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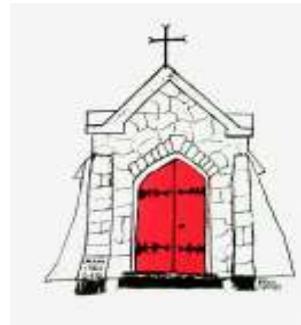
THE REV. DR. MATTHEW CALKINS

Deep Roots, Open Doors

I am stealing the title "Deep Roots, Open Doors" from an article in the most recent *Christian Century* magazine. The author, Steve Thorngate, reviews Rod Dreher's new book, *The Benedict Option*, and wonders if there is a "BenOp" for liberals. Harkening back to St Benedict's founding of a monastery in the foothills of fifth century Rome, Dreher calls on Christians to return to forms of serious local Christian community in the midst of a decadent and declining Western civilization. Thorngate believes that Dreher's call to rebuild the church is worth considering—but not only for conservative Christians who believe the culture war was lost with the acceptance of same-sex marriage. The goal of "creating thick, resilient Christian communities, as Benedict did, that will serve the world by their very existence—by the way they form their members as Christians and as humans" is worth pursuing for liberal churches as well.

In many ways Dreher's thesis is familiar for those in the mainline Protestant tradition, Thorngate argues. "Liberal churches aren't just singing social justice songs about a gender-neutral God... Churches are looking to tradition as they work to form thicker, more deeply sacramental worshipping communities." This is certainly true of the Episcopal Church, which of all the Reformation churches

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has been the most consistent upholder of the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic” tradition in liturgy and ecclesiology.

But deep roots in apostolic tradition are not the only thing needed; so is ongoing theological reflection on how the Holy Spirit is leading the church to proclaim and practice the gospel in a changing world. The Episcopal Church was born from the mother Church of England in the aftermath of the American Revolution of the 1770s and 80s. No longer state-established and bishop-ruled, our more democratic polity enabled the church in the 1970s and 80s to revise the Prayer Book and embrace women’s ordination—not as quickly or as easily as some might have like but nevertheless. In this century we have struggled to understand and embrace how marriage equality for same-sex partners aligns with the gospel call to faithful, mutual marital covenants that parallel the call to faithful, obedient worship of the one God. What has emerged after fierce debate is the conviction that St Paul was right in affirming that for those not called to celibacy it is “better to marry than burn with passion” (1 Corinthians 7:9). Open the doors.

So both tradition and progress are goods—and both can also be oppressive. Thorngate notes, “Community matters more than just about anything—except maybe human dignity, which can flourish in community but can also be undermined by it. Life together can indeed help us smash late modernity’s idol of individual desire. But what about community’s tendency to nurture the desire to stamp out difference?”

Discernment is needed. We have questions to ponder together here at Grace Church, in the village of Millbrook and town of Washington. How might we strengthen our local church and community? What will enable us to raise our children to resist the false freedoms of hedonism and equip them with a strong moral compass? How might Grace Church Millbrook be a beacon of light, an option of hope, a community of love, joy and service?

Let’s keep this phrase in mind as we work on our answers:
deep roots, open doors.



Save the date: EPIC End-of-the-Year Party!

Friday, June 9th, 2017, 7 – 9 pm
Grace Church, Parish Hall
Everyone is invited!

You're invited to the EPIC Celebration on Friday, June 9th at 7pm in the Parish Hall at Grace Church. Call Abby at 845.420.4280 to RSVP. There will be dancing!

"EPIC is a place where you can develop yourself to be a better person and to develop any skills that you want to actually pursue in the future. Adults like to come to EPIC because we bring them back to life, we remind them what youth is about, and that there are actually teenagers that care about what's going on in the world. And they like that, and they enjoy being around us. It's like a safe space, and for them too." - Paola, 11th grade, Dover

<http://epicjustice.weebly.com/>

Awesome Job!!!

Betty Rae Nittiskie, John Lacey and Jonathan Shanks coordinated the 1st Grace Church Youth Lenten Read a Thon. The youth of our parish of all ages committed to read books during the Lenten season. Parishioners sponsored a child or two with the proceeds going to the Literacy Connection in Poughkeepsie. The expected donation to the Literacy Connection will be around \$300.

