

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1 Glo-ry be to God in hea-ven, peace to those who love you well; on the earth let all your peo-ple
 2 On-ly Son of God the Fa-ther, Lamb who takes our sin a-way, now with God in tri-umph seat-ed—

speaK your graCe, your won-ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo-ry, might-y Fa-ther,
 for your mer-cy, Lord, we pray: Je-sus Christ, most high and ho-ly, Sav-ior, you are

hea-ven's king; hear our joy-ful a-dor-a-tion and ac-cept the thanks we bring.
 God a-lone in the glo-ry of the Fa-ther with the Spir-it: Three-in-One!

Text: Gloria in excelsis, para. Michael Parry (b. 1942)

Music: ODE TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1872)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 8:1–12

All sit.

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me, “The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God; “the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!” 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. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 52

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

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
against the godly all day long?
- 2 **You plot ruin;**
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 **You love all words that hurt, ***
O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 **The righteous shall see and tremble, ***
and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness.”
- 8 **But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; ***
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 **I will give you thanks for what you have done ***
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:15–28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully

known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 488 Be thou my vision

SLANE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

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

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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 AND THE CONFESSION

The people say the words in bold.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our presiding bishop, for Jeff and Laura our bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC The Lord is my light

Frances Allitsen (1848–1912)

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.

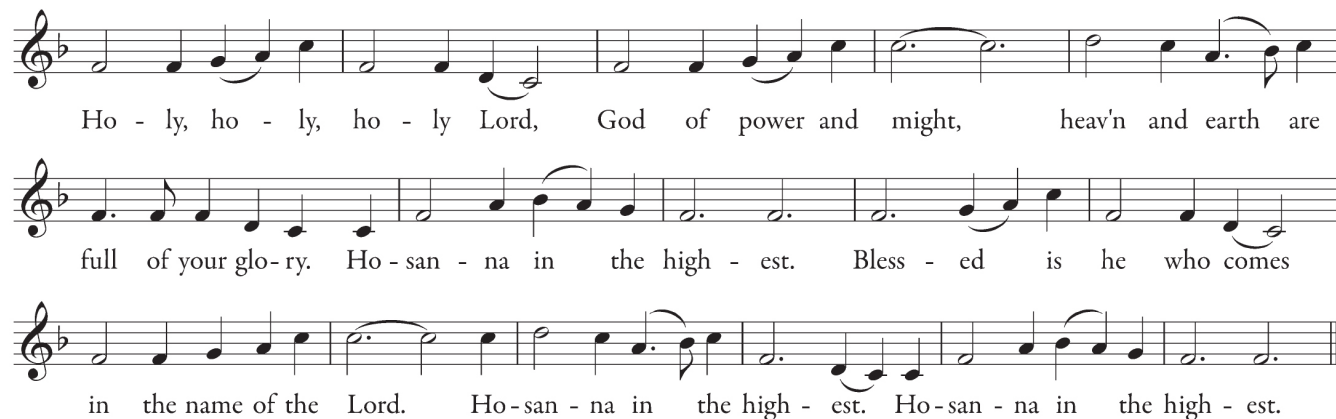
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon,

and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices as we sing:

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw the world to himself yet we were heedless for his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

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 MUSIC Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

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 HYMN IN PROCESSION Let all things now living

ASH GROVE

All stand and sing.

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
 who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 2 God's law still en - forc - es the stars in their cours - es
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,
 1 to God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 who still guides us on to the end of our days.
 2 and caus - es the sun in its splen - dour to shine;
 the deeps of the o - cean in prais - es com - bine.
 1 Love's ban - ners are o'er us; God's light goes be - fore us,
 2 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;
 a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise
 till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:
 as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
 "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

*Text: Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980)**Music: Welsh traditional*

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker**Crucifer & Chalice Bearer:** David Derby**Layreader & Chalice Bearer:** Eti Akpan**Organist:** Nick Capozzoli**Soloist:** Cleveland Williams**Ushers:** John Roche, Laura Roche**Livestream Operator:** Jenn Baker**Altar Guild:** Eti Akpan, Bill Lockery**Healing Prayer Minister:** Tim Watt

