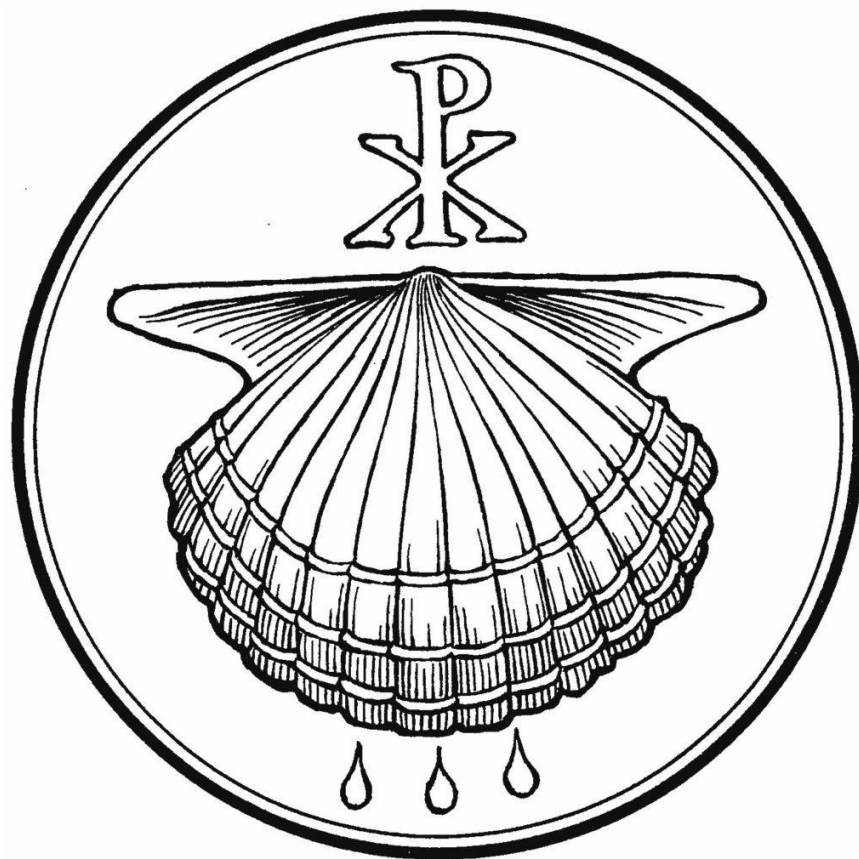


GOOD SHEPHERD

Episcopal Church and School



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Baptism
The Holy Eucharist - *Rite Two*

July 12, 2026 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

MISSION

We exist to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love.

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We are a vibrant, spiritual, and educational community,
radiating God's love for everyone, everywhere.



WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU

We are so glad you're here. Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning after some time away, we all belong in God's community. We'd love to get to know you better and stay connected! Please scan the QR code below to share your information with us. It's a simple way for us to welcome you personally, answer any questions, and let you know about upcoming events. You are always welcome here—just as you are.



WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Jesus welcomed children and so do we. We are delighted to have children in worship and welcome their wiggles, whispers, and wonder. If your little one becomes fussy, you may prefer a quieter space, a family room is available just off the Narthex. It features a window into the sanctuary and a sound system so you won't miss the service. Nursery care for children under three is available during the 10:00 a.m. service in the Ryon Building (church office), lovingly staffed by trained and caring adults. Please note that Sunday School is on summer break and will resume at the end of August. Worship bags with quiet activities for children are available in the Narthex. We invite you to borrow one for the service and kindly return it afterward. After the 10:00 service, children are invited to Kids in the Courtyard for snacks and lemonade—a chance to play and connect with friends!

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The season after Pentecost extends from the Monday after Pentecost Sunday until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. The first Sunday of this season is Trinity Sunday, and the last Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. It may be referred to as the “green season,” because green is the usual liturgical color for this period of the church year. This period is also understood by some as “ordinary time,” a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or worship theme, but instead to the ordinary rhythms of daily life.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

The people stand.

