

The Season of Creation, Week 1, September 11, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude "Earth and All Stars" by David N. Johnson

Opening Hymn #427 *When Morning Gilds the Sky*
The Hymnal 1982

The Collect

Author of creation: In wisdom you brought forth all that is, to participate in your divine being, and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom. You make holy the matter and energy of the universe that it may delight you and give you praise. We thank you for gathering all creation into your heart by the energy of your Spirit and bringing it through death to resurrection glory; through the One in whom all things have their being, Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible: Jeremiah 4: 11-22, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

Look! He comes up like clouds,

his chariots like the whirlwind;

his horses are swifter than eagles—

woe to us, for we are ruined!

O Jerusalem, wash your heart clean of wickedness

so that you may be saved.

How long shall your evil schemes

lodge within you?

For a voice declares from Dan

and proclaims disaster from Mount Ephraim.

Tell the nations, 'Here they are!'

Proclaim against Jerusalem,
'Besiegers come from a distant land;
they shout against the cities of Judah.
They have closed in around her like watchers of a field,
because she has rebelled against me,
says the Lord.

Your ways and your doings
have brought this upon you.
This is your doom; how bitter it is!
It has reached your very heart.'

My anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain!

Oh, the walls of my heart!
My heart is beating wildly;
I cannot keep silent;
for I hear the sound of the trumpet,
the alarm of war.

Disaster overtakes disaster,
the whole land is laid waste.
Suddenly my tents are destroyed,
my curtains in a moment.

How long must I see the standard,
and hear the sound of the trumpet?

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I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I
will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
and the heavens above grow black;

for I have spoken, I have purposed;
I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Psalm 14

¹Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they
do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

²The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there
are any who are wise, who seek after God.

³They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no
one who does good, no, not one.

⁴Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people
as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

⁵There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of
the righteous.

⁶You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their
refuge.

⁷O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the
Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice;
Israel will be glad.

A Reading from the New Testament: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me,
because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,
even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man
of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in

unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Hymn #382 *King of Glory*

The Hymnal 1982

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

Anthem “Brother James’ Air”
(text from Psalm 23)

arr. Gordon Jacobs

Prayers of the People

Prayer List

Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Mackenzie; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Sally; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Paul & Faith; Mike; David; Sarah; Will; Erin; Roger, Dan & Maureen; Jenny & Matt; Adam; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Celeste; Joan L and Elizabeth; Ellie, Perry; Jim; Isabel; and the family and friends of Lindy Lund.

For Those Who Have Died

Lindy Lund, dear friend of Deb Wathen Finn

Offertory Hymn #412 *Earth and All Stars* The Hymnal 1982

Music at Communion “Morning Glory, Starlit Sky”
(for text, see hymn 585)
by Orlando Gibbons

Closing Hymn #376 *Joyful, Joyful* The Hymnal 1982

Postlude “Ode to Joy” by Gorden Young

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Deacon: The Rev. Corey Walmer

Chalice Bearer: John Perkins

Lector: Laurie Hyndman

Ushers: Pal Covie, Pam Hobson

Altar Guild: Beth LaSalle, Mary Ann Hodsdon

Flower Arranger: Mary Calvin

A/V: Joe Michaud

Bread Baker: Nancy Gunzelmann

Counters: Pam Hobson, Pamela Trudo

Lawn Care: Joe Michaud

VPOW: Arthur Wolverton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back Sunday

Please stay after the service for a brunch provided by the committee members of St. Bartholomew's! We'll have family yard games and time to catch up on all our summer activities!

Serving St. Bart's

After today's service, Mary Ann Hodsdon (for the communion bread bakers) and Tom Hyndman (for the ushers) will speak briefly about these two key roles for our weekly worship and explain our need for more members to help out.

New Mask Protocol for St. Bartholomew's Church

The Vestry has decided to shift to a "mask optional" protocol for gatherings at the church. However, if you've recently been in close proximity to people whose health status is unknown or if you or someone you are close to is immuno-compromised, we encourage you to wear a mask. We respect that some people may continue to mask for their personal health or comfort. Masks will still be available at the entrance. If you are feeling ill, please consider streaming the service from home.