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

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

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

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

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Kim Green	Susan	Joyce Flynn	Wendy
Virginia Skeele	Sue	Rachel Boccio	Bob Norton
Grant Loevenbruck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Joan Ackley	Joseph
John & Barbara Spannaus	Harry Barber	Guy Russo	Sarah Carroll
Jennifer Blean	Doug Larson	Jon Nelson	Greg Highland
Hale Walkoff	Jeff Lewis	Ned	Rachel
Rod Farrell	Miranda	Roger	Lucas
Hillary Lord	Allison and Family	Daniel Zoltan	Amy Bittinger
Helen Rosen	Linda	Jim & Kathlyn Schofield	William Bittinger
Nick Willke	Jacob Latranica	John Scott	Mike
Wayne Gollenburg	Tom Tata	Eric Zoltan	Rick
Uncle Rich Alpin	Timothy Foga	Elizabeth Myers	Richard Myers
Tracie O'Brien	Shoemaker Family	Rob Roy	Carol
Naya	Elsa	Meghan	Paul Thaxton
Amy	Heidi	Gaylord	Frank Higginbotham
Cora	Alondra	Bonnie Evans	Peter Stanton & family
Beth	Andrew Worrell	Barbara	Stephanie
Katie	Deborah Seid	Dennis	Ann
Anne	Sam Wiley	Jennifer	Chris
Martha Babbitt	Gracie	John Murray	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Eleanor Barnes	Charnley Parr	Malcolm Latif
Cisalee Harrell	John Walsh	Priscilla Hexter
Bob Bainbridge	Jack Curran	Danielle Foint
Emily Cortavarria	JP Evans	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Lissie & Lynn Brooks

Eleanor & Jack Barnes

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; Christ Church, Roxbury; and for wardens, treasurers, clerks, and all vestry members and elected delegates.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

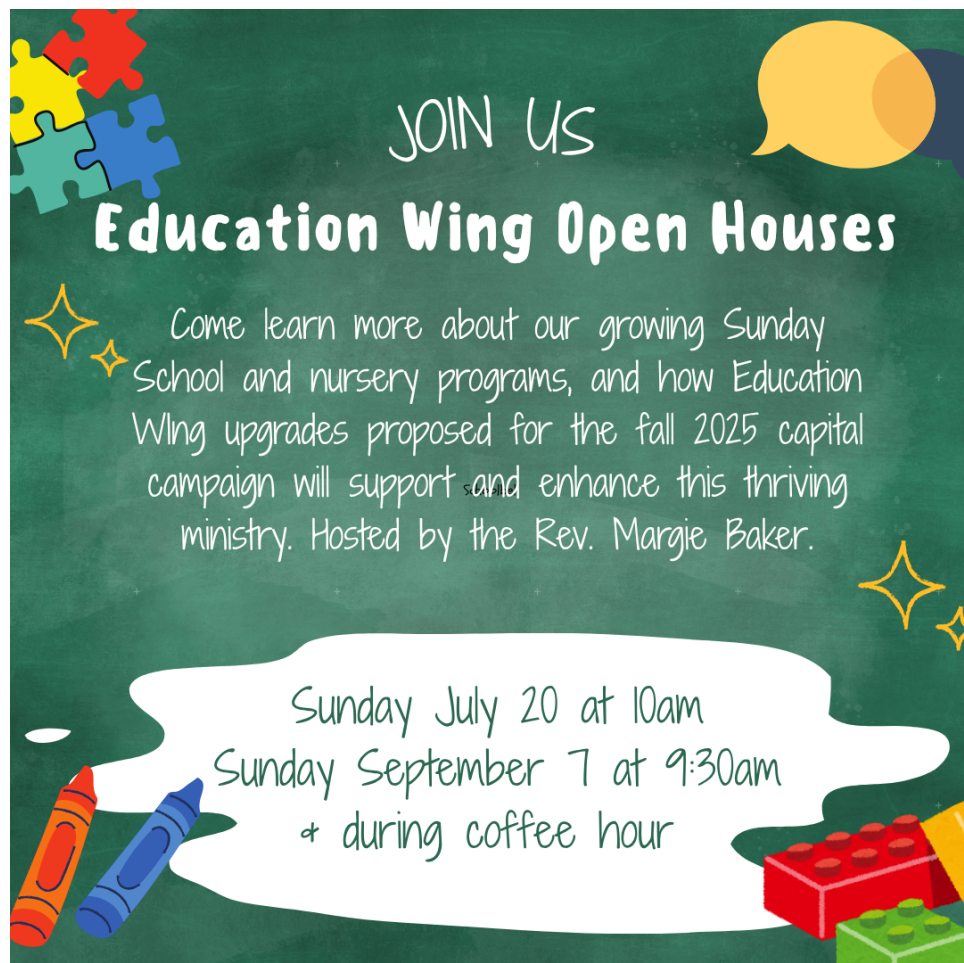
Pray for the Church of Pakistan (United).