HYMN • 427

When morning gilds the skies

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE READINGS

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:105-112 *read in unison*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
 and a light upon my path.
106 I have sworn and am determined *
 to keep your righteous judgments.
107 I am deeply troubled; *
 preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, *
 and teach me your judgments.
109 My life is always in my hand, *
 yet I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
 but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
 truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
 for ever and to the end.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN • 440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:1-9,18-23

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. James B. Cook

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the sermon.

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Priest The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents We present **Leo Thomas Kozlowski** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents & Godparents We present **Elizabeth Brennan VanSanten Kozlowski** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents & Godparents We present **Christopher Lightner Canepa** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

The Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Priest addresses the congregation, saying:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

<i>Priest</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Priest</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Priest</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Priest</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Priest</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Priest then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

<i>Leader</i>	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Priest says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION TO THE FONT

We Bring Our Children

Cosnett/Angelus

The baptismal candidate and clergy gather around the font for the administration of Holy Baptism.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name and water is poured upon the candidate, with the words

Leo, Elizabeth, Christopher, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with oil of Chrism and says:

Leo, Elizabeth, Christopher, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The godparents light the baptismal candles.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant & People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you as you celebrate your birthday or wedding anniversary this week, and always. **Amen.**

THE OFFERING

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

In the season after Pentecost, we live into the steady, Spirit-filled work of growing in faith and serving the world. Your offering helps Good Shepherd remain rooted in the love of Jesus Christ and responsive to the needs of our time. Giving is more than support; it's participation. It is how we join the slow, holy work of transformation that God is unfolding among us. Thank you for being part of this faithful, everyday miracle.



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OFFERTORY MUSIC

The Gift of Love

Arr. Hopson

DOXOLOGY • (blue Hymnal, 380 vs. 3)

**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.**

Blessed are you, Lord of all seasons, who sows grace into ordinary days and brings forth holy fruit in due time. Receive these offerings, given in trust and love. In them we see signs of your goodness, and may they be tools of your mercy in a world that longs for healing. Bless those who give, and those who are drawn near by the generosity of others, that together we may grow day by day into the likeness of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 him 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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

All sing

SANCTUS (S-125)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

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 bread followed by a moment of silence.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People:</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast.
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition.

You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine. As an alternative to sipping directly from the cup, you are invited to receive by intinction and the priest will dip the bread in a separate chalice for you. To receive by intinction please fold your hands in front of you at the altar rail to indicate your preference. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

For those not receiving communion, you may also cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

If you would like special prayers for healing--whether it be physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual--members of the Healing Team are available to pray with you in the side chapel. Please notify an usher if you would like a Healing Team member to come to you.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Sung by the congregation

Wondrous Love

Seek Ye First

Southern Harmony

Hymn 711

SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS *When scheduled*

Celebrant In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to N., that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

All stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Go now, and know this: you are not one soil, you are all of them.

Some days you are the hard-packed path, worn down by everyone's footsteps but your own. Some days you are the rocky patch, quick to catch fire with excitement and just as quick to go cold. Some days the thorns have the upper hand, with the bills and the worry and the endless scroll, choking out whatever tried to grow. And some days, by grace and nothing else, you are good soil, and a yield that surprises even you.

Here is the strange mercy of it: the Sower does not wait for perfect ground. The Sower is already walking your field, seed in hand, unbothered by which soil you woke up as this morning.

The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you and it is patient enough to keep working. There is no condemnation from him; only ground still being turned.

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN • 594

God of grace and God of glory

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Groff, Jr.
Preacher	The Rev. James B. Cook
Acolyte Server	Maggie Ulman
Torch Bearers	Ben Bonneau, Alex Bonneau
Verger	Peggy Greene
Reader	Ellis Elliott
Intercessor	Janice Thomas
Eucharistic Ministers	Michelle Lane, Matt Ulman
Healing Ministers	Kate Gouery, Alex Lesbirel
Ushers	Mike Greene, Marilyn Lawrence
Greeters	Kelly Bonneau, Marcia Cassidy
Vestry Host	Dimitri Chimerakis
Musician	Judith Davis
Organist	Timm C. Johnson-Reynolds
Sound/Livestream	Corby Steiner
Altar Guild	Judy Collins
Coffee Hour	Valerie Hampe
Flower Delivery	Stacey Ulman



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