Our primary concern is protecting the health and safety of our parish family. We feel a conservative approach has been the most prudent in protecting the health and safety of our parish family, so we will continue to monitor both national and local trends and will adjust our masking policy accordingly. We will address holding coffee hour inside at our October Vestry meeting, but plan to continue to offer that social time outside until then. Thank you for your flexibility and patience.

Funeral Service for Jessie Moore

A funeral service will be held for Jessie Moore on Saturday, September 17 at 2 pm at St. Bartholomew's Church. We look forward to gathering together to celebrate Jessie's life and to mourn her passing.

Thank you to the Transitional Worship Committee!

The Vestry and all of our parish family owe a huge thank you to the TWC. They stepped into action in January of 2021 to provide us with truly wonderful worship during our year of discernment and supported Amanda as she transitioned into her role as our spiritual leader. First led by Sarah Covie, then Jan Burson when Sarah stepped down last August, the team has included Chrystena Hahn, Jay Reighley, and Lu Tingley. Transition is complete, and a new team is being assembled, led by Amanda. Thank you all for your love and care for our community.

Laurie and Michele

Important News from the Education Committee

September is upon us, and we are looking for new or returning volunteers to join our group of Sunday School teachers. Each volunteer will rotate throughout the year, leading one combined Sunday School class beginning on September 11th. Each Sunday, the children will start out in the sanctuary with a word from Amanda before heading back to the classroom with the teacher. As usual, the children will be welcomed back into the sanctuary for communion and the rest of the service. Materials and teacher instructions will be provided. To become a Sunday School teacher, please speak with any member of the Education Committee. Due to some recent change in events, we are also now looking to hire a new Youth Education Leader to lead us for this school year. This is a paid, part-time position. The Youth Leader is responsible

for managing the Sunday School program as well as youth and family events outside of the Sunday service schedule. This is a rewarding and important role in our community as we bring families back to church after the pandemic to rediscover and grow their faith.

Please reach out to anyone on the committee with further questions: Jean Burr burr.jean@gmail.com, Pal Covie palcovie@gmail.com, Harriet Davis harriet.davis@gmail.com, and Carla Hunt musseit@yahoo.com.

Adult Education Ramps Up for the Year

Adult Education programming for 2022-23 will focus on challenging conversations about our lives as Christians as we engage with the world. Look for announcements of details regarding multiple opportunities coming up soon. Anyone interested in the work of the Adult Education Committee may contact Stephen Hahn as the committee chair at hahns@wpunj.edu.

The 14th Annual Yarmouth Art Festival Now Accepting Entries

Please spread the word to Maine artist friends! Entries are now open for the 14th Yarmouth Art Festival, an annual highlight of fall at St. Bart's. Entries will close Sept. 16, and all information and the entry process are on the website, www.yarmouthartfestival.com.

This year, the show again will be Oct. 19-22 at St. Bart's, followed by two weeks of online show and sales.

Any questions, or to learn how to get involved in helping put on this event? Contact Joe Michaud michaud.joe@gmail.com

Friendship House Update

The following items are still needed for residents of the Friendship House...

- Paper towels
- Bath tissue
- Laundry detergent
- 55 gallon trash bags
- Disinfectant cleaners
- Antibacterial hand soaps
- Personal hygiene items (deodorant, shampoo, razors for example)
- Glass cleaners
- Indoor/outdoor mats
- Silverware (used/new)

*Thank you. Any questions please contact Pam Hobson
pamhobson46@gmail.com*

St. Elizabeth's Pantry: Weekly Update

This rainy Tuesday did not deter our 207 neighbors from stopping by the pantry today to pick up essentials and diapers. We also hosted our second vaccine clinic in conjunction with Northern Light Health Care and 20 people received either a first vaccine or booster (15 adults, 5 children).

****The pantry shelves are bare!****

Needed: Linens, kitchenware, adult incontinence Pull Ups in size Medium, diaper wipes

COAT and BOOT DRIVE has begun!