Blessing Our Sacred Places An Interfaith Celebration of God's Creation

Innisfree Garden, May 21st, 2017



Station 1

Welcoming music

Peter and Judith Muir

People gather on the overlook. Please contribute what you can to an offering to support the work of Innisfree Garden and the Dutchess Interfaith Council.

Welcome and introduction

Matthew Calkins

A Litany of Praise

Adapted from *The Canticle to the Sun* of St Francis of Assisi

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures:

Brother Sun who brings the day, beautiful and radiant; you give your light through him.

Praise God through all creation

Sister Moon and all the stars of heaven, precious and beautiful.

Praise God through all creation

Brothers Wind and Air, their clouds and storms, through which you give your creatures sustenance.

Praise God through all creation

Sister Water: useful, precious, and pure.

Praise God through all creation

Brother Fire, beautiful and cheerful, powerful and strong. Through him you brighten the night.

Praise God through all creation

Mother Earth who feeds us and produces fruit and flowers.

Praise God through all creation

Human beings, who forgive for love of you. Happy are those who bring peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Praise God through all creation

Praise even from Sister Death, who brings your creatures home at last to you.

Praise God through all creation

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.

Notes from the field: reflections of a scientist Joshua Ginsberg

An Iroquois Thanksgiving Prayer Donna Coane

We greet and give our thanks to all of the people walking here on our turtle Island in harmony and peace together.

We greet and thank our turtle Island our earth for all she provides for us as everything we need for survival.

We greet and give thanks for all of our 4 legged furred ones for providing for us, food, clothing, shelter and tools. Our winged ones for their songs that reminds us we are alive, our bold eagle who delivers our prayers to our creator, and to the finned ones who cleanse our water ways and nourish us.

We greet and give thanks to our sun for rising with warmth and setting at night to rise again, our grandmother moon who leads us women, for birth to elder years, and lighting our path at night, and the stars for their guiding our way at night.

We greet and give thanks for our trees for their shade, fruits and our great white pine; tree of peace, our food plants; the three sisters ; corn , beans and squash, medicine plants for their healings and our flowers for their beauty.

We greet and give thanks to our Thunder beings for replenishing and cleansing our water ways and earth. We are grateful and give thanks to our water for continuing life.

We are thankful for our teachers to lead us on the right path.

We are grateful and give thanks to you creator for all life you have given here on earth.

I am only human and meant to make mistakes, so I leave it up to you to if I left out a thanksgiving for I am only human.

We agree and our minds are now one.

A Delaware Song for the Four Directions Donna Coane
While the song is played the people walk on to the second station, following the banner.

Station 2

The Blessing of Earth

Soil and the soul, humus and human, Adam and Adamah:

A reading from Genesis 2:7,15 in Hebrew and English: Shamu Sadeh

וַיִּצַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם, עֹפֶר כֶּסֶף-הָאֲדָמָה, וַיִּפַּח בְּאַפָּיו, נְשֵׁמַת חַיִּים; וַיְהִי הָאָדָם, לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה.

7 Then the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

“Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.”
— John Muir

Song: Lord of all hopefulness
(sung a cappella while moving to next Station)

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Station 3

The Blessing of Water

Lama Depa and Lama Lhadrun

Verses from "The Sheltering Tree of Interdependence"
by HH 14 Dalai Lama

1. O Lord Tathagata
Born of the Iksvakus tree
Peerless One
Who, seeing the all-pervasive nature
Of interdependence
Between the environment and sentient beings
Samsara and nirvana
Moving and unmoving
Who teaches the world out of compassion,
Bestow your benevolence on us
3. Our obstinate egocentricity
Ingrained in our minds
Since beginningless time
Contaminates, defiles and pollutes
The environment which is
Created by the shared karma
Of all sentient beings
4. Lakes and ponds have lost
Their clarity, and their coolness
The atmosphere is poisoned
Nature's celestial canopy in the fiery firmament
Has burst asunder
And sentient beings suffer diseases
Unknown before

5. Perennial Snow Mountains resplendent in their glory
Bow down and melt into water
The majestic oceans lose their ageless equilibrium
And inundate islands

