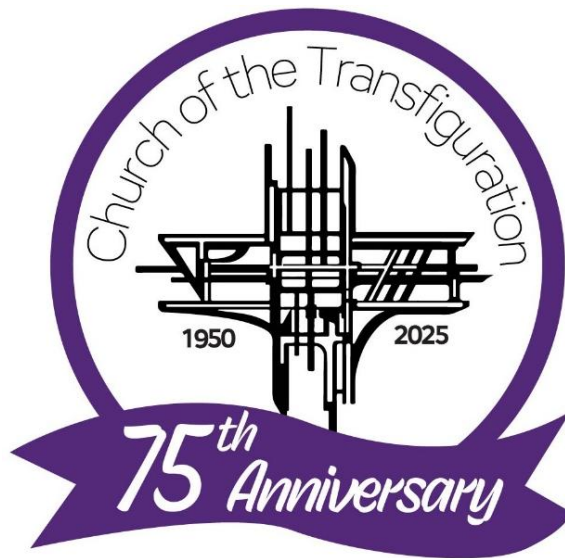


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Processional “All Creatures of Our God and King” v.1-4 *H400*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

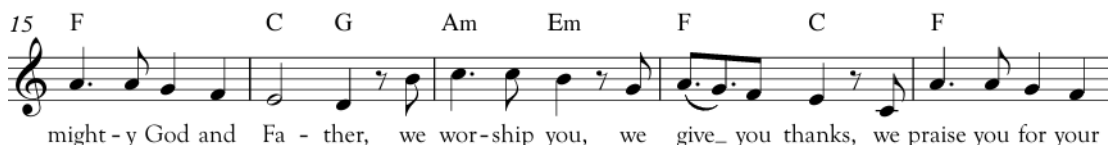
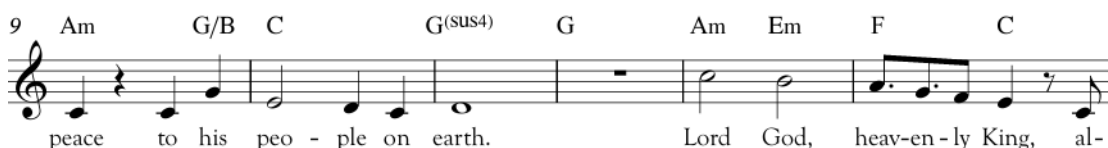
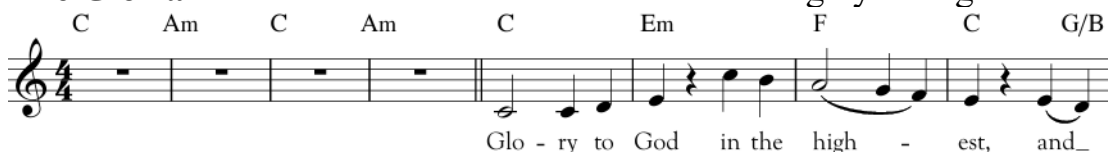
People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant and People

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 Gloria

Setting by Liturgical Folk



34 F C F C G Am Em
 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand

38 F C F G C Am C Am C
 of the Fa-ther: re- ceive our prayer. For you a -

46 Em F C G/B Am G/B C G/B Am
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

52 G G(sus4) G C F C G F C G/B
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

58 Am Em F G C Am C Am C
 glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk:

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

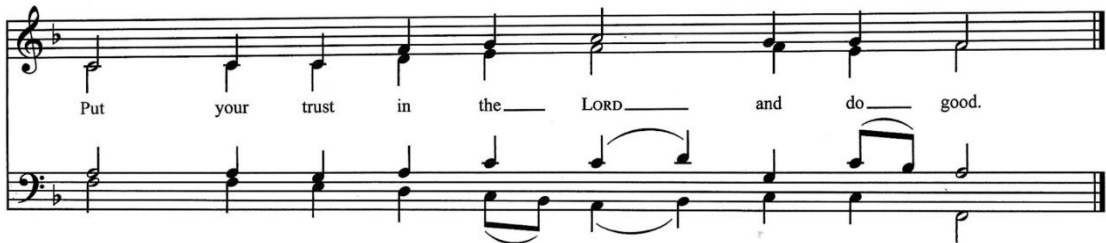
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

37:1-10



- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed. [ANT.]
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot. [ANT.]
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God." [ANT.]
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me." [ANT.]

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from the Second Letter to Timothy:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

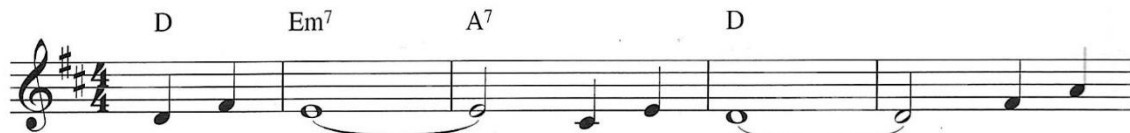
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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In His Time

Diane Ball



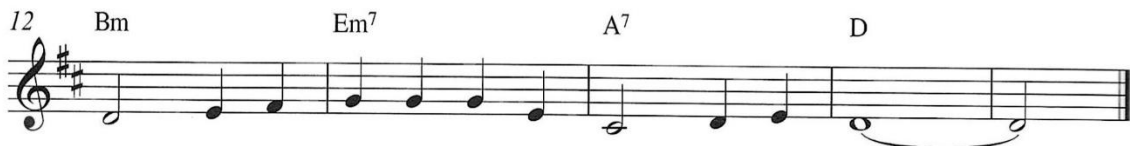
1. In His time, _____ in His time, _____ he makes
2. In Your time, _____ in Your time, _____ You make



all things beau - ti - ful in His time. _____ Lord, please
all things beau - ti - ful in Your time. _____ Lord, my



show me ev - 'ry day, as You're teach - ing me Your
life to You I bring; may each song I have to



way, that You do just what You say in Your time. _____
sing be to You a love - ly thing in Your time. _____

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Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Hunter Farrow

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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.

