



Season of Creation

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

September 17, 2023

8am & 10am

The 10am service is video live streamed each week on YouTube and Facebook.

During the Season of Creation, we join with billions of Christians around the world to celebrate in prayer and action our Gospel calling to protect the Earth that God has entrusted to our care. May these prayers and readings deepen our response to the living God and strengthen our resolve to follow Jesus in this critical time for all of Creation.

Voluntary

Entrance Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning. Amen.**

The Celebrant and People offer the Collect of Purity

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, Hymn 400 vs. 1,7

All Creatures of our God

Spoken at 8am, Sung at 10am

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Celebrant then says

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah!

 When Israel came out of Egypt,
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary
 and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled;
 Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams,
 and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
 O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
 you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

At 10am

Gospel Hymn 60 vs. 1,2,3,6

Creator of the Stars of Night

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his

lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Ms. Christine Howe

The People stand.

The Nicene Creed (*for the Season of Creation*)

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation. We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water. We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it. And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today. We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people and creatures in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, companions, and all living beings who work alone.

For this environment, community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper dwelling in your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, oppression, extinction, and climate change.

For all your creatures who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For all living beings who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Creation of God; especially today for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; Holy Spirit, Sutton; Canon for Communications, The Rev. Vicki Ix; Massachusetts Council of Churches; Construct Inc., Berkshires

For all people of nature who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Sandi, our Interim Rector; Pat, our Deacon; Silas, our seminarian; Christine, our guest preacher and all bishops, other ministers, and all spiritual leaders.

For all who serve God in Creation.

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 and the gifts of your Creation. Today we give thanks for Noah, Mia, and Carol, the grandchildren of Ciro and Sandra Petrucelli and all the children in our parish.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our Creator;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all the living beings who have died, remembering especially David Warren Spinning, Warren Howard Spinning, and loved ones of the Albom and Spinning Family; 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 all; whom you have created and sustained.

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Silence is kept.

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused, and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The People stand.

The Peace

The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of “our life and labor,” which we present to God. The ushers will pass the offering plate to receive your donations in-person. You may also give online at Tithe.ly or scan the QR code that you will find in the pew.

Offertory Anthem

Higher Ground

Charles Gabriel
Johnson Oatman, Jr.

Presentation Hymn 674

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The people standing, the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

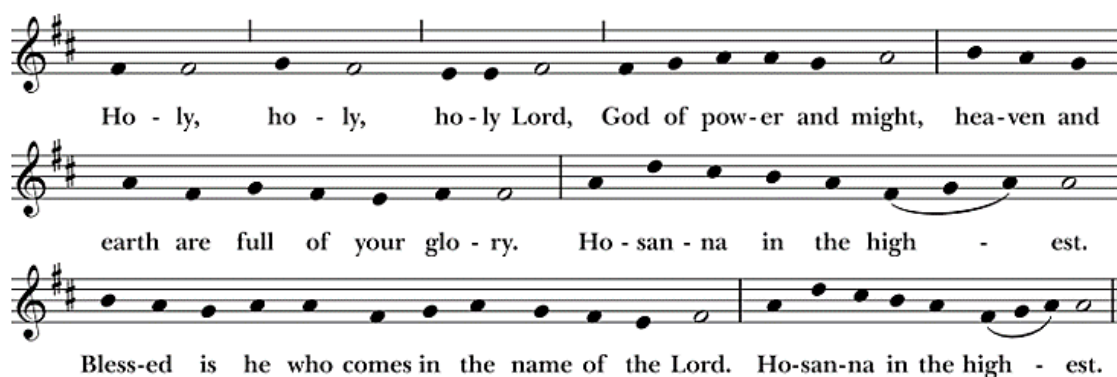
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Spoken at 8am, Sung at 10am

Sanctus: S124; Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, 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." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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

Fraction

Spoken at 8am and 10am

Celebrant

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People

All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Episcopal Church we believe that God is uniquely present with us in the Bread and the Wine--and we also believe that receiving only Bread or only Wine does not limit God. Bread is offered in the form of a small wheat wafer. Gluten-free wafers (wrapped to prevent cross contamination) are available--ask for one if you need it. All are welcome to take a small sip from the Common Cup. Please do not dip your bread into the cup. However you receive, know that Christ is with you.

