# The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II





August 25, 2024

# What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, August 25	11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist – 14th Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments August Vestry Meeting 2nd Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Floor Parish House Library Centennial Room
Monday, August 26	10:00-3:00 4:30-5:30	Front Doors Open Property Subcommittee Accessibility Me	tg Parish House
Tuesday, August 27	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Front Doors Open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, August 28	10:00-3:00 1:30-9:00 pm	Front Doors Open Rental Concert Rehearsal	Church/Parish House
Thursday, August 29	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 1:30-7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Front Doors Open Healing Eucharist Rental Concert Rehearsal A New World Peace Concert	Church Church/Parish House Church
Sunday, September 1	11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist – 15th Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Centennial Room
Office Closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day			

# **TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS**

Veronica Aplenc & Andy Gutknecht, Lectors
Greg Maughan, Intercessor
Boyden Gardner, Streaming
Margaret Dowling & David Otwell, Usher
Jeannie Welsh, Welcome Table

# Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

# **Our Vivid Vision**

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

# **Core Values**

#### Inclusion/Welcome

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

#### Innovation

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

#### Collaboration

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

#### **Community Mindedness**

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

# Culture

#### Joyful

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

#### **Fearless**

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

## **Embracing**

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

# Engaged

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

#### THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or in spirit.



# **Opening Acclamation**

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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

# The Collect for Purity

Presider

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.** 

#### Gloria S-280



# The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Please be seated.

**The First Lesson** 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Veronica Aplenc

Reader A reading from First Kings

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 84 Quam dilecta!

- Right <sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*
  My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
  my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- Left <sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*
  by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- Right <sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.
- Left 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- Right 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- Left <sup>6</sup> They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- Right 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.
- Left 8 Behold our defender, O God; \* and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- Right <sup>9</sup> For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \* and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- Left 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \* he will give grace and glory;
- Right 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \* from those who walk with integrity.
- Left 12 O Lord of hosts, \* happy are they who put their trust in you!

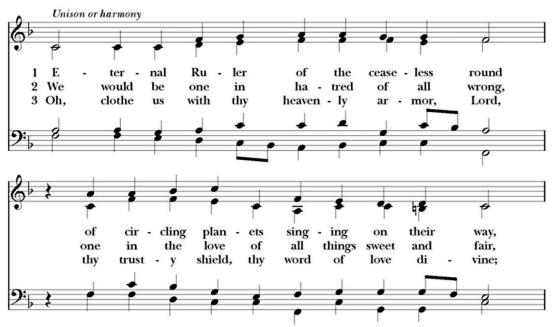
Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

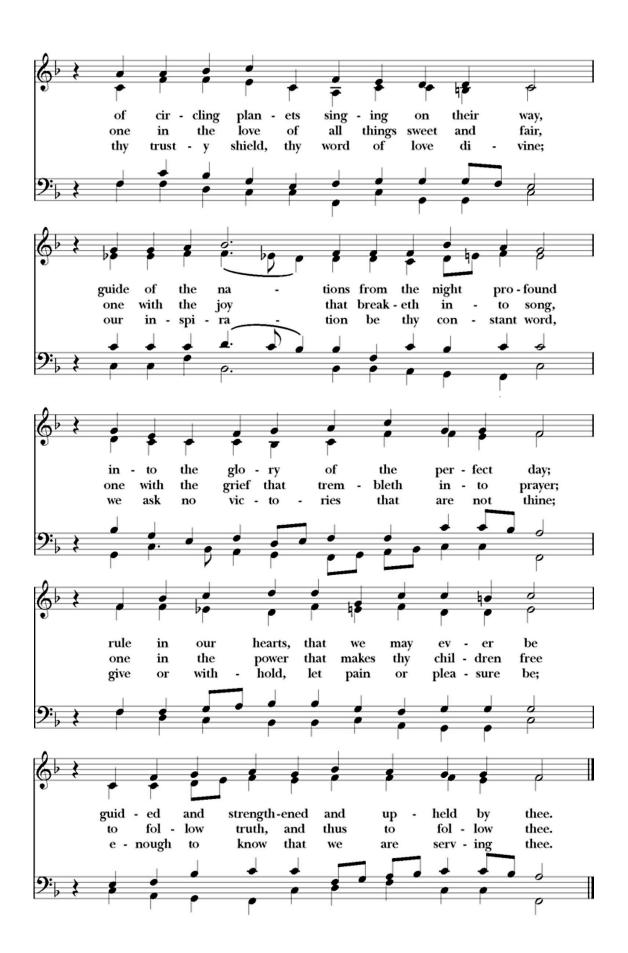
Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

# The Sequence Hymn 617

Song I





## The Gospel John 6:56-69

Celebrant
Dantelo

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Celebrant

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend John Gardner

Please rise in body or in spirit.

#### The Nicene Creed

All

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, Form IV

Greg Maughan

Leader. In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect, and Daniel,

our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader. For all who travel. For all who suffer, struggle or are in need. For our community members who are hungry, living in poverty and all who have no place to call home. And for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:

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Nydeah, Dick, Jerome, John, Lawrence, Margaret Jon, Rose, Nyier, Ramona, Arthea, Sydney, and those we now wish to add...

