

ASCENSION DAY June 2, 2019 10 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card. And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude, out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.

Prelude Majeste du Christ demandant sa gloire a son Pere ** Suite Ascencion; Olivier Messiaen (Majesty of Christ praying that His Father should glorify Him)

Prier du Christ montant vers son Pere **
(Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father)

Processional Hymn 450 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Coronation

The people standing, the Priest says

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

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

Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 1:1-11

A summary of the last events and instructions of Jesus' earthly ministry before he is lifted up into heaven. The book is formally dedicated to Theophilus, who may have been an early convert to Christianity. Jesus tells his followers to wait for their baptism in the Holy Spirit, after which their missionary work will spread from Jerusalem out to all the world. Jesus will one day come again, but his disciples now have a message to bring to all peoples.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 Dominus regnavit

God reigns, the Lord of all creation, and has established the earth and subdued the great waters.

- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul gives thanks for the faith and love of the Ephesians and prays that they may see with their inward eyes the power of God, who has raised and enthroned Jesus far above all earthly and heavenly dominions. How vast is the treasure that God offers to those who trust in God! The Lord Christ now reigns as head of the church, which is his body and which experiences the fullness of his love.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus leaves his followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit and is carried up into heaven. The disciples are to await their empowerment from on high before heginning their mission to the world. Joyfully they return from Bethany, the town where Jesus had stayed before his passion. They enter the temple and praise God.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Serenity prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

The SermonThe Rev. Rob Fisher

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Priest The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Those persons to be baptized are presented:

Presenters I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

To the Parents and Godparents

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up

in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow

into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness

that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The priest addresses the congregation saying

Question Will you who witness these vows do all in your power

to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ

and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant All Stand.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity

of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Priest Let us now pray for these persons, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son

may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory;

who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Priest blesses the water, first saying Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Priest then pours water upon the candidates, saying

Priest N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

The Priest prays over the candidates, saying

Priest Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest marks each candidate's forehead with the sign of the cross saying

Priest N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People Amen.

The Priest now says

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements All are seated.

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N*. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

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

Offertory Anthem Let us talents and tongues employ Jamaican tune; arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breath again, pass the word around: loves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone. Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breath again, pass the word around: loves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again, earth can breath again, pass the word around: loves abound!

Offertory Hymn 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

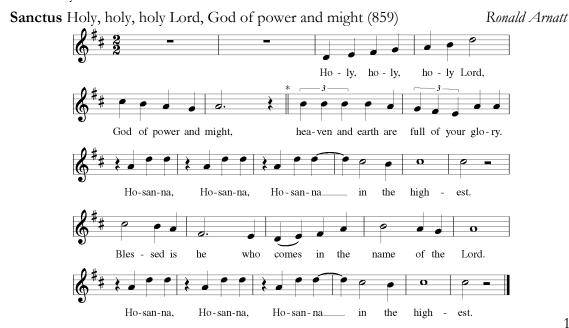
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people stand or kneel.

Priest

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People

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

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Fraction Anthem The people sing the refrain



Priest 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 by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the cup by drinking (guide the chalice gently to your lips by the base) or by dipping the bread.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

During this time a prayer leader will be in the back of the church, by the font, to offer healing prayers.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

Communion Anthem If ye love me, keep my commandments

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me keep my commandments And I will pray the father and he shall give you another comforter That he may bide with you forever E'en the spirit of truth

Communion Voluntary Meditation

Dom Paul Benoit (1960, Belgium)

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Priest Life is short.

Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love.

Make haste to be kind.

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

Processional Hymn 215 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

In Babilone

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Toccata on In Babilone

Richard Purvis (1950, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco)

The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.

All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

. . . .

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

Sunday, June 2

8:00 am Holy Eucharist **8:30 am** Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am Sunday Morning Class

Stewardship Forum

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Children's Ministries

11:30 am Stewardship Forum

7:00 pm AA

Monday, June 3

Ranch House HOA meeting 2:30 pm

Tuesday, June 4

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, June 5

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing

Prayer Shawl Ministry 11:00 am **12:30 pm** Daughters of the King

Staff Meeting

1:00 pm 2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Thursday, June 6 12:00 pm Quilters

4:00 pm I-Help (meal by others)

Friday, June 7

Saturday, June 8

Stewardship leader retreat 9:00 am

Sunday, June 9 ~ The Day of Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am Sunday Morning Class

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Graduations

Children's Ministries

11:30 am All-Parish Picnic

7:00 pm AA

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Joan C	Carter 1	1	Andrew White	21	Rodger Langland
6 Forres	t Borlik 1	4	Libby Lambert	21	Sebastien Lewis
7 Emma	Brown 1	5	Mildred Annand	24	Ross Merrifield
8 Don C	Carr 1	5	Debbie Howitt	25	Raymond Vasquez
9 Myster	ry Chastain 1	7	Bridget Booth	27	Francesca Barattucci
10 Dave I	Lambert 1	7	Rich Hawkins	27	Dave Roth
11 Mary l	Britton 1	8	Ember Gregorio	28	Marge Kohler
11 Madiso	on Snellgrose 2	20	Rory Lambert	30	George Pappas



Young Adult BonCom

June 8; 7—10 pm
Twin Lakes State Beach, Santa Cruz
a night of building bonfire and community
for young adults of all identities.