Our Rained Out Spirit Walk has been Rescheduled!!

- Where: Cumberland Town Forest
(<https://www.cumberlandmaine.com/town-forest>)
- When: Tuesday, September 20th Rain Date: Wednesday September 21st
- Meeting Time: 9 am (walk will start no later than 9:15 am)

- Meeting place: Kiosk behind the Cumberland Town Hall at 290 Tuttle Road

Sign up in our Church entry or email cpascarella@maine.rr.com with name and contact number.

Bring: wear sturdy shoes, hat, bug spray, sun block, your own snack and water

No rest rooms at this location / Dogs are welcome on leash

The walk includes a Children's Story Walk; hoping families can join us. It's a wooded path, but suitable for most strollers and mobility challenged. There is a child in all of us:)

**Volunteers Needed: Maine Marathon Water Stop at St. Bart's!
Sunday, October 2, 8:30 - 11 am**

St Bart's hosts our traditional water stop for the Maine Marathon on Sunday 10/2 from 8:30-11:00 am and WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. Duties are easy, this is a way to serve our community, it's fun to watch the runners up close, and you get a lovely free t-shirt.

In past years, we have been able to assemble a crew on a fairly last minute and ad hoc basis. But the Marathon organizers have changed their procedures and now VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE. Registration is online and here are the directions:

-Go to this link:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/ME/Portland/MaineMarathon#28977>

-It will bring you to the heading: "Water Stations - Volunteer Organizations"

-Scroll down to St. Bartholomew's Church and check the time box and click on the orange VOLUNTEER button

Please also let Peter Sillin know that you are planning to volunteer so he can sleep better ahead of the race. In addition to the volunteers, we need someone to be listed as Alternate Volunteer Leader in case Peter is unable to serve for any reason.

Can you help us recycle some books?

We need your help recycling books. Each Sunday, bags of books beyond their shelf life will be placed by the front door. Please consider taking a bag and recycling the books at your local recycling facility. (Be sure to check with your town regarding their recycling policies.) Thanks for your help! Linda Draper and Margaret Betts

Tennis Reprise

Another chance this season for outdoor play at Blueberry Cove. A small, but enthusiastic, group enjoyed playing last week and we'd love for others to join us! We'll play from 4:45-6:45 on Thursday, September 15! Bring a chair, your racket, your beverage and join us. Spectators welcome!

Thanks! Michele

UPCOMING WEEKLY DUTIES

September 18 – Season of Creation, Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Deacon: The Rev. Corey Walmer

Chalice Bearer: Ian-Meredythe Lindsey

Lector: Harriet Davis

Ushers: Dennis & Lisa Fitzgibbons

Altar Guild: Beth LaSalle, Mary Ann Hodsdon

Flower Arranger: Imelda Schaefer

A/V: Pal Covie

Bread Baker: Peter Sillin

Counters: Susie Soule, Dennis Fitzgibbons

Lawn Care: John Duncan

VPOW: Lu Tingley

Coffee Hour: Jamie & Joe Michaud

September 25 – Season of Creation, Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rev. Kit Wang

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Gunzelmann

Lector: Mike Perfetti

Ushers: Tom Hyndman, Nick Desiderio

Altar Guild: Beth LaSalle, Mary Ann Hodsdon

Flower Arranger: Anne Jacobs

A/V: Pal Covie

Bread Baker: Susannah White

Counters: Pal Covie, Harriet Davis

Lawn Care: Peter Sillin

VPOW: Kathy Abernathy

Coffee Hour: Nancy Gunzelman & Ann Donaghy

October 2 – Feast of St. Francis, Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rev. Amanda Gerken-Nelson

Chalice Bearer: PCC

Lector: PCC

Ushers: Nancy Gunzelmann, Susie Soule

Altar Guild: Linda & John Perkins

Flower Arranger: Anne Jacobs

A/V: Laurie Hyndman

Bread Baker: Mary Ann Hodsdon

Counters: Pal Covie, Harriet Davis

Lawn Care: Ben Redfield

VPOW: Kathy Abernathy

Coffee Hour: NEEDED