

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m. 6 September 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary**Toccata**, F 3.05
Girolamo Frescobaldi

God is love (*Stand*) **Hymn 379**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*
The Celebrant continues

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 **Come, all you people**
Uyai Mose

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker! (*3 times*)
Come now and worship the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as
you always resist the proud who confide in their own
strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of
your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. *Amen.*

Children’s Chapel

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel
for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.*

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel;
whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them
warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you
shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to
turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but
their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the
wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their
ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have
saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have
said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we
waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to
them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the
death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways
and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will
you die, O house of Israel? *[Ezekiel 33:7-11]*

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

Psalm 119:33-40 (*Prayed responsively by half verse*)

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the
one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The
commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall
not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any
other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your

neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the
moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to
us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone,
the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and
put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day,
not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and
licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on
the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to
gratify its desires. *[Romans 13:8-14]*

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

Lord, make us servants (*Stand*)..... **Hymn 593**

The Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against
you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If
the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if
you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so
that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or
three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to
the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the
church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in
heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about
anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.
For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there
among them.” *[Matthew 18:15-20]*

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (*Stand*) **BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People (*Kneel*)

At the end of each petition
Leader We are gathered in your name;
People accept our prayers.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Confession & Absolution **BCP 360**

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....*Draw us in the Spirit's tether*
Harold Friedell

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand).....Hymn 380, v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Sanctus (Sung by all).....*Land of Rest*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.
sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

The Lord’s Prayer..... BCP 364

Fraction (Sung by all)

Sung three times



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



1, 2 have mer-cy on us. **3** Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Motet..... *Ubi caritas*
Maurice Duruflé

Communion Hymns.....336, 554, 406

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 365

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this
Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that
those to whom you go may share with us in the
communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all
share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (Stand)Hymn 376

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Prelude in G, BWV 568
J. S. Bach

Tower Bells

*Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Michele Mewborn Shapley;
and by Rob, Lesley & Grace Proctor
in thanksgiving for William Eppes Proctor.*

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept and north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary
10:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Sanctuary
service is livestreamed

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Chapel
with Healing Prayer
5:30 p.m.....Choral Evensong Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to
praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Charley, Ray, Maryann, Rick & Kathy, Finley Higgins, Jim, Michael Gillman, Jimbo, Ira Gay, Gary Wayne, Nancy, Paula, Bruce, Jeff, Sherry Belskie, Zannah Lyle, Naomi, Jacqueline Heckel, William Irvine, Kelsey & Amelia Edwards, Monica, Ralph Turner

The Departed: Kirk Headley-Perdue, Michele Shapley

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; The Rev. Pierce Withers, Deacon; Michael Stewart-Meza, Postulant for Holy Orders