Spiritual Communion

Let us pray together this prayer of Spiritual Communion in solidarity with those who are unable to receive communion in person.

O God, we are united here in your transcendent power of love. From this center of goodness, you appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity. We receive this life from you; we share this life together. You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us. We receive you. This is the Body of Christ. Amen. — *(Ilia Delio, OSF, adapted)*

Communion Voluntary

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you, so that our work is yours, and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer during Transition

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, and patient in our discernment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living, and preach the good news to all. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn 334

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

The Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

PERMISSIONS

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Deacon	Rev. Pat O'Connell
Preacher	Ms. Christine Howe
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Flowers	Tanya Kellogg
Counters	Kathy DeJean, Sue Cole
Nursery School	Kathy DeJean, Chelsea Weir
Sunday School	Kara Noble, Teddi Brown
Office Angels	Karen Newman & Irene Ring, Chris Davis

8am		10am	
Opener	Phil Siska	Closer	Rev Sandi Albom
Eucharist Minister	Phil Siska	Stream Team	Margaret Hannigan
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Usher	Richard Hasko		Candy Oyler
		Lectors	Sherrie Denison
			Mary Hull
		Usher	Mark Mueller

PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.
Contact office administrator Tanya Woodbury at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461.*

Altar Memorials are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their grandchildren; Noah, Mia, and Coral and for all the church children.

Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God an in loving memory of David Warren Spinning, Warren Howard Spinning and the loved ones of the Albom and Spinning Family, given by Rev. Sandi and Bob Albom.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocesan Prayer Holy Spirit, Sutton; Canon for Communications, The Rev. Vicki Ix; Massachusetts Council of Churches; Construct Inc., Berkshires

For those suffering throughout the world especially from the ravages of war, violence, hate, environmental changes and disease.

For these families and individuals Anne, Alice, Jean, Ruth, Virginia, Ruby, Thelma, Connie, Candy, Jeff, Kris, David, Ciro, Christina, Mark, Iris, Brad, Sharon, Marcia, Jennie, Mark, Derek, Jan, Lyn, John, Addison, Hannah, Donna, Nan, Jack, Mickie, Rita, Chris, Rita, Josh, Tim, Mike, Juan, John, Bob, Lynette, Shelia, Joey, Ann, Gary, David, Sabrina, Wendy, Bernie, John, James, Jeffrey, Casey, Arthur, Brittany, Rick, Jeff B, Bill, Katie, Irene

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

Sunday, September 17	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person and live-streamed 6:00 pm RECOVERY SERVICE 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, September 18	OFFICE IS CLOSED 8:00 pm <i>Alcoholics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Tuesday, September 19	6:00 pm <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Great Hall)</i> 6:30 pm <i>Music Together (*SMGR)</i>
Wednesday, September 20	12:15 pm Healing and Holy Eucharist (*SMGR) 7:00 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous (*SMGR)</i>
Thursday, September 21	5:30 pm <i>Girl Scouts (Sunday School Room)</i> 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm <i>Narcotics Anonymous (Great Hall)</i>
Friday, September 22	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity At-Anon (*SMGR)</i>
Saturday, September 23	9:00 am <i>Adult Children of Alcoholics (Great Hall)</i>
Sunday, September 24	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person and live-streamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

**Saint Margaret's Guild Room (Parlor)*

"Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

*God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work
in the world. God's grace draws us in—all of us.
And together all of us reach out with God's love.*



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Drawn in by Grace · Reaching out in Love

The Rev. Sandi Albom, *Interim Rector*

The Rev. Patricia O'Connell, *Deacon*

Jerry Noble, *Music Director*

The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, *Bishop, The Episcopal Church of Western MA*

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

The Vestry

Kathryn DeJean, *Sr. Warden* Philip Siska, *Jr. Warden* Vacant, *Treasurer* Deborah Bruno, *Clerk/Asst. Treasurer*
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ECOTA Happenings

National Recovery Service TONIGHT!

