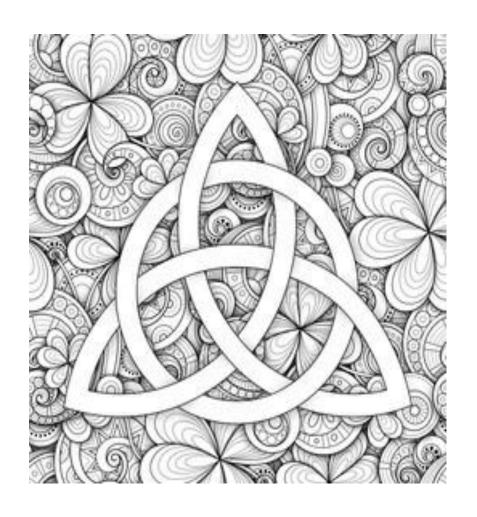
The Church of the Holy Trinity Rittenhouse Square

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



September 8, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, September 8	11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00-6:00 pm	Holy Eucharist - 16 th Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Centennial Room
Monday, September 9	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Tuesday, September 10	10:00-3:00 4:00-6:00 pm	Front Doors Open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Centennial Room
Wednesday, September 11	10:00-3:00	Front Doors Open	
Thursday, September 12	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Front Doors Open Healing Eucharist	Church
Saturday, September 14	1:00-3:00 pm	Camerata Philadelphia Concert	Church
Sunday, September 15	11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00-6:00 pm	Holy Eucharist - 17 th Sunday after Pentecost Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Centennial Room

SAVE THE DATE: September 25th 6:00 pm Choral Evensong and Organ Dedication Registration in the back of the bulletin

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Marshall McMain & Veronica Aplenc, Lectors
Greg Maughan, Intercessor
The Lipscomb Family, Acolytes
Boyden Gardner, Streaming
David Otwell, Usher
Greg Maughan, Welcome Table
Jeannie Welsh, Refreshments

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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.

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please rise in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn 47

Gott sei Dank



6 God, the blessed Three in One, dwell within my heart alone; thou dost give thyself to me: help me give myself to thee.

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-279 Gerald Near



The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Marshall McMain

Reader A reading from Proverbs

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125 Qui confidunt

The antiphon is sung once by the choir and then by all:



- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, * which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; * so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just* so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Antiphon

- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson James 2:1-17

Veronica Aplenc

Reader A reading from the letter of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

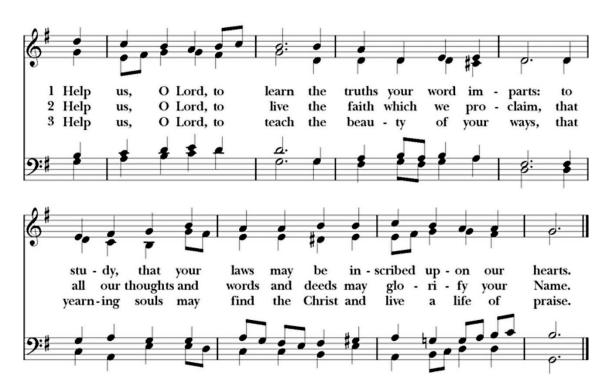
What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn 628

St. Ethelwald



The Gospel Mark 7:24-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Iesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go-the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saving, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Greg Maughan

Leader Let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople.

As Christ loved us,

People We walk in love.

Leader I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and for leaders who serve with love.

As Christ loved us,

People We walk in love.

Leader I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts.

As Christ loved us,

People We walk in love.

Leader

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially Daniel, Caitlin Alison, Bill, Cole, Kevin, Justin, Linda, Nora, Johana, Rosa, Eleanor, Sylvia, Sam, Peter, Barbara, Gwynette, Pat, Wanda, Nydeah, Dick, Jerome, John, Lawrence, Margaret, Rose, Nyier, Ramona, Arthea, and all who we name now either silently or aloud.

Leader

As Christ loved us,

People

We walk in love.

Leader

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. As

Christ loved us,

People

We walk in love.

Leader

Let us lift up our celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church.

As Christ loved us,

People

We walk in love.

Presider

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. **Amen**.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, and fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)*

If you wish to offer a financial gift to support the programs, people and ministries of this church, you are invited to do so during the Offertory Anthem. If you prefer to give electronically you can text CHT DONATE to 73256 or use the QR Code in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem

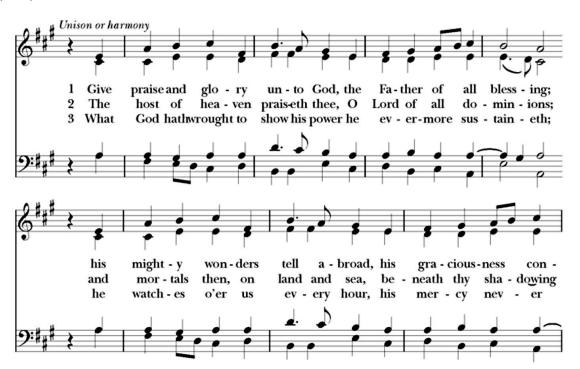
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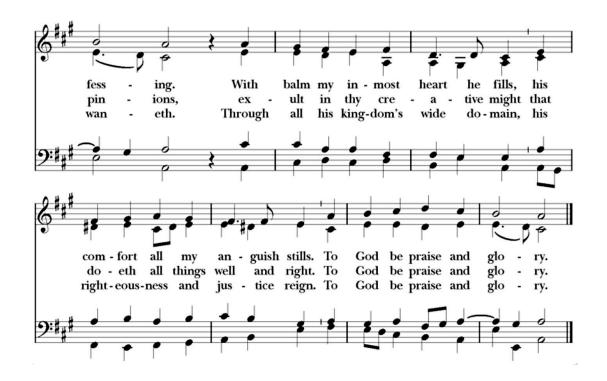
Christopher Tye

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man: and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Please rise in body or in spirit

Offertory Hymn 375





The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

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.

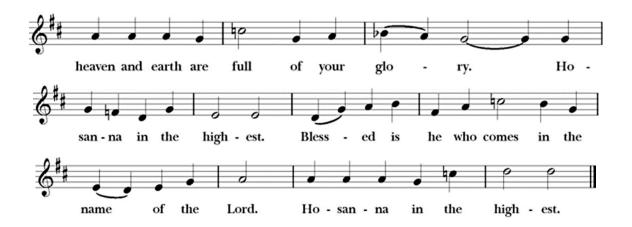
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, O God, our Refuge and Strength, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus S-131





Celebrant

We acclaim you, Holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, given the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might dwell as faithful companions with all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Gracious God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom, to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; offered thanks and 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Most Blessed One, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, the Rock of our Salvation.

Celebrant

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, O God, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Eternal God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever.

People

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

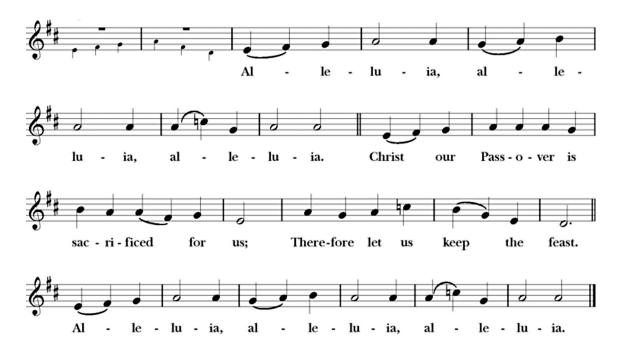
All

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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-155



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

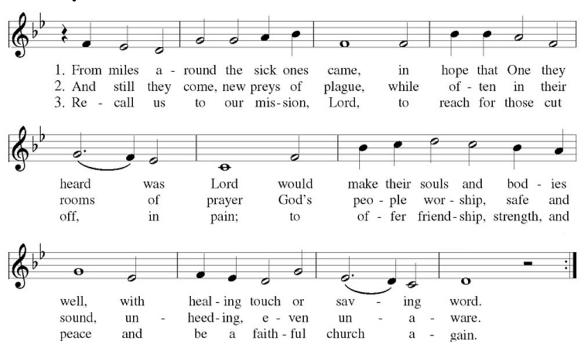
Communion Anthem

To thee, O Lord

Sergei Rachmaninoff

To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul, my God I trust in thee.

Communion Hymn 774



Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

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

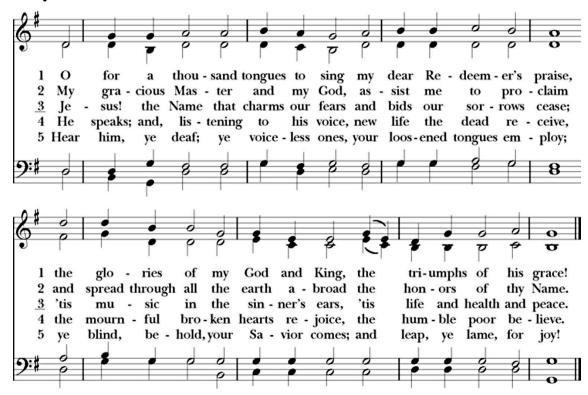
Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and 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 493

Azmon



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

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 Fugue in G Felix Mendelssohn

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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 (www.htrit.org/give).



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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Open Hearts Café, our weekly meal and clothing service for our neighbors, is always open for volunteers and donations. Gently used clothing, especially coats, jeans, and shoes, and new socks, underwear and under garments are always needed!

Sign up to volunteer: https://tinyurl.com/OpenHeartsCafeSignUp

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Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

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Adult Education

We will be on break until September 22.

Beginning September 22 – Practicing our Faith

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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