COST: FREE! You're also free to come & go

RSVP: Insta dm <u>@agape realepiscopal</u> or kelsey(at)realepiscopal.org

You and friends are invited to our first **BonCom** in Santa Cruz hosted by Agape Meals.

What: We will have s'mores, music, and lots of hanging out around the fire. Very low-key, social event. Though it is the night before Pentecost, there will be no official liturgy. Lighting the bonfire & sharing stories will serve that. Please bring your own chair/blanket.

Who: The event is built around "young adults" but it is open to anyone who wants to come!

NO ALCOHOL

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

Now the Second Friday each month, 6 pm in Carlyle Hall

> Friday, July 5



**Notes on the music

Today's Prelude movements musically portray prayer from Christ recorded in the Gospel according to St. John:

- 1.) Father, the hour is come: glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee.
- 2.) And now, O Father, I have manifested Thy name unto men. . . . and now, I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to Thee.

Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF online at stdcv.org/bulletins



Children & Youth Ministries

To get involved or learn more, contact the church office.

Light and Love (Ages infant–4 years) 10 am Sundays in the nursery

A safe, sunny space where the youngest children can learn and play while parents experience the service. All children are also heartily welcome in church!

Godly Play (Ages 4 and up) 10 am Sundays in Carlyle Hall

Based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible.

Re:form (Tweens and Teens) 11:30–12:45 Alternate Sundays

Using games, videos and discussion, participating youth develop their tools for critical thinking, faithful reflection and discovery. And they have fun!

Youth in Action (Tweens and Teens) At least once per month; sites vary

A kid-driven volunteer service program through which our youth address social and environmental issues, help others in the community and have fun!

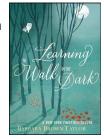
Open to any local kids who want to make their community a better place.

Sunday Morning Class

9 am in the Outer Office

The Sunday Morning Class is discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's book, <u>Learning to Walk in the Dark</u>.

Taylor writes that most of us fear the dark places of our lives and want to avoid them. But in her



provocative book, Taylor shows how much we need the dark in order to find the light. Even if you have not the book, please join us.

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In our prayers this week. . . .

Sam, Andrew, J.J., Richard, John, Cora, Ross, Victoria, Ida, David, Jan, Cecily, Brad, Jeanne, Donna, Yolette, Sarah & Joe, Fran, Gigi, Nancy, George, Deborah, Nate, Chuck, Josh, Bill, Lawrence, Bob, Jack, Natalie

For the repose of the souls Jeanne Oss, Horace Lane Clark

Final Stewardship Forum Today at 11:15 am

Please join us as we collectively discern where and how God is calling our church at the final of this year's three forums. We ask that you share thoughts on how we can best serve God by improving what we are now doing, and by starting new work.

Our forums this year are particularly important since much of the information will be available to our yet-to-be-formed rector search committee in preparing our parish profile. Your input will help shape our future in discerning and calling our next rector.

All suggestions are carefully considered by parish leaders at an all day leaders retreat. Even if you have participated in the past and feel that you have already contributed, please join us again for our discussions even if for 20 minutes or so. You are free to leave whenever you need to.

Next Sunday: All-Parish & School Picnic, and Bidding Farewell to Rob, Sarah, and Zoe

We hope to have everyone join in the festivities on June 9th, 11:30 am, as we gather to celebrate the end of our school year and say goodbye to Rob, Sarah & Zoe.

The Taco Truck will be serving delicious food. There will be games and activities for kids. And this will be Fr. Rob's last Sunday at St. Dunstan's.

Please sign up on the Welcome Table to let us know you are coming. You may also sign up to bring a salad or dessert.

Haiti Team Begins Spring Fund Drive for St. Andre's School

During the next few weeks, members of the Haiti Team will present some details of the projects to be funded the during the 2018 – 2019 school year at St. Andre's in Hinche, Haiti. Among the initiatives requiring support are: a trial of a new food program with emphasis on locally-grown items; continuing enhancement and expansion of the computer laboratory; expansion of the opportunity of rural students to attend St. Andre's; and continuation of the Teach for Haiti and Ministry of Education programs for teacher enhancement. The funding goal for this drive is \$35,000. You have been most generous in supporting our past efforts to improve the educational level of Haiti's citizens and we ask for your continued help in improving future generations of Haitians to meet the challenges that confront them.



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Rob Fisher Celebrant: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Altar Guild: Fran Fulton & Cathy Solms

Readers: Lois Kettel, Hal Snellgrose, and George Lockwood

Chalice Bearers: Lois Kettel & TBD

Acolytes

Crucifer: Libby Lambert

Torch Bearers: Aleksander Simpson & Madison Snellgrose

Ushers: Michael Clark & Karen Deaton

Greeter: Melanie & Mike Cervi

Name Tags: Joan Franz

Coffee Hour Host: The Newcomer Committee

Welcome Table: Michelle Wilsdon

Godly Play

Greeter: Sarah Wood Storyteller: Elizabeth Buche

Music

Organist & Director of Music Ministries: Steve Denmark

St. Dunstan's Choir

Pam Austin, Stephanie Cervi, Phil Clarkson, Margo Fuselier, Betty Kasson, Otto Neely, Art Pasquinelli, Elizabeth Pasquinelli, Sarah Pease, Louis Powell, Bob Priestley, and Arthur Wu

Light & Love (Nursery)

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