

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Masks are optional at St. John's. We encourage anyone who is unvaccinated or who is more comfortable wearing a mask to continue to do so. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home or wear a mask until you are feeling better.

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 in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sparish.net/newcomer-form.

Our ushers are here to 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. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!



*Scan to fill out online
newcomer form.*

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. Our staffed nursery is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday mornings for children age 5 and younger. Parents are welcome to drop little ones there for part or all of the service, and there is a changing table and rocking chair should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed.

The cover photo was taken in the St. John's Cloister Garden.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Plein Jeu – Récit de cromorne*

François Couperin (1668–1733)

THE OPENING HYMN 390 *Praise to the Lord, the almighty*
All stand and sing.

LOBE DEN HERREN

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

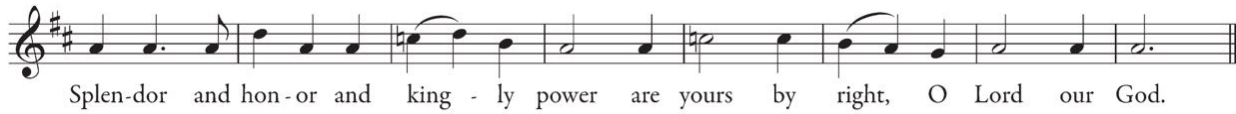
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

Splend - or and hon - or 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* Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 8:4-7**All sit.*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 113**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 **Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, ***
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 **The Lord is high above all nations, ***
and his glory above the heavens. *Antiphon*
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 **He takes up the weak out of the dust ***
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- 8 **He makes the woman of a childless house ***
to be a joyful mother of children. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 676 There is a balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

*Luke 16:1–13**Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Let us bring before God our supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings on behalf of the whole earth, through Christ Jesus our only mediator, saying: **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the Church and all its people, and especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; Jeffrey, our bishop-elect; and our parish clergy, that we who are entrusted with the riches of God's grace may be faithful in little and in much. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may be free to give ourselves to God and our neighbor, and never be possessed by our possessions. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the gift of peace, that the Spirit of God will turn hearts from violence, protect children from harm, and help all to respect the dignity of every human being. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the grace and the will to use the gifts of the earth for the greater praise of God, that all may share in the bounty of God's creation. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For the poor and the weak, the homeless and the war-torn, and for the sick and suffering, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that God will strengthen them and heal their wounds. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, that God will welcome them to their eternal home. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant God of every bounty, hear the prayers we offer this day and entrust us with your riches from above, that we may hold them in faith and use them in serving our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

A PRAYER OF COMMENDATION FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Celebrant Let us pray. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Elizabeth. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

People **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC O ye that love the Lord

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1912)

Words: Psalm 97:10

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil:
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.



Born to a white English mother and a father from Sierra Leone, Coleridge-Taylor achieved such success that he was referred to by white New York musicians as the "African Mahler." By 1896, Coleridge-Taylor was already earning a reputation as a composer. He was particularly known for his three cantatas on the epic poem Song of Hiawatha, by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Coleridge-Taylor premiered the first section in 1898, when he was 22. After Charles Villiers Stanford conducted the full premiere of the work in 1898, Coleridge-Taylor proved to be highly popular and made three tours of the United States. He participated as the youngest delegate at the 1900 First Pan-African Conference held in London, and met leading Americans through this connection, including scholar and activist W.E.B. Du Bois.

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.**

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



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.*

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.

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 children; 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

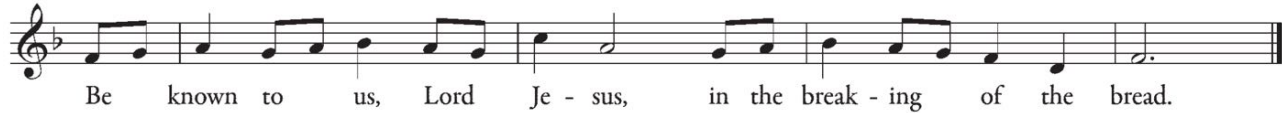
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE 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. If you are thirsty, drink the cup of life. If you are hungry, eat the bread of life. Blessed are all who hunger for this bread and thirst for this cup.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM Songs from Silence

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Words: Brian Newhouse

If the song of my heart falls silent to me, sing to me.