6. The dangers of fire, water and wind are limitless
Sweltering heat dries up our lush forests
Lashing our world with unprecedented storms
And the oceans surrender their salt to the elements

7. Though people lack not wealth
They cannot afford to breathe clean air
Rains and streams cleanse not
But remain inert and powerless liquids

13. Forsake waste
Do not pollute the clean, clear nature
Of the four elements
Do not destroy the well being of people,
But absorb yourself in actions
That are beneficial to all

28. Being attentive to the nature
Of interdependence of all creatures
Both animate and inanimate
One should never tire in one's efforts
To preserve and conserve nature's energy

30. May the force of observing that which is right
And the abstinence from wrong practices and evil deeds
Nourish and augment the prosperity of the world,
May it invigorate living beings and help them blossom
May sylvan joy and pristine happiness
Ever increase, ever spread and encompass all that is

This poem was released on the occasion of the presentation by His Holiness the Dalai Lama of a statue of the Buddha to the people of India. and to mark the opening of the International Conference on Ecological Responsibility: A Dialogue With Buddhism on October 2, 1993, at. New Delhi. (A booklet of the poem, in Tibetan and English, is distributed by Tibet House, New Delhi)

Chant: *Om Mani Padme Hum*

Station 4

The Blessing of Trees

A Reading from the Quran
Usman

Ahmad Umar and Hafiz Badar

"Do you not see how God compares a good word to a good tree? Its root is firm and its branches are in the sky; it yields its fruit in every season by God's leave. God speaks in parables to mankind so that they may take heed. But an evil word is like an evil tree torn out of the earth and shorn of all its roots." *Sura 14:24-25*

Song: Morning has broken moving towards final station

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the world.
Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day.
Morning has broken..

Station 5

The Blessing of Farms, Seeds and People

"Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there and I am prepared to expect wonders."

Henry D. Thoreau

Blessing of Local Farms

Matthew Calkins

Farmers and other representatives of local food producers are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. People respond with words in italics.

For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For your blessing upon the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

For all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

From "Rogation Procession," *The Book of Occasional Services*, (TEC)

Blessing of the Seeds

All are invited to bring any seeds they have brought to the rock altar. These bean seeds are heirloom varieties. All are free to take some home and plant them. All read prayer in unison.

Creator of the universe, Lord of the harvest,
you place the gifts of creation into our hands
you call us to till the earth and make it fruitful.

We ask your blessing as we prepare to place these seeds in the earth

May they sprout and grow in health and vitality

May their flowers, fruits and grains be full

and may the care we show these seeds

remind us of the tender love you have for your people

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Calendar and Prayer Cycle

June 2017



Sunday Service Schedule:

8:00 Holy Eucharist
 8:45 - 9:00 Rector's Forum
 10:00 Family Service & Holy Eucharist
 - Sunday School 11 am - 11:35 am

Weekday Services:

Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10 am
 Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:45 am
 Caregivers Support : Thursdays at 1 pm
 ESL: Thursdays in Parish Hall / Fridays in
 Choir Room: 6 – 9 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				6 pm ESL <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Dyson</i>	1 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>R. Dyson</i>	2 7 pm Ecumenical Pentecost Vigil at St. Joe's <i>Fellows</i>
4 <i>Freeman</i>	5 6 pm Women's Ecumenical Dinner at United Methodist Church Verbank <i>Galente</i>	6 <i>Garbellano</i>	7 <i>Garzetta</i>	8 6 pm ESL <i>D. Glass</i>	9 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Gomez</i>	10 <i>Graham</i>
11 8 am No Service 10 am Bishop's Visitation <i>Gunther</i>	12 <i>Guven</i>	13 <i>Mr. & Mrs. J. Hall</i>	14 <i>P. Hall</i>	15 6 pm ESL <i>Hallberg</i>	16 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Hammond</i>	17 <i>Hayes</i>
18 <i>Hogan</i>	19 <i>Jagar</i>	20 <i>Kasin</i>	21 <i>Kiewra</i>	22 6 pm ESL <i>King</i>	23 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>C. Kinsey</i>	24 <i>R. Kinsey</i>
25 <i>Kolessar</i>	26 <i>Kolts</i>	27 <i>Kramer</i>	28 6:30 pm Women of Grace <i>Kryzak</i>	29 6 pm ESL <i>Kuras</i>	30 3-5 pm Food Pantry 6 pm ESL <i>Lacey</i>	

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and for all that which you have made.

