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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST  
Service of Holy Eucharist  
September 20, 2020

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: 423 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhaunting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People:* Glory to God for ever and ever.

SONG OF PRAISE



I will kin - dle my fire in the morn of the day, in the pres-ence of ho - ly



an - - gels. With-out mal - ice or jeal - ous-y, en - vy or fear, with-out



ter - ror of an - y-one un - der the sun, but the Ho - ly Be-lov - ed to shield me.



O Ho - ly one, kin - dle thou here in my heart, a flame of pure love to my



neigh - bor, to my foe, to my friend, to my kin - dred all, to the



brave, to the knave, to the thrall. O child of the love-li-est Ma - ry, from the



low - li-est thing, to the Ho - ly Name, the be - lov - ed of all.

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Celebrant: God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

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### FIRST LESSON: JONAH 3:10-4:11

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When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I

fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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### PSALM 145:1-8

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(the people read the verses in bold print)

**1 I will exalt you, O God my King,\*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

**2 Every day will I bless you\*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

**3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;\*  
there is no end to his greatness.**

**4 One generation shall praise your works to another\*  
and shall declare your power.**

**5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty\*  
and all your marvelous works.**

**6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,\*  
and I will tell of your greatness.**

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

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**SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30**

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To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN 660 O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH THEE**

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4. in hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

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*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**Priest:**      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### SERMON

#### THE NICENE CREED

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 - Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for those on our parish prayer list: Carmel, Gail Ballerstedt, Melody Cannon, Sherry Eichert, Bob Juskalis, Penny Miller, Kristen Mirabello, Dennis Roberts, and Pat Troilo and those affected by the West coast wildfires and all we now name, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

#### **CONFSSION OF SIN**

*Celebrant:* The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Though we have grieved him, yet he will heal us if we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

God who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from all your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ★MISSING YOUR ADVENT MATES? (*that's Brit-speak for friends and acquaintances*)

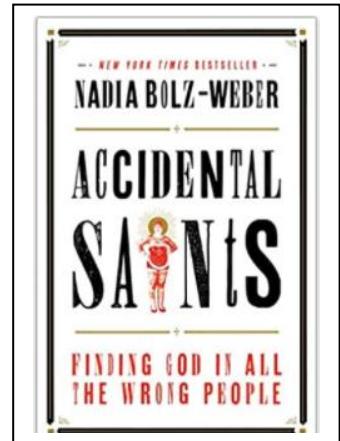
**How about joining our book group?** Here's how it works:

- We pick a book that has chapters and work our way through by chapter or chapters
- We meet via zoom *and you can join via computer or telephone*
- We listen to the chapter/chapters read aloud at our meeting (no need to read ahead or remember what you read a few days ago!)
- You can miss a week and still participate. Each chapter is its own discussion.
- We meet weekly on Thursdays from 3-4 pm.

We're starting a new book on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>: Here's the scoop: Accidental Saints by Nadia-Bolz-Weber.

Email Lynn Hade so she can send you the Zoom link.

It helps to have a copy of your book. A copy can be ordered from Amazon. [https://www.amazon.com/Accidental-Saints-Finding-Wrong-People/dp/1601427565/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=Accidental+saints&qid=1598982949&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Accidental-Saints-Finding-Wrong-People/dp/1601427565/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=Accidental+saints&qid=1598982949&sr=8-1)



### PRACTICAL LOVE

**TODAY:** ★Outreach committee is sponsoring a socially distanced Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends) cook-in today following the 9 am service. Our freezer is empty and the need for meals continues during the pandemic! Thank you in advance to those who will help coordinate the packing and to those who have contributed the needed donations of main entrees.

### ★ Dismantling Racism

"The point of all this is that black men were brought here as a source of cheap labor. They were indispensable to the economy. In order to justify the fact that men were treated as though they were animals, the white republic had to brainwash itself into believing that they were, indeed, animals and deserved to be treated like animals.... What I am trying to suggest to you is that it was not an accident, it was not an act of God, it was not done by well-meaning people muddling into something which they didn't understand. It was a deliberate policy hammered into place in order to make money from black flesh. And now, in 1963, because we have never faced this fact, we are in intolerable trouble"

James Baldwin, A Talk to Teachers

Please join Lynn in a discussion of the video **White Like Me**.

**Next Sunday, September 27**

**11:30 – 1 pm via Zoom**

Watch the video here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv\\_Y9ah049Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv_Y9ah049Y)

Email Lynn at [rectoradvent4@gmail.com](mailto:rectoradvent4@gmail.com) to register.

## THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER Book of Common Prayer, page 830

Birthdays in our parish this week: Connor Rose Klotzbach

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** Fairest Lord Jesus (*sung by Maureen Roberts*)

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** (*from Enriching Our Worship*)

**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.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Sanctus**

*Land of Rest*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,**

    hallowed be your Name,

    your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

    and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

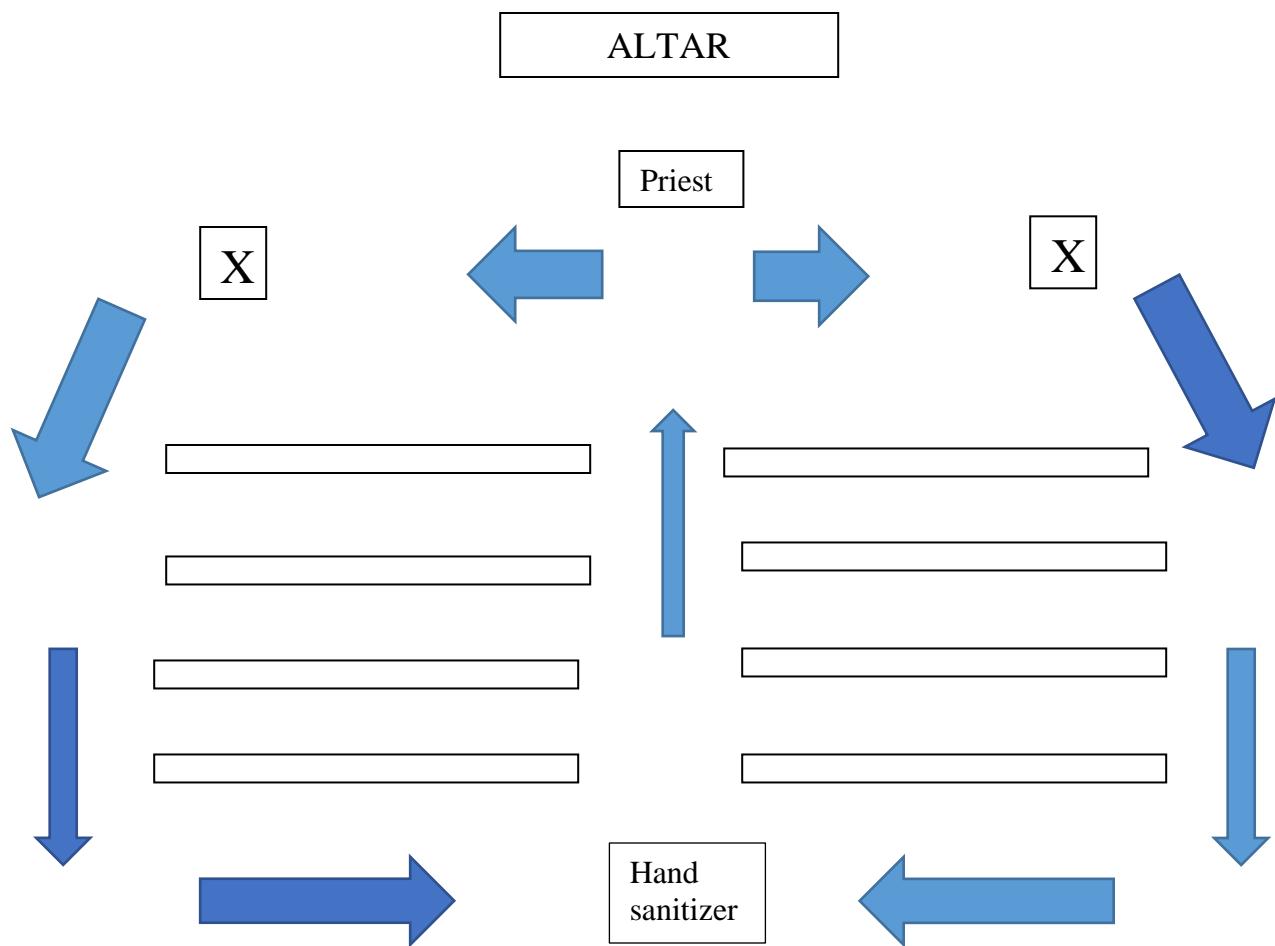
**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

Who-ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and  
who-ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

## Here's how to come forward for communion:



- Leave your mask on.
- Beginning with the last pew, use the side aisle to walk to the back of the church and to the hand sanitizer.
- Put hand sanitizer on your hands and then walk forward to the altar as you rub in the sanitizer.
- Please leave 6 ft between yourself and other people.
- Leave your mask on while you receive the bread in your hands.
- Move to the side and lifting your mask, pause and eat the bread. Say a prayer if you wish. We have plenty of time.
- Return to your pew via the side aisle.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*spoken together*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food,  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

### CLOSING HYMN: 541 COME, LABOR ON

1. Come, labor on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

2. Come, labor on.

The enemy is watching night and day,  
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;  
while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not.

3. Come, labor on.

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here:  
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will.

4. Come, labor on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share~  
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear;  
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

5. Come, labor on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun. "Servants, well done."

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:*                   *Thanks be to God.*

## MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Lectors and Intercessor: Lyn Werner, Maryann Cannon, Maureen Roberts

Musicians: Barbara Johnson and Maureen Roberts

Tech Support: Evan & Drew Dippre,

Janet Gilman & Linda McGuigan-Miller

Usher: Dennis Cunningham

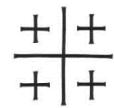
Altar Guild: Kathleen Lawson

Officiant: Rev. Lynn Hade

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*Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of  
Eleanor Wallen  
given by Beverly Rowen.*

The altar candles for the month of August are given in loving memory of Ruth Dorothy Griffin Iacullo & James C. Iacullo, Sr. given by Jim Iacullo.



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