

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

October 2, 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.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY Fugue in D Major, BWV 532b

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE OPENING HYMN 541 Come, labor on
All stand and sing.

ORA LABORA

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.

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. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

*Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4**All sit.*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 37:1–10**The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass, ***
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 **Take delight in the Lord, ***
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light ***
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, ***
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 **For evildoers shall be cut off, ***
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then,

of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 671 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

NEW BRITAIN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5–10

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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.

Strong in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the needs of the world 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 may be disciples who live faithfully and serve God with a spirit of power and love. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that we may grow in our reliance on God in every area of our lives and be open to following wherever God leads us. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For those who work for peace, that they may seek new ways to defeat the evils that confront the human family. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For healing of the earth's climate, that the Spirit will open hearts to the seriousness of the challenge and give courage to those who are working to find solutions. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For a vision of hope, that all who face poverty, violence, and desolation may be renewed by the Spirit of God and become a source of light and promise to others who are struggling. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all who are recovering from storms, fire, and flood, especially those affected by Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian; for those who are threatened by injustice and violence; and for those in need of our prayers, especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may know God's presence and be renewed in faith and hope. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering especially Nina Rosselli del Turco and Jerry Aiken, that they may wait upon the Lord and delight in God's presence. **Holy One, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Gracious God, hear the prayers of those whose faith is the size of a mustard seed, and grant that we who guard the good treasure may work with all our strength for the growth of your kingdom. Glory to you for ever 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Presentation Hymn, when the ushers come forward with full offering plates, children are invited to each bring forward one donated food item from the wagon in the back of the church and put it in the basket in front of the altar.

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace Peter Niedmann (b. 1960)
Words: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
 Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.



Peter Niedmann is director of music and organist at the Church of Christ, Congregational, in Newington, and composition coach for Scott Lamlein. He is a published composer with hundreds of works in print, and former dean of the Hartford American Guild of Organists. His choral music has been sung at The White House and a Papal Mass for Pope John Paul II.

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

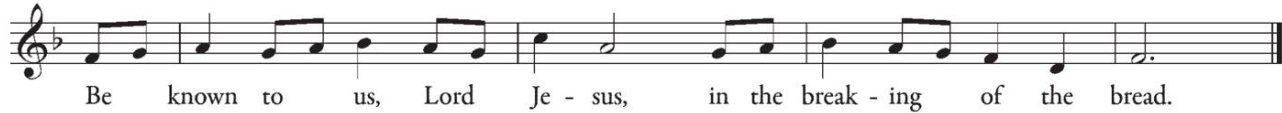
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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 O Lord increase my faith Allen Bevan (b. 1951)

O Lord, increase my faith.
Strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith;
endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience
in all my adversity.
Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart SLANE

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 Great is thy faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

All sing.

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Toccata on *Great Day*

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)



Adolphus Hailstork is an American composer and educator. He grew up in Albany, New York, where he studied violin, piano, organ, and voice. As a child, he joined the choir of the Episcopal cathedral. From this experience, he developed an interest in vocal melodic writing that asserts itself in his choral works and art songs. Hailstork's works blend musical ideas from both the African-American and European traditions. His principal teachers were H. Owen Reed (Michigan State University), Vittorio Giannini and David Diamond (Manhattan School of Music), Mark Fax (Howard University) and Nadia Boulanger (American Institute at Fontainebleau).

*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: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Robert Eikel

Psalterer: James Baker

The St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir

Organist and Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Acolytes: Isabel Grant, Dorian Ciscel, Bradley Crocker

Ushers: Enid Oberholtzer, Don Polk, John Roche, Paul Shaker

Healing Prayers: Ginger Gillespie

Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto

Altar Guild: Bette-Jane Hardersen, Harriet Odlum, Carol Sonne

Nursery Workers: Olivia Thaxton, Caroline Thaxton

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

Coffee Hour Host: Annabel Clapp

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of 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	Robert Connolly
Jackie	Rich & Ginny Flinchbaugh	Noah Torres
Julian Coolidge		

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Alex Thaxton	Natalie Puzzo
Jenifer Hartt	Jeff Gostyla
Ford Gillespie	Douglas Hyland
Joan Warner	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Margie & Jenn Baker
Laura & John Roche

Those who have died:

Jerry Aiken, *brother-in-law of Harriet Odlum*
Nina Rosselli del Turco, *St. John's member and wife of Duccio Rosselli del Turco*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the consecration of the XVI Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, the Reverend Jeffrey Mello, on October 15, 2022.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

Acolyte Training, TODAY after the 10:30 service. Acolytes 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.

Healing ministry information and training, first session TODAY after the 10:30 service. Anyone who would like to learn more about being a volunteer healing minister at St. John's is invited to a series of trainings starting today after the 10:30 service in the Reception Room.

St. Francis Day Pet Blessing, TODAY 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 p.m. Join us for a beautiful chamber music concert on Friday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. by Boyd Meets Girl: Laura Metcalf, cello; Rupert Boyd, guitar. The concert is free admission, suggested donation \$20.

Celtic worship services, Sundays, October 16 and November 20, 5 p.m. Join us for Celtic Eucharist on October 16 and/or November 20 at 5 p.m. Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and communion to nourish body, mind, and spirit. Like our summer outdoor services, Celtic worship at St. John's is somewhat less formal than our regular Sunday morning worship; it is designed for all ages and everyone is welcome.

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. 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 six spots left in each session.**

Help us stock Blessing Bag supplies for winter! The parish keeps supplies on hand, such as toiletries and winter accessories, for people who come to the church looking for help. We'd like to replenish supplies as the colder weather approaches. To purchase something on our Amazon Blessing Bag wish list and have it shipped directly to the church, go to sjparish.net/blessingbags.

Daily morning prayer via conference call, Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m. Robert Eikel leads a brief service of Morning Prayer every weekday morning by telephone conference call, so you can participate from wherever you are. For information on how to call in, contact Robert at reikel@reikel.org or 917-428-9537.

"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

CELTIC WORSHIP
at St. John's
**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 16
5:00 PM
WITH POTLUCK
SUPPER
AFTERWARD**

Celtic Christian worship incorporates prayer, silence, music, and Holy Eucharist to nourish body, mind, and spirit.
Questions? Speak with Todd or Margie.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

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.



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

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St. John's Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Ave (near Prospect)
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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.

STAFF

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VESTRY

Geoff Emerick	<i>Warden</i>
Kara Hart.....	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and John Roche.....	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2020–22: June Aziz, Annabel Clapp, Jyothsna Diaz

2021–23: Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, David McCary