We ask this in your Name, however you are named among us.

From "Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time," *Book of Blessings* (RC)

'Sow everywhere the good seed given to you. Sow in good ground, sow in sand, sow among the stones, sow on the road, sow among the weeds. Perhaps some of these seeds will open up and grow and bring forth fruit, even if not at once'
Seraphim of Sarov (1759-1833) Russian monk

Blessing of the People –as stewards of creation
all religious leaders share in this prayer

May God's goodness be yours,
 and well, and seven times well, may you spend your lives;
 may you be an isle in the sea,
 may you be a hill on the shore,
 may you be a star in the darkness,
 may you be a seed in rich soil
 may you be a staff to the weak,
 and a light to the world;
 may the love God gave to all creation, fill every heart for you
 may the love God gave to all creation, fill you for every one.

(adapted from The Iona Community)

together all say

We bless you,
 God of Seed and Harvest
 And we bless each other
 That the beauty of this world
 And the love that created it
 Might be expressed though our lives

And be a blessing to others
 Now and always
 AMEN

Final song: For the beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
 for the glory of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth
 over and around us lies.

Refrain: **Lord of all, to you we raise
 this, our hymn of grateful praise.**

2 For the wonder of each hour
 of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale and tree and flower,
 sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3 For the joy of human love,
 brother, sister, parent, child,
 friends on earth, and friends above,
 for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve God, earth and each other!

PICNIC AND CELEBRATION.

We are grateful to all our participants and especially to Kate and Oliver and the Board of Directors of this enchanted place. We are invited to enjoy its beauty and serenity and please ensure before we all leave by 2 pm all we have brought in will respectfully be taken out. There is a wonderful lunch for those who would like to stay available from Chef John Lekic and his Farm Food Truck in the parking lot.

Participants: Dr. Joshua Ginsberg, President, Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, is this year's featured speaker. Participating religious leaders include the Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Grace Church Millbrook; Dr. Umar M. Ahmad and Imam Hafiz Badar Usman, Mid-Hudson Islamic Center, Wappingers Falls; Shamu Sadeh, Adamah Farm and Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center, Falls Village, CT; Donna Coane, Schaghticoke First Nations; and Lama Depa and Lama Lhadrun, Kagyu Thubten Choling Monastery, Wappingers Falls; the Rev. Canon Jeane Pearson, Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Sponsors: This event is sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook and Innisfree Garden in Millbrook as part of the Food/Farm/Faith Initiative spearheaded by Grace Church. This initiative seeks to grow community, nourish dialogue, and plant the future by connecting members of various food, farm, and faith communities in New York's Hudson Valley through events and partnerships. To learn more about The Food/Farm/Faith Initiative and to pursue possible collaborations, please contact coordinator Abby Nathanson at abby@gracemillbrook.org and visit foodfarmfaith.org.

Take home prayer:

O Lord, how lovely it is to be your guest:

You brought me into this life as into an enchanted paradise. We have seen the sky, like a deep blue cup ringing with birds in the azure heights. We have listened to the soothing murmur of the forest and the sweet-sounding music of the waters. We have tasted fragrant fruit of fine flavour and sweet-scented honey. How pleasant is our stay with you on earth: it is a joy to be your guest.

from "An Akathist in Praise of God's Creation" Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Tryphon (Turkestanov), 1934



11th Annual Grace Golf & Dinner Benefit Monday – July 17th, 2017

Congregation Honoree: Connie Kinsey



Community Honoree and Guest Speaker: Fred Apers Executive Director of Cardinal Hayes Home for Children

The tournament and dinner will take place at:
The Millbrook Golf and Tennis Club
#103 Rt. 343, Millbrook, N.Y.

Registration is open!

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| • Golf & lunch | \$125 |
| • Golf, lunch, dinner, auction | \$175 |
| • Dinner & auction | \$110 |



Sponsorship opportunities are available and welcome! Please consider sponsoring lunch, golf hats, or one of our many outreach programs. (For a complete list see our website at: www.gracemillbrook.org or pick up a registration form at the back of the church).

