

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

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.

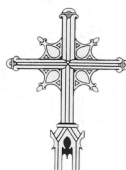
If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer



Scan to fill out online 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!

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 professionally staffed nursery located in the Education Wing is open on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; parents/caregivers are welcome to drop off children in the nursery for part or all of the service. The Education Wing and nursery also have changing tables and seating that parents/caregivers may use as needed.



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Largo* from Trio Sonata no. 2, BWV 526

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 475 God himself is with us

TYSK

All stand and sing.

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. **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
 for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
 3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -
 hold - ing the hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
 depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

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. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

All sit.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 79:1–9**Chanted by the choir. The people sing the antiphon before and after the psalm.*

Help us, O God our Sav - ior.

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake. **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 488 Be thou my vision

SLANE

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

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: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

For our nation and communities, and for all places marked by conflict, disaster, or instability, 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. **Lord, 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. **Lord, 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. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, especially John Horton, John Minster, and Roger Loucks, that God will welcome them to their eternal home. **Lord, 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME & PRAYER FOR MARGIE'S SABBATICAL

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM King of glory, King of peace

T. Frederick Candlyn (1892–1964)

Text: George Herbert (1593–1633)

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll Thee:
even eternity's too short
to extol Thee.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

All remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Come God’s people, come receive Christ’s heavenly food.

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 instead of receiving Communion, 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 Christ hath a garden

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Text: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

Christ hath a garden walled around,
A Paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world’s wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden’s gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav’n and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.

THE COMMUNION HYMN 605 What does the Lord require

SHARPTHORNE

All remain seated and sing.

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 594 God of grace and God of glory

CWM RHONDDA

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY God of grace and God of glory

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald

Preacher: The Reverend Margie Baker

Seminarian: Katherine Leary

Lector & Chalice Bearer: Matteo Donnelly

Intercessor & Chalice Bearer: Dave Derby

Acolytes: Jamie Baker, Eden Baker, Virginia Eikel

The St. John's Adult Choir & Choir School

Organist: Nick Capozzoli

Organ Scholar: Elijah Morris

Ushers: Julia O'Brien, Robert Eikel, David Vandermeulen

Livestream Operator: Elijah Clapp

Altar Guild: Bill Lockery, Jo-Ann Sadosky

Healing Prayer Minister: Tim Watt

Sunday School Teachers: Robert Eikel, Enid Oberholtzer, Akilah Williams, Jeff Verney,

Leah Lorenzo, Matt Ciscel, Angela Allen-Peck, Buffy Ineson

Nursery Staff: Sheryl Simoni, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul Mangiafico.

Join us in Hubbard Hall after the service for coffee hour

This week, coffee hour food is provided by those with last names starting M through R.

Next week, food will be provided by those with last names starting S through Z.

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	John Murray	Chris
Martha Babbitt	Gracie	Spencer Rothman	Alberto Guzman
Linda	Jackie Harding	Robert Joseph	Kathy & Pete Beynor
Rosow family			

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

William Smith	Deb Reardon
Ted Whittemore	Lilley Hohl
Margaret Babbitt	Kelly Kennedy
Eddie Genece	Lindsey Carlisle
Anderson Raymond	Gus Murchie

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Julia & Jim O'Brien
Liz & Andy Marchion

Those who have died:

John Horton, *brother of St. John's member Dan Minster*
John Minster, *nephew of St. John's member Dan Minster*
Roger Loucks, *former choir member/soloist at St. John's*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs; and for children, children's ministries, and ministries for children with special needs.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Weekly contemplative Holy Eucharist, Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Meet in the chancel (front of the church).