Join us here at Church of the Atonement tonight at 6pm for a Recovery Service sponsored by First Congregational, Second Congregational, First Methodist, and ECOTA. All are welcome!



Kitchen Inspection Update ~ WE PASSED INSPECTION!!!!

We are so happy to announce that we have passed the health inspection for our kitchen! Much hard work and many, many hours of scrubbing, painting, washing, dusting, repairing went into bringing this to fruition. So much thanks to all that have worked so hard to make this happen! Thank you: Kathy DeJean, Jack Guynup, Karen Newman, Marie Cassetta, Phil Siska, Judy Harvester, Chris Davis, Andy Woodbury, Mary Ann Woodbury, Gordon Woodbury, Anne Viets, Bill Parks, Janet Parks and Rev. Sandi. *Rev. Sandi apologizes if she had forgotten anyone*

Sunday Worship Times

Thank you to all who participated in the worship time poll and to those who gave feedback to our Vestry. The Vestry, after much deliberation, voted to leave the current schedule of 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday service times as it has been for the foreseeable future. See you on Sundays @ 8 & 10!



Blessing of the Animals ~ Westfield Feed October 7

Rev. Sandi will be at Westfield Feed on Saturday October 7th from 10-12 to offer a Blessing of the Animals. All are welcome to bring your pets, or a photo of your pet to revive a blessing. Westfield Feed will be offering a 10% off coupon that day for all who attend. Tell your friends! Rev. Sandi could use a couple of helpers that day too. See her for information and to volunteer. Tell ALL your friends!

Atonement's presence at the Farmer's Market until October 19

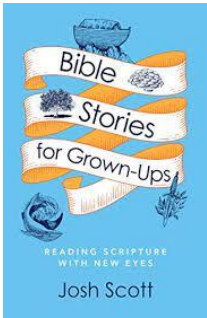
We are still looking for volunteers to be present at our booth during the Farmers Market until October 19. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Want to Reduce Stress? Improve Sleep? ~ Meditation for Beginners at ECOTA

Join Steve Harvester on Mondays at 6pm and Thursdays at 1pm starting September 21 through October 31 with Meditation for Beginners in the Sanctuary. **The first class is free!** \$10 per class or \$40 for five classes. All donations support our mission to the children, seniors, and to fight hunger in our community. Sign up on our website at Atonementwestfield.org.

Little Free Food Pantry needs our help! ~ Food is running low.

We are looking for donations for our Little Free Food Pantry as certain items are getting low. Items needed are canned meats, canned meals (soups, chili, beef stew, etc.), canned fruits and cereal. If you are interested in helping our pantry, please grab one of the brown bags on the table in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Little Free Food Pantry.



Fall Bible Study ~ Starts September 19 on Zoom and In person on Wednesday September 20

Join Rev. Sandi and Tanya Kellogg in exploring *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups: Reading Scripture with New Eyes* by pastor Josh Scott. All are welcome to join! Online sessions start on Tuesday, September 19 and run from 7:00pm-8:00pm; in-person sessions start on Wednesday, September 20 after the 12:15pm Healing Service. No weekly session commitment required.

Six-Week Grief and Loss Support Group ~ Join us Monday September 18th @ 6:30pm

Join Josh Vélez to find connections and support from other bereaved individuals who understand what the grieving experience is like in a welcoming, confidential, and nonjudgmental support group. The group will begin holding one-hour sessions on Monday, September 18 at 6:30pm the Saint Margarets Guild Room. Please contact velez.olv@gmail.com if interested.

Mums Fundraiser Update ~ Pick up Mums Sunday, September 17 during 8 and 10am service

Dear Atonemates, we have exceeded our mum's ACTS sale this year! In 2022 we sold \$983 in mums, this year we sold \$1,220! That is a lot of students getting the tutoring that they need to succeed! And some lovely chrysanthemums for us all to enjoy and decorate with. Thank you for your continued support for this important ministry!