For registration or sponsorship opportunities contact Cindy Schmoke at (845) 677- 3064, Doug Capers at (845) 677- 5405, or David Swift at (845) 464-7872 or download the registration form at:

<http://www.gracemillbrook.org/hello-world/grace-gala-golf-tournament/>

Mail completed registration forms to Grace Church, PO Box 366, Millbrook, NY 12545

Reminders:

Caregivers Support Group – Every Thursday from 1 to 2 pm in the Parish Hall.

Lunch Box – Last Sunday of each month, September—December. (Grace Church is not serving Lunch Box this summer.) Let John Lacey know if you are willing to serve, email lacey_clan@msn.com.

Bishop's Visitation on June 11 One Service including Confirmation and Blessing "150 Years of Grace"

Bishop Andrew Dietsche, diocesan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, will be making a Visitation to Grace Church Millbrook on June 11. There will one service at 10 am. Prior to the service the bishop will meet with those being confirmed and received. The service will conclude with a special blessing in honor of the 150th anniversary of the building of the first Grace Church in Hart's Village. Following the service there will a festive coffee hour in the Parish Hall and then the bishop will have lunch with the Rector and Vestry.

It's a pretty big deal, we think. After all, a bishop visits only every two years or so; there are almost 170 parishes in this diocese and only three bishops so it takes a while for the schedule to work around. Not to mention a notable anniversary occasion. The first Grace Church was built in Hart's Village—around what is now Ciferi Drive, and consecrated on June 13, 1867. It burned down three years later. But by the time the next one was built in 1871 the village of Millbrook had sprung up around the new train station so the church was built in town, on the corner of Church and Merritt streets, what is now a parking lot across from the DMV. The Wing family gave land for a new building with additional land for a Parish Hall and Rectory around the turn of the century. Our beloved stone, brick and timber Grace Church Millbrook was built and consecrated in 1901. "150 Years of Grace."

Plan to attend and join the celebration. Support by your prayers and presence our young confirmands, and those adults being received or confirmed in to the Episcopal Church. Meet our diocesan bishop. Have some cake. And get ready as we move forward together into God's plans for our next 150 years!

Please pray for those being received and confirmed:

*James Augustus Ball,
Max Toledo Florentino,
Valerie Ann LaRobardier,*

*Sarah Elizabeth Ball,
Benjamin Wallace Lacey,
Juan Pablo Espinosa Lopez,*

*Isabella Cecily Lucal,
Samantha Louise Muller,
James Pearson,
Sarah Ogilvie Saint-Amand,
Mary Jane Zukowski*

*Sophia Rhys Lucal,
Lorra McNulty,
Diana Reyes,
Graeme Reville Styles,*

Other Events

- **June 3rd** – Ecumenical Pentecost Vigil – 7:00 pm, St. Joseph Church, Millbrook
- **June 3rd** – Taste of Millbrook – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Millbrook Vineyards & Winery. Contact Richard Lucal during church or email rlucal@icloud.com or call (203)-513-1256 for tickets or for any further information.
- **June 5th** – Women's Ecumenical Dinner – 6:00 pm, Verbank United Methodist Church - RSVP by Saturday, May 27th to Darlene Yager, email dyager@optonline.net, (845) 877-9840

Sunday School News

“Children are not the church’s future, they are its present.” Father Matt

For the May Family Service, we sang “Glory, Glory Hallelujah”. Once again, the children did a nice job!

A number of the children participated in the Lent Read a Thon, which was coordinated by Jonathan Shanks and the Youth Group. The Sunday School and Youth Group children read a total of 102 books to raise money for the Literacy Connection in Poughkeepsie. The children were sponsored by members of the congregation. Thank you, readers, and thank you sponsors!

Father Matt compiled a new series, Easter Acclamations, for the children and youth members of Grace. He created a selection of readings for the 50 days following Easter, with recommended readings for each child. The children have responded to the reading assigned with a picture or a response. The confirmands were given a question to ponder. The EPIC members also have been participating. The pictures and reflections have been great!