Help us stock up for our neighbors in need. We have two ministries for supporting neighbors in need who come to the church looking for help: **Blessing Bags** are small reusable tote bags given out by our clergy and staff and filled with necessities such as socks, winter accessories, t-shirts, toiletries, snacks, and water. The **Blessing Box** is a small self-service food pantry located in the Abraham's Welcome garden area on the Farmington Avenue side of the church property. As fall approaches, we'd like to stock up on items for these two ministries. We have an Amazon wish list, from which you can order and have items directly shipped to the church. Go to sjparish.net/blessingbags. Or you may purchase items at your preferred retailer and drop them at the church office any time. Note that we have a greater use for *full-size* toiletries (especially shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste) vs. trial size. Please put food donations directly into the Blessing Box. Thank you!

Donate supplies for sandwich-making on September 28 after the 10:30 service. After a summer hiatus, we are resuming sandwich-making one Sunday a month to provide the Loaves & Fishes feeding ministry with sandwiches for their clients. We need parishioners to donate sandwich supplies and help with set-up. Please sign up at sjparish.net/sandwiches.

Margie Baker will be on sabbatical from Monday, September 22, through Sunday, December 21, 2025. Clergy in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) are granted a three-month sabbatical for every five years of continuous ministry. Thanks to our dedicated lay volunteers, priest associates, and staff, we have detailed plans in place to cover Margie's duties while she is away. Please refrain from contacting her during her sabbatical, and wish her well today—the next time we see Margie at worship will be on Christmas Eve!

Upcoming Events

More information in each week's Thursday e-news and in the graphics in this bulletin.

- **Christmas Festival planning meeting** — TODAY after the 10:30 service
- **Jazz at the Red Door: Nat Reeves Trio** — Friday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m.
- **Sandwich making for Loaves & Fishes** — Sunday, September 28 after the 10:30 service
- **Choral Evensong** — Sunday, September 28 at 5 p.m.
- **Pipes Alive! organ recital with Nick Capozzoli** — Sunday, October 5 at 12:30 p.m.
- **Forest Therapy walk** at Penwood State Park — Sunday, October 12 at 2 p.m. (10/19 rain date)

Choir School and EYC Dinner Angels

Looking for an easy way to get involved? You can feed our choristers and youth group! The Choir School (and some adult choir members) eat dinner Wednesdays at 6:00. EYC (our youth group) shares a meal Sundays evenings. Choir School and EYC families prepare many of the meals, but they would appreciate the help! Sign up using the QR codes and links below.



Choir School Dinner Signup
(sjparish.net/choirdinner)



EYC Dinner Signup
(sjparish.net/eycdinner)





GUIDED CHRISTIAN FOREST THERAPY

Sunday, October 12, 2 – 4pm
RAIN DATE: October 19, 2 – 4pm

Penwood State Park
Bloomfield, CT

“You didn’t come into this world. You came out of it, like a wave from the ocean. You are not a stranger here. - Alan Watts

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow...” - Jesus in Matthew 6:28

Based on Japanese forest bathing, forest therapy has holistic health benefits—mental, emotional physical, spiritual. A group walk in the woods with a guide offers inspiration, energy, and a sense of well-being.

Join St. John’s Priest Associate the Reverend Nancy Wright for a two-hour program that includes a brief meditation, short nature-based exercises, conversation, and tea. The goal is for participants to feel lighter and more relaxed after this time together.

Please RSVP online at the address below. Space limited to 15 participants. Bring water, a foldable chair or cushion, and a snack as needed. Please no pets.

RSVP at sjparish.net/foresttherapy

Presented by Music at the Red Door

JAZZ AT THE RED DOOR

NAT REEVES TRIO



- Free admission
- In-person & livestreamed
- Donations welcome (suggested donation: \$20)
- Reception to follow

Friday, September 26, 2024 ■ 7:30pm






EVENSONG

St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir



Sept. 28
5:00pm
St. John's
Episcopal Church,
West Hartford

Events are available
livestreamed at
www.reddoormusic.org



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 a.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: Choral Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Spoken Holy Eucharist

STAFF

The Rev. Todd FitzGerald (todd@sjparish.net).....	Rector
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Christa Rakich	Organ Artist-in-Residence*
Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus*
The Rev. Rebecca Bourret	Priest Associate*
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