Litany for All Creation

Celebrant

Call out the names of those animals for whom we care. Call out the names of those animals who are no longer with us.

Silence

Deacon Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Grant that all your creatures may serve you with
thanksgiving;
People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful
seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;
People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Celebrant

Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon

Let us confess to God our sins against creation.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People

God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated those you give into our care. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

Birthday Prayer

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 your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing of the Animals

Celebrant

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis's love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

If you brought a pet to be blessed, you are invited to bring them to the front of the sanctuary at this time.

Celebrant

N., May God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. Amen.

After all the animals have been blessed, the Celebrant continues.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of all creation: We give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem “The Prayer of St. Francis” by Allen Pote

Receiving the Gifts

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Holy Communion

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**

The celebrant continues, and the people respond with the parts in bold.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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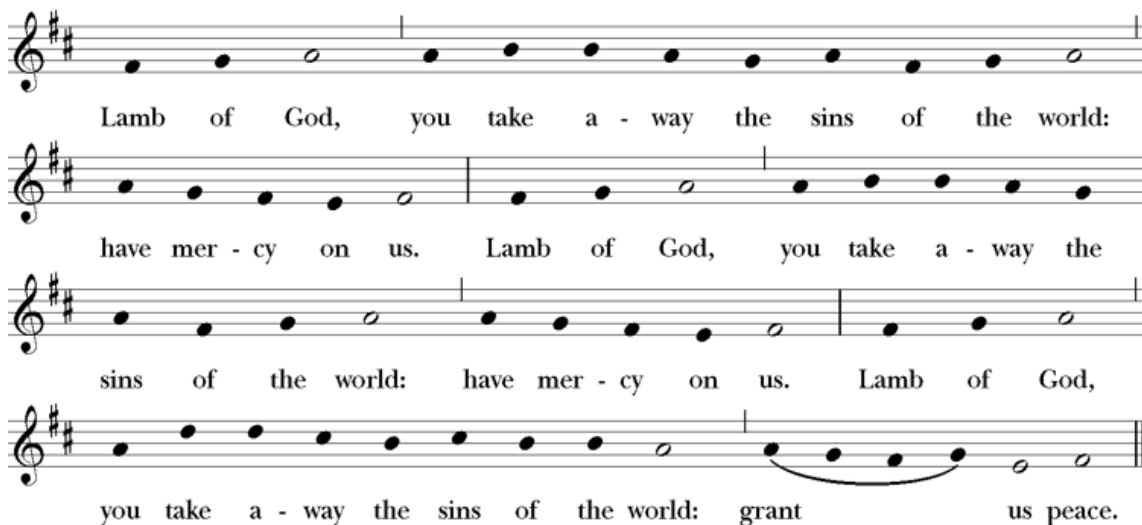
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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The Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before. You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church. If for any reason, you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest and receive a blessing. We have gluten free wafers available upon request.

Communion Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional

“All Creatures of Our God and King” v.1-4

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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

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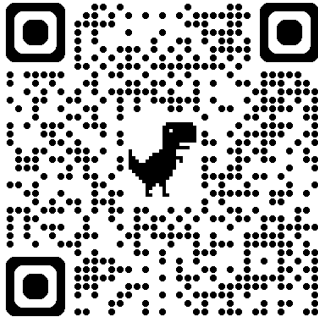
<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist with Pet Blessings Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Church/FB Leach Hall</i>	<i>10:00am 11:15am</i>
<i>10/6</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>10/11</i>	<i>Chili Cook-Off</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>6:00pm</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chili Cook-Off** – Do you have a kickin’ good chili recipe or do you like to eat good chili? Come join us for a chili cook off Saturday October 11 at 6 PM and vote for the best chili! Prizes will be given for first, second, and third place! This is an over 21 event. There will be a bonfire, weather permitting. BYOB.
- **Halloween Party Coffee Hour** - On Sunday, October 26, the Children and Youth Ministry Committee is hosting a Halloween Party Coffee Hour in Leach Hall right after the service. This is an all-ages event and costumes are encouraged. We'll have games and prizes. And for all who are able or interested - we invite you to get creative and bring a Halloween-themed snack or treat for our festive banquet table. Don't miss this spooktacular annual event!

- **Bible Study** – Join us on the first and third Monday of the month at 7PM on Zoom for Bible study. We just started a study through the book of Ruth. You can join in anytime. It is a great time of discussion and reflection on Scripture. The meeting link will be available in the e-newsletter or on the church calendar under the events tab on our website.
- **Green Team** - We are looking to resurrect the green team, albeit with a slightly different vision for what it would look like. Some folks have expressed dissatisfaction with how the church grounds have been maintained lately, so we want to create an opportunity for folks in the congregation to become more actively involved in helping the church leadership steward our land. This committee is not about doing the work. The goal is to put together a small group of people who can meet semi-regularly (maybe once every other month) to brainstorm what needs done on the property, prioritize groundskeeping projects, and help research or suggest potential vendors for special groundskeeping projects. This committee would exist to take some load off our wardens who already do so much and to give more folks in the congregation a sense of ownership over our property. If you might be interested in taking part in this group, please reach out to me or one of the wardens.
- **Sign up for Coffee Hour** – Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!
- **Beds Plus** - Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com. Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter.

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