On Mother’s Day, we had a Scavenger Hunt. As you know, we have been working on prayers, especially prayers said at meal times. We read the following prayer, which is one which Connie Kinsey said as a child and still recites to this day: “Who lights the light this eventide, bids the heavenly child inside. Peace and joy shall there abide”. The children were asked I they knew who Connie Kinsey was.....blank stares all around, until they were shown a picture of Connie! Magda shouted, “She sits behind me!” Amari said, “She is my friend.” Once everyone saw her picture, they ALL knew who she was. Then, when church was over their job was to find Connie and to find the framed needlework of the prayer. They ran through the parking lot as if they had wings and “found” Connie immediately. All the kids were very excited. Then, back to the Parish Hall to find the needlework.....and they found it!

We will be singing, “This Little Light of Mine” on June 4 and again during the Confirmation service on June 11. The children love this song.

June 4th will be the last day of Sunday School until September. Jonathan Shanks is organizing some activities to be held on the lawn across the street from the church on that date.

Betty Rae Nittiskie

Poems by Dorothy Knapp

Singing In The Rain

Sing in the rain; the birds all do
Don’t complain, it’s up to you
To make your own sunshine and pass it along
This is one way you can help right the wrong.

Rest In The “I Am”

I can rest wherever I am
For the “I Am” is here where I am
And the great “I Am” is my rest and repose
When I am awake or when my eyes close.

Morning Prayer

Father guide me through this day
Jesus teach me how to pray
Spirit go with me on the way
And be in all I do and say.



June 2017 Service Schedule (Revised)

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	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>				
Usher	Bruce McGilvray	Kyle Van De Water	Maurice Neville	Bruce McGilvray
Reader	Valerie LaRobardier	Elliot Lindsley	Kathryn Calame	Joan McGilvray
Chalice	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Valerie LaRobardier	Brenda deMartine
Coffee Hour	Brenda deMartine	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton	The Calames
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>				
Usher 1	The Garzetta Family	The Freeman Family	The Ball Family	The Rudy Family
Usher 2	Kasin Cooper, Kaitlyn Muller			
Reader	Ida Leung	Lynda Boissey	Juana Lopez	Joe Garzetta
Acolyte	Steven Bryant, Ben Lacey	S. Bryant, M. Lacey, O. Swift	Bella Lucal	Samantha Muller
Chalice 1	Lynda Boissey	Sharon Schumacher	John Lacey	Ida Leung
Chalice 2	Jane Meigs	Barbara Rudy	Barbara Rudy	Lisa Lacey
Server 1				
Server 2				
Coffee Hour	Susan Quigley	The Thompson Family	Grace Latino Outreach	The Rudy Family
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<u>Readings</u>				
First Reading	Acts 2:1-21	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)	Genesis 21:8-21
Psalms	Psalms 104:25-35, 37	Psalms 8	Psalms 116:1, 10-17	Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Romans 5:1-8	Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel	John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-2	Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)	Matthew 10:24-39



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	<u>July 2</u>	<u>July 9</u>	<u>July 16</u>	<u>July 23</u>	<u>July 30</u>
<u>8:00 am Service</u>					
Usher	Kyle Van De Water	Bruce McGilvray	Maurice Neville	Jean Hayes	Betty Rae Nittiskie
Reader	Beth Willis	Kathryn Calame	Valerie La Robardier	Joan McGilvay	Kathryn Calame
Chalice	Nanci Kryzak	Joan McGilvray	Beth Willis	Brenda de Martine	Valerie La Robardier
Coffee Hour	Jean Hayes & Hollie Sturges	Betty Rae Nittiskie	Brenda de Martine	Cathy Shanks	Karen Whitton
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<u>10:00 am Service</u>					
Usher 1	<i>To be determined</i>				
Usher 2					
Reader					
Acolyte					
Chalice 1					
Chalice 2					
Server 1					
Server 2					
Coffee Hour					
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<u>Readings</u>					
First Reading	Genesis 22:1-14	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 28:10-19a	Genesis 29:15-28
Psalms	Psalms 13	Psalms 45: 11-18	Psalms 119:105-112	Psalms 139: 1-11, 22-23	Psalms 105:1-11, 45b
Epistle	Romans 6:12-23	Romans 7:15-25a	Romans 8:1-11	Romans 8:12-25	Romans 8:26-39
Gospel	Matthew 10:40-42	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52