

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

July 23, 2023 ~ 10:00 am



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our Worship Service this morning and thankful to be together.

Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

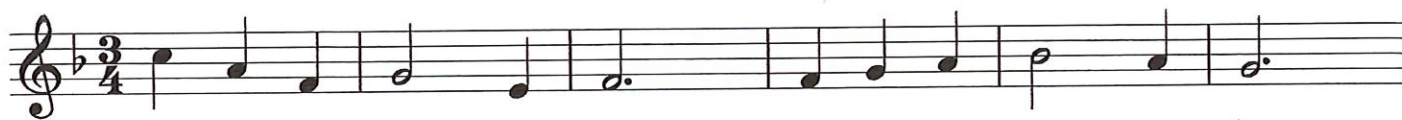
We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
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All stand as are able.

Processional: Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymnal 365



1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,
2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;
3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,



1. help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre - at - ed own,
2. our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy word suc-cess;
3. in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
4. hence ev - er - more; thy sov-ereign ma - jes - ty may we in glo - ry see,



1. build in our hearts thy throne, An-cient of Days.
2. stab-lish thy right - eous-ness, Sa - vior and friend.
3. and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.
4. and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The Word of God

(BCP Page 355)

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

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.

Song of Praise: Gloria

(Hymn S-280)

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day - The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11 (BCP Page 231)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

You may be seated for the Lessons and the Psalm.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm 86:11-17

(BCP Pages 710-711)

We will read alternately by whole verse.

Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

*I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your Name for evermore.*

For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

*The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.*

But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

*Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.*

Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

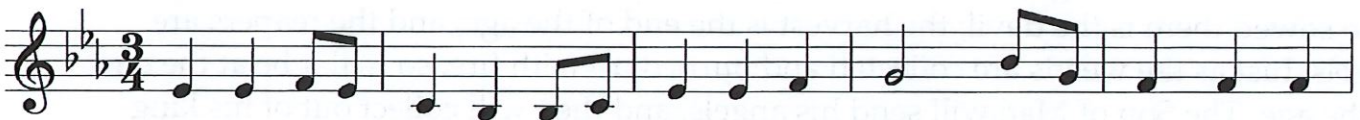
People *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL HYMN: Lord of All Hopefulness

Hymnal 482

Please stand, as you are able.



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er
 2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were
 3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to
 4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is con -



1. child-like, no cares could des - troy, be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we
 2. skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our la - bors, and give us, we
 3. wel - come, your arms to em - brace, be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we
 - 4. tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we



1. pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 2. pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 3. pray, your love in our hearts, Lord at the eve of the day.
 4. pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Please remain standing.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

You may be seated.



Homily

The Rev. Martha McKee

Please stand.



NICENE
CREED

(BCP Page 358)

*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 VI

(BCP Page #392)

The Leader and the People pray responsively. You may kneel or sit as are able.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop,
David our Diocesan Bishop; Rayford, our Diocesan Assisting Bishop; David our Diocesan Bishop
Coadjutor, Jim our Rector, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 393)

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

Silence

Leader and People

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

(BCP Page 360)

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

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Offertory Sentence

(BCP Page 376)

The Celebrant says

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated while the Altar is being prepared for Communion.

The Offertory

The Offertory Anthem You Are My All in All

(Jernigan)

Doxology

Please stand as are able.

Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing.

(BCP Pages 369-372)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

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.

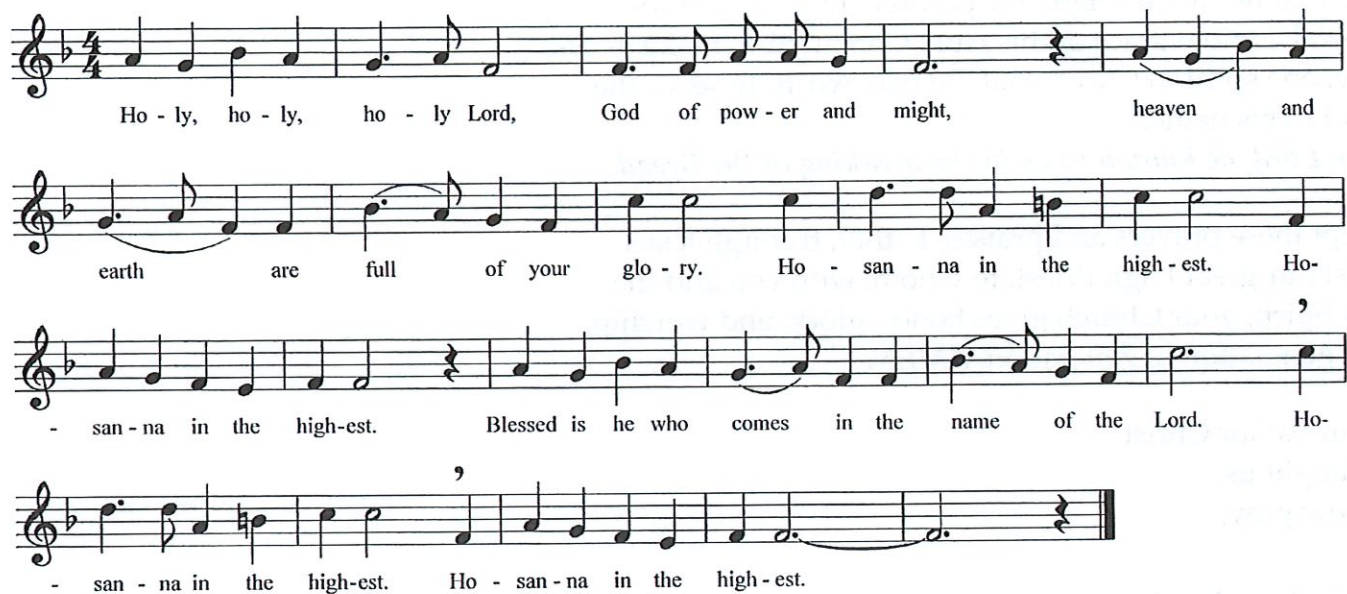
By his blood, he reconciled us.