When our voices stir the embers, my heart remembers our song again.



Songs from Silence is dedicated to the choral community in hope of healing during times of silence and distance. Elaine Hagenberg's compositions are performed worldwide and frequently featured at national and regional American Choral Directors Association Conferences, All-State festivals, Carnegie Hall, and other distinguished international concert halls from Australia to South America and throughout Europe.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 345 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise

ELLERS

All remain seated and sing.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

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 POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 597 O day of peace that dimly shines

JERUSALEM

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasy on *Lobe den herren*

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

*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 presence in Word and sacrament 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 Todd FitzGerald

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Deacon: Walter McKenney

Layreader: Betsy Chicares

Psalterer: Benjamin Mabrey

The St. John's Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Caleb Smith

Acolytes: Alice Murchie, Isabel Grant, James Baker

Ushers: Annabel Clapp, Bette-Jane Hardersen, Carlos Diaz

Healing Prayers: Sarah Kieffer

Livestream Oversight: Mary Sypek

Altar Guild: June Aziz, Paul Shaker

Nursery Workers: Abby Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton

Sunday School Teachers: Jenn Baker, Jeff Verney, Lissie Brooks, Matt Ciscel

Coffee Hour Host: Jyothsna Diaz

**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lonny Evica,
Robert E. Eikel, and Mary Bierwith.**

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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.

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

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

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Edie Tenen
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Mary Jo Keating
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joseph
Virginia Skeele	Gina Giusto	Bob Connolly
Jackie		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Maggie Mahoney	Helen Cooke	Margaret Babbitt
Lisa Farrell	Bradley Crocker	Eddie Genece
Mac Mahoney	William Smith	Anderson Raymond
Katie Mahoney	Ted Whittemore	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Julia & Jim O'Brien
Liz & Andy Marchion

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston; Trinity, Torrington; and for children, children's ministries, and ministries for children with special needs.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

EVENSONG



COME AND SING!

September 25, 5pm

St. John's Episcopal Church
West Hartford, Connecticut

Singers rehearse at 3pm

MUSIC AT THE RED DOOR, INC.
Events are also available livestreamed
at www.reddoormusic.org



Potluck lunch after the 10:30 service next Sunday, September 25. There's no program or agenda for this event other than giving us a chance to reconnect and get to know one another better. **Last name starting with A through K:** Please bring a main dish, such as sandwiches or a casserole. **Last name starting with L through Z:** Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

Choral Evensong next Sunday, September 25 at 5 p.m. Our first Choral Evensong of the program year is next Sunday. The choir for this service is open anyone who would like to participate, with one rehearsal before the service at 3 p.m. Choral Evensong is an ancient and beautiful service of music, chant, and prayer—a wonderful way to prepare for the week ahead.

Acolyte Training, Sunday, October 2 after the 10:30 service. Acolytes will stay after the service for lunch and training in this important role that supports our weekly worship. All returning and new (4th grade and up) acolytes are expected to participate. If you cannot attend, please let Margie know.

St. Francis Day Pet Blessing, Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m. In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day (which is October 4), we will hold a brief outdoor service of blessing and thanksgiving for all of creation and our animal companions. Bring your pets (leashed or crated, please!) along with pet food to be donated to a local animal shelter.

Music at the Red Door: Boyd Meets Girl concert, Friday, October 14, 7:30 a.m. Join us for a beautiful chamber music concert on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 7:30pm by Boyd Meets Girl: Laura Metcalf, cello; Rupert Boyd, guitar. Ms. Metcalf is no stranger to our series, having grown up at St. John's Church. We're very excited about this return engagement, as their 2020 performance for Music at the Red Door was online-only due to the pandemic. The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20.

