

A bald eagle with its wings spread wide, flying over an American flag. The eagle is the central focus, with its head turned to the right. The background is a soft-focus American flag with stars and stripes. The text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

*Land of  
the Tree*

BLESSED IS THE NATION  
WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.

PSALM 33:12 (KJV)

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
(Proper 8)

**June 28, 2026**

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The Christian Gathering continues after this service with fellowship and refreshments in the undercroft.

**PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!**

**July 5 - A Parishioner**



# 5 PENTECOST

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8



Revised Common Lectionary  
TRACK TWO

Sunday, June 28, 2026

## COLLECT

*Traditional*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

THE PROPHET JEREMIAH spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine,

and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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## Refrain

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing.

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### Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 from the Book of Common Prayer

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| 1 | Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; * from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.               | 15 | Happy are the people who know the festal shout! * they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence. |
| 2 | For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; * you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens. | 16 | They rejoice daily in your Name; * they are jubilant in your righteousness.                         |
| 3 | “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; * I have sworn an oath to David my servant:                            | 17 | For you are the glory of their strength, * and by your favor our might is exalted.                  |
| 4 | ‘I will establish your line for ever, * and preserve your throne for all generations.’”                            | 18 | Truly, the LORD is our ruler; * the Holy One of Israel is our King.                                 |

## SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

DO NOT LET SIN exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

JESUS SAID TO THE TWELVE APOSTLES, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday, June 29, 2026**

**Tuesday, June 30, 2026**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

**Thursday, July 2, 2026**

**Friday, July 3, 2026**

**Saturday, July 4, 2026**

Independence Day

**Sunday, July 5, 2026**

11 a.m.

- Holy Eucharist, ZOOM

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE EPISCOPAL & ANGLICAN DIOCESES**

**The Very Rev. Richard T. Lawson, III, Bishop-Elect will be Ordained and Consecrated as Bishop Diocesan on *Saturday, June 27, 2026*, by Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, AL.**

See [www.episcopalnew.org](http://www.episcopalnew.org) for the latest Anglican Communion News

### **T.U. EVENTS** ( [www.tu.edu](http://www.tu.edu) )

**'Tuskegee Rising,' 22<sup>nd</sup> TNAA (Tuskegee National Alumni Association) Convention, July 30-August 2, 2026, Memphis, TN. Registration available online.**

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS** (Auburn, Montgomery, Tuskegee)

**Harriott II Riverboat Cruises, Montgomery: *Friday Night Dinner Cruise, Saturday Getaway Cruise* and *Sunday Evening Blues Cruise*, recurring weekly on specified nights from June 6, 2026, until November 28, 2026.**

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual T.U. Local Alumni Club Brag Luncheon, Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 1:30pm at Thompkins Hall. For tickets contact: Emma Brown at 251-263-1976 or Roberta Patrick at 317-289-6313.**

**Montgomery Independence Day Celebration, July 4, Cramton Bowl, from 7-9pm, featuring a fireworks show.**

**Duck Samford Stadium July 4 Celebration, Auburn, Gates open at 5 pm, featuring food treats live music, and fireworks.**

# ***PRAYER LIST***

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## THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd; For the gift of liberty, and for those oppressed and voiceless, who long for freedom; Ministries for displaced persons and refugees; and Global Episcopal Mission Network

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

- **ARMED FORCES:** Please pray for our service men and women stationed in the U.S. and overseas, especially, Elijah Barber, DeRitha Marbory B. Green (retiring), Sam and Margaret Gunn Bunton, and Shavon Marbory Hogan.
- **PRAYERS:** Continue to pray for those on the Prayer List, friends, family and all humankind afflicted by disease, war and famine. Pray for peace!
- **REMINDER:** Please continue to furnish our Food Basket with non-perishable food items (located on the ground floor of the Education Building).
- **NEW:** The link for the Sunday ZOOM Companion Service can be reached by dialing: 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 882 671 9532, Passcode 008810 or click on your email invite. Mark your calendar for the next Holy Eucharist service on *Sunday, July 5, 2026.*
- **NEW:** Work will begin very soon repairing the church elevator. Thank you for your patience.
- **NEW:** Summer Vacation is here. Please keep up with your pledges and stay safe!

## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY!!***

June 29 - Angel Gaillard

July 3 - Harriett & Charles Thomspson  
4 - Janiece Middleton  
6 - Lloyd Williams  
17 - Willim & Debra Gunn  
22 - Olive Elaine Lett  
24 - Joseph Samuel



## SERMONS THAT WORK

### Pentecost 5 (A) – Proper 8

[RCL] Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

#### Seeing Christ

Summer is coming. A time of gatherings and celebrations, in which many of us have something fun planned: perhaps with family, perhaps with friends. These celebrations can be wonderful opportunities to meet with small or wide circles of people, to catch up and form stronger bonds. Food is shared and maybe some drinks and a good time. It's altogether a fun and exciting time of the year for many reasons.

Except, every single family has at least one person ... one person that is kind of hard to like. Maybe they are negative all the time; maybe they complain a bit too often; maybe you know they mean well but say things that land really badly. Every family has at least *one* person that is just difficult—someone who, when they show up at the drinks table, maybe you try to find a different place to be.

There's no virtue in this, but there's also no shame in it either. We are human, and no matter how much we are devoted to kindness, we just won't like everyone. We simply can't. It isn't a moral failure so much as it is part of being imperfect humans in an imperfect world. This sermon is not going to tell you that you need to work harder to like every single person in your life. That's just not where we are heading here.

Today's Gospel text takes up the words Jesus tells his disciples at the end of commissioning them. He sends them out into the world, telling them how to behave—what to do and not to do—and offering them reassurance. He explains that some people will recognize them as doing God's work, will receive them as Christ himself, and that these people will receive their reward in the next life.

Jesus says, "Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple, truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." Simple, right?

So how do we practice it?

We are trained from an early age to be kind to strangers, and we know the rough outline of how to be good hosts. We know how to make a casserole and send a thoughtful note and show up to a big event.

But then we head home. Then we head off to the people who see us all the time—or we go to the family barbecue with the people that we grew up with. And then we let our guard down. We don't need to impress them and they don't need to impress us, and we can easily forget that these are *also* the people who

carry Christ. The spark of divinity is alive and well here, too. How do we see and receive it even in a grumpy spouse, or a critical parent, or an unruly child?

How do you see Christ in the people closest to you, even when you are tired? That's the hardest call.

Sometimes a spouse who can put up with our most impatient moments gets the most of them.  
Or maybe an odd uncle/aunt gets reduced to a category and we stop really listening.  
Or perhaps a sibling is someone we know so well, we think they have nothing new to tell us.

It's so easy to look past someone who is there all the time. But Christ never invites us to a life of ease. Christ might well come to us the most in those who are the easiest to dismiss. Don't forget how Christ shows up in the world...

What if Christ comes to you through a person you have already decided not to take seriously? In the person who tell the same story over and over?

Those people who get under our skin offer us the chance to ask ourselves about our irritation—what is it blinding us to? What are we unable to see when we center ourselves, instead of centering Christ?

The good news—and there always is Good News in this great book of ours—is that you can start small. With “a cup of cold water,” Jesus says, or whatever a “cup of water” might mean in that relationship.

Perhaps it means paying attention to what that critical person is saying, remembering that, much of the time, people are negative because they are hurt, and recognizing how a kind word might bring healing.

Or perhaps it means not joining into another political argument to be right, but listening to the fear behind someone's position, in order to understand the way they see the world better.

You don't have to fix all your relationships or suddenly like all people, but just ask yourself this: What if Christ comes to me in the small, ordinary, slightly annoying, very human ways that I almost ignore?

Today's deceptively small gospel teaching reveals that for followers of Christ, transformation is necessary. We don't get to live our lives as we did before; we certainly don't get a life of ease and comfort. We are called to live lives oriented towards God, which means we will not be the same as before. We simply cannot encounter Christ and remain the same.

This text is a reminder that we are constantly asked to turn towards God. As Bishop Michael Curry taught us in *The Way of Love*, love is a practice. Turning is the first step—and then turning, again and again, is the lifelong practice.

And it starts small, always.

Who comes to mind to you? Who would be a person with whom to start this small practice? What does the “cup of cold water” look like for them?

Christ is already showing up in the people around us.

So how do we show up for Christ?

Christ is showing up in our lives in the people closest to us, and we are asked to recognize that presence, to let it shape how we show up, to let ourselves be transformed—in real time—by the presence of Christ in the world. Even in those right beside us.

Let us keep praying that we have eyes to see.

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