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:

Please remain standing. Celebrant and People sing

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Blessed 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 people sit or kneel as are able.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

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

Celebrant and People sing

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

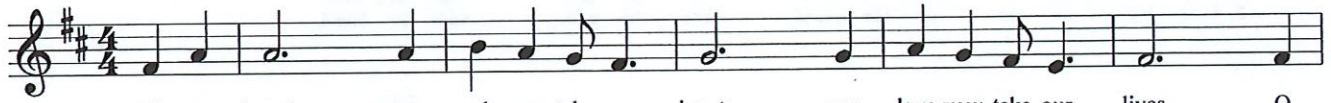
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you.

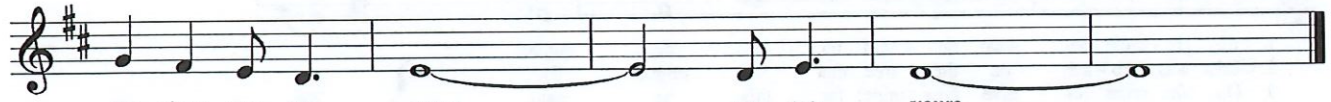
COMMUNION HYMNS
HYMN Take Our Bread

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Refrain



Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you; take our lives, O

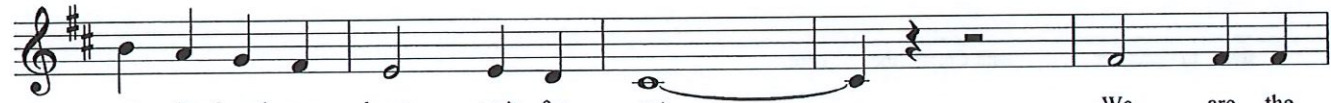


Fa - ther; we are yours, we are yours.

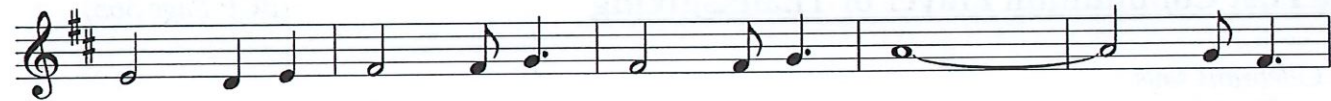
Verse 1



1. Yours as we stand at the ta - ble you set. Yours as we



eat the bread our hearts can't for - get. We are the



sign of your life with us yet; we are yours, we are

to Refrain Verse 2



yours. 2. Your ho - ly peo - ple stand - ing washed in your blood,



Spi - rit - filled yet hun - gry, we a - wait your food. We are



poor but we've brought our - selves the best we could; we are yours,

to Refrain



we are yours.



1. Com - ing to the ta - ble spread with the wine, with the bread,
 2. Lord, we take this bread and eat, bro - ken bread of this feast.
 3. Lord, we drink this bless - ed wine, blood pour'd out, life di - vine.
 4. Rais'd from death, en - thron'd a - bove by his great Fa - ther's love:
 5. Com - ing to the ta - ble spread with the wine, with the bread,



1. we re - mem - ber what he said un - til he comes.
 2. Christ was bro - ken on the tree that we might live.
 3. On the cross for - give - ness mine: for this he said. } We
 4. rich his mer - cy, o - ver - flow - ing full and free.
 5. we re - mem - ber what he said un - til he comes.



share to - geth - er with Christ the Lord.

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

The Celebrant says
 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.*

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing for Pentecost

The Celebrant says

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them
 the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in
 that Spirit. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Recessional: Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

(Hymnal 344)

Please stand, as you are able.



Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's joy - ful sound:
so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the world a - way,



let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace:
may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound:
fear of death shall not ap - pall us, glad thy sum - mons to o - bey.



O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

The Dismissal

(BCP Page 366)

Celebrant Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Lectors/Lay Readers

8:00 am ~ Elza LeBrun & Julie Piña

10:00 am ~ Sherri Collins & Wendy Laubach

Hosts

8:00 am ~ Barbara & Mike Patton

10:00 am ~ Marita Lindsay & Tony Farmer

Vestry Person of the Day ~ Jennie Taylor

Altar Guild ~ Mary Sherman & Vallerie Farmer

Fellowship Teams

8:00 am ~ Margaret & Charlie Goolsbie

10:00 am ~ Sandy Carlman & Robin Rice

Director of Music Ministries ~ Meredith Carter

Musical Assistant ~ Alan Berkebile

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 23 ~ Visiting Priest, The Rev. Martha McKee

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I, 8:00am, Rite II, 10:00am

Monday, July 24

*Castaways

12:30 pm ~ Pricing Clothes

Tuesday, July 25

*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

Wednesday, July 26

* Evening Compline led by Vallerie Farmer at
6:00 pm

Thursday, July 27

*Sit, relax, knit and visit with our "More
Than Knitters" Group at 1:00 pm

*Join the History Chicks' Group at 2:00 pm

Friday, July 28

*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

welcome
to our church family



Altar Flowers

Flowers at the Altar this morning have been given to the glory of God

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are several dates available to sign up for altar flowers. You may reserve a date to offer flowers in honor, celebration, or in memory of a loved one. Sign-up is on the table in front of the Nursery. Offering is \$50.

HAPPY
Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Terry Gardner 23

Jim Friebele 26

Tony Eby 29



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