CPR and defibrillator training at St. John's: Saturday, October 29 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) or Sunday, November 13 (1 – 5 p.m.). As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of our parish community St. John's will host classes in CPR and how to use our automatic defibrillator (AED), which is located in Hubbard Hall. Our goal is to train enough people so that there is always someone on site who can respond in the event of a medical emergency. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Ellen in the parish office. **Each session will be capped at 12 participants, so sign up soon to ensure that you get a spot. We have five spots left on October 29, and seven spots left on November 13.**



HOW DO WE CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER
AS CHRISTIANS?

Why is caring for one another and bearing one another's burdens so central to Christian discipleship? How do we do that here at St. John's?

Join us for two Sunday adult education sessions on the theology and practice of caring for our community, including discussion of St. John's pastoral care ministries.

SEPTEMBER 18 & SEPTEMBER 25
9:30 A.M.
HUBBARD HALL

Let's eat!
Everyone is invited to a
Potluck Lunch
Sunday, September 25
After the 10:30 service
EVERYONE is invited to kick off a new
program year, enjoy delicious food,
and connect with one another!
Last name A-K:
Bring main dish (sandwiches, casserole, etc.)
Last name L-Z:
Bring side dish, salad, or dessert

"Christ has no body now, but yours." These are the words that begin the beautiful message Teresa of Avila wrote in the 16th century. We all have the awesome opportunity in our lifetime to connect with Christ through our love and through our need for each other. All of us have concerns we pray about, some great and some small. No matter what size the prayer, healing prayer at St John's is a great way to reach out in faith for Christ's love and compassion. Through the act of praying with another caring human being, Christ works through us. Come and see.

- Sarah Kieffer, St. John's healing ministry volunteer

Healing ministers are available to pray with and for anyone who asks at the 10:30 service (at the baptismal font during communion).

If you'd like to learn more about becoming a healing ministry volunteer:

Contact Wes Winterbottom at 860.521.5433 or wesleywinterbottom@hotmail.com

A short training session will be offered this fall starting on October 2 after the 10:30 service.

No experience is necessary.

Please prayerfully consider if this ministry is for you.

Donating Food at St. John's

We now have TWO ways for you to donate nonperishable food to our neighbors in need.

Blessing Box

WHAT:

The Blessing Box is a small wooden box in the "Abraham's Welcome" garden space in front of the church.

HOW:

This is a "self-service" mini food pantry: Leave what you can, take what you need. Ready-to-eat food is especially welcome. If the box is full, hang onto your items and try another time. The box gets a lot of use from our neighbors, so needs regular refilling!

Town Food Pantry

WHAT:

We give donated food to the West Hartford Food Pantry on a regular basis for town residents in need.*

HOW:

Leave nonperishable items in the wagon in the back of the church. Parishioner Eleanor Barnes periodically delivers collected food to the food pantry at Town Hall.

*We previously gave food to the Grace Seventh Day Adventist food pantry on Prospect Avenue, but they are closed temporarily.





ACOLYTE
Lunch and Training

All acolytes and youth in grades 4 and up who are interested in becoming an acolyte are invited to join us for lunch and a brief acolyte training.

Sunday, October 2
After the 10:30 service

"Ask the beasts and they will teach you the beauty of this earth." - St. Francis of Assisi

**St. Francis Day
Pet Blessing**

Sunday, October 2
3 p.m.
at St. John's

In honor of St. Francis's feast day (which is October 4) pets of all kinds and their owners are invited to a brief outdoor service of blessing and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and our animal companions.

IF YOU'RE ABLE, BRING NEW, UNOPENED PET FOOD TO DONATE TO A LOCAL SHELTER



Presented by
Music at the Red Door

BOYD MEETS GIRL

Laura Metcalf, cello
Rupert Boyd, guitar

- Free admission
- In-person and livestreamed
- Donations welcome (suggested donation: \$20)

Friday, October 14, 2022
7:30pm



Music at the Red Door
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services.

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