Mark your calendars for these upcoming activities!

More details about these events are on the following pages and also in the weekly e-newsletter.

- **TODAY, July 20, 10 a.m.:** We've added **another Education Wing open house** this morning because they have been so popular and well-attended.
- **July 25, Noon to 5 p.m.:** American Red Cross blood drive at St. John's. See p. 15 for registration info.
- **July 26, 2 p.m.:** Church by the Pond in Bushnell Park, where Margie Baker will preside and preach at an outdoor service and we will distribute bag lunches to attendees. Meet at the church at noon to prepare lunches, or meet at Bushnell Park by 1:45 p.m. Sign up to provide lunch supplies at sjparish.net/churchbythepond
- **August 24 at both services:** Blessing of the Backpacks for students and educators
- **August 31, after the 10:30 service:** Acolyte lunch and training for *current and new* acolytes. We welcome any youth in 3rd grade and up to join this ministry, including those who sing with the Choir School.

Clergy summer vacation schedules: Todd FitzGerald, rector, is in Maine for the month of July, where he serves a summer chapel in Cape Neddick. He will be back in the office on July 29 and at Sunday services on August 3. Margie Baker, associate rector, will be away for much of August in New Jersey, where she serves a summer chapel in Longport. She will leave on August 6, and be back in the office on August 27 and at Sunday services on August 31. Please refrain from reaching out to Todd and Margie about non-urgent matters during their time away. Throughout the summer, at least one clergy person and other staff will be available, although we will occasionally close the office on days when we are very short-staffed; these closures will be announced in the weekly e-news.



CHURCH BY THE POND

Saturday, July 26 at 2pm

Bushnell Park

Every Saturday at 2pm, 20-60 people gather for communion in Bushnell park. Church by the Pond is a ministry of Christ Church Cathedral.

On July 26, Margie will preach and preside, and St. John's will provide and distribute bagged lunches after the service.

If you'd like to help, meet at St. John's at noon to prepare lunches and drive over together. You can also come for worship at 1:45. **Email Margie if you plan to participate.** Children and families welcome.

Sign up to provide supplies at sjparish.net/churchbythepond

BE AN ACOLYTE!

Children and youth in grades three and above are invited to lead worship as acolytes.

Training for new and returning acolytes will be Sunday, August 31 after the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided.

**Mark your calendars!
Questions? Contact Margie**





BLOOD DRIVE

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9 a.m.: Holy Eucharist in the Cloister Garden

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist in the church (also livestreamed)

STAFF

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The Rev. Mary Lynn Dell.....	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Joseph Pace	Priest Associate*
The Rev. Nancy Wright.....	Priest Associate*

*These positions are non-stipendiary.

VESTRY

Eleanor Barnes	Warden
Stewart Murchie	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Wilcox.....	Treasurers

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer

2024–26: Lauren Mascola, Stacey Samuel Bannon, Brenda Zanta

2025–27: Kim Byrd, Matteo Donnelly, Susan Fay, Jeff Verney