net/vbs

Spread the word!

St. John's West Hartford

St. John's Summer Sundays

9 a.m. outdoors 10:30 a.m. indoors & livestreamed

June 6 through September 5

Summer Volunteers

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- group leaders
- activity leaders
- snack captains
- storytellers

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- group leaders (supervise a group of kids as they attend camp activities)
- lunch donors (make or purchase a lunch for 30 kids plus camp staff and volunteers)
- lunch servers (set up, serve, clean up)
- all-around helpers

We will provide program training and support for all volunteers. Adults working directly with kids must do some Safe Church training and consent to a background check.

Contact the church office if you are interested!

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