The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Ministry Fair Sunday

September 19, 2021 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (In-Person and Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube)



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

134 A. Division Avenue Grand Rapids MI 49503 www.stmarksgr.org www.facebook.com/stmarksgr

Welcome to St. Mark's

Welcome to historic St. Mark's, a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, please know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest book at either entrance to the Sanctuary and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card.

Health Safety: Everyone entering the St. Mark's Parish House, all parishioners and visitors, are asked to register with name and contact information, clearly printed. All adults and children, whether vaccinated or not, are be strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Everyone is asked to use sanitizer provided in several places in the Parish House foyer and also encouraged to sanitize at the time of leaving the building. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize prior to re-entering the Sanctuary. At the time of receiving Holy Communion at the communion rail, everyone is encouraged to maintain some distance unless with a family member. Your help and cooperation will be much appreciated. Please keep in your prayers those who are sick especially from COVID and ask God to be with them in their recovery. Peace, blessings and thanks. ~ Christian+

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Eucharist at 12:00 p.m.; Compline on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. The bulletin is identical for both Sunday Services with musical elements not included in the 8:00 a.m. Service.

The Breakfast Café, a program of our outreach ministry, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at meganth@stmarksgr.org.

Children at St. Mark's: St. Mark's provides many children's activities and opportunities and welcomes you to contact our Director of Children's Ministry, Laura Kozminski at laurak@stmarksgr.org for more information.

Junior and Senior High Youth: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have weekly formation gatherings during the school year and service and social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adults: We offer the *Education for Ministry* seminar during the program year, an *Inquirers' Class* for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one's faith and seasonal Wednesday or Sunday forums. Please, see Fr. Christian for more details. We also offer a Saturday book study for adults. For the book study, please contact Carmela McIntire at carmela0067@att.net.

A Note about Cell Phones: We ask that you turn off your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. Therefore consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Please, pick up an exit ticket from an Usher, a Greeter or at the Front Desk of the Parish House. Parking is free on Sunday only. A white ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.

The Gathering of the People

Prelude - Fantasia in A Minor

J.S. Bach

Introit - Let Us Bless the Lord of Heaven

Everett Titcomb

Lector I - Welcome

Gathering Hymn - Blue Hymnal No. 390: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Presider I Greeting

Presider I: † Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

People:

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.

The Confession of Sin

Presider I:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider I and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Presider I:

†Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People:

Amen.

Gloria to God



Collect of the Day (*Standing as able*)

Presider II: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider II: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture (Seated as able)

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Lector I: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Lector I: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54 – (8:00 a.m. Prayed by all; 10:30 a.m. Antiphon intoned by the choir and repeated by all)



1 Save me, O God, by your Name; * in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; * give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, * those who have no regard for God.

Antiphon

4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

Antiphon

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice * and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, * and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Antiphon

The Christian Scripture

Lector II: A Reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector II: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn - Blue Hymnal No. 692: I heard the voice of Jesus say

The Third Tune

James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8

The Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed (*Please note the language for the Spirit.*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made a man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. †We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (All remain standing as able)

Lector I: During this Season of Pentecost, we pray for the Church and the world. During the periods of silence, I invite you to offer additional prayers either silently or aloud and respond: "O God, hear us."

Lector II: O God, grant that the Christian Tradition throughout the world may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, give us genuine gratitude for the gifts you have given us at St. Mark's, that we may be faithful to you as stewards of your creation. Bless our ministries and all those who give of themselves that others might have life.

We pray: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; All bishops, priests and deacons and all who minister in God's Name especially here at St. Mark's. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: O God, guide our President, Governor, Mayor and all elected officials and give them a true understanding of the dignity of all people. Guide all the nations of the world in the ways of justice and peace.

We pray: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, we give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray for the celebrations and needs of those gathered here. (Silence to include individual thanksgiving.) We pray: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We remember those on our Parish Prayer List found in the bulletin, the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and all those for whom we have promised to pray. We especially remember those suffering from COVID and natural disasters of any kind. (Silence to include additional prayers)

We pray: O God, hear us.

Lector II: O God, we commend to your