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For all who are celebrating

birthdays and anniversaries or other special occasions this week. For all the people

we love and who love us in return.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

#### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A brief moment of silence may be observed.

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.

#### Absolution

Presider 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## **Offertory Sentence**

Presider See how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't

love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us.

That is how you should love. *Ephesians 5:2 (The Message)* 

**Anthem** Bread of Heaven David Ashley White

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is meat indeed. Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread, day by day with strength supplied through the life of Him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy love supplies this blest cup of sacrifice. Lord, thy wounds our healing give, to thy cross we look and live: Jesu, may we ever be grafted, rooted, built in thee. (Josiah Conder)

Following the anthem, please rise in body or in spirit

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant May God 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 One who created us.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

People Glory to you forever and ever.

Celebrant 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.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with

memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned

against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

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

Celebrant

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 Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

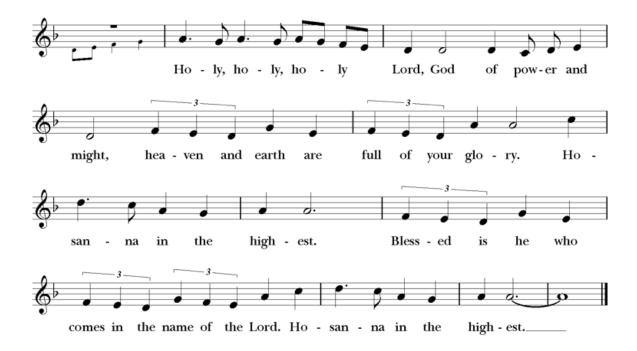
People

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

Celebrant

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 S-129



Celebrant

And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, 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 Savior.

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,

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

God of our kindred and their generation: God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Hannah and Deborah; God and Father of our Savior 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 your Son's name.

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

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, O God, Most Merciful, 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.

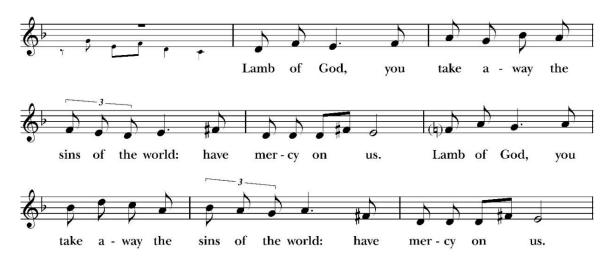
All AMEN.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

# Breaking of the Bread Agnus Dei S-163





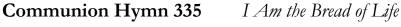
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God – Holy Food for Holy People.

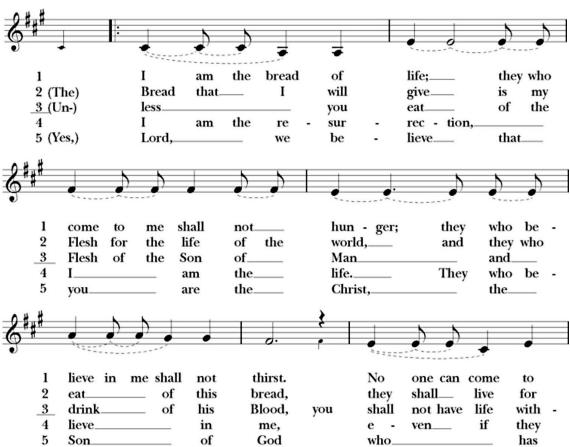
Please be seated.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion** for those not receiving communion or those who are at home. My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

#### **Distribution of Communion**

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and form two lines in the center aisle. There will be two stations for bread and wine in front of the altar rail. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher). If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know.







The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant All Let us pray.

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

Celebrant

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

Please rise in body or in spirit.

# Dismissal Hymn 461

Alleluia





#### The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth from this place, sharing the Good News of God's love

with the world!

People Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Variations on 'Alleluia' Emma Lou Diemer

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**Healing Prayer** – all who wish to receive prayers for healing for themselves, a loved one or even the world, are invited to john a member of the clergy and/or the healing team in the Prayer Corner (to the right of the altar area) after the service.

## About this service...

**Service:** Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

**Children** are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back for children who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the "Pew Pen" in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

**Restrooms** are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door and turn left. Men's room is straight ahead, women's to the right. If you prefer a gender-neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

**Offering:** Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text **CHT DONATE to 73256** or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (<a href="https://www.htrit.org/give">www.htrit.org/give</a>).



**Communion:** All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew we will bring communion to you.

#### **Adult Education**

We will be on break until September 22.

#### Beginning September 22 - Practicing our Faith

a 26 week course about prayer, beliefs & practices, and the intimate relationship between those three things.

It is grounded in The Book of Common Prayer (our prayer book) which contains prayers that both shape and reflect what we believe.

We will have two opportunities to participate:

- 1) Lecture/Discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am
  - 2) Book Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm scan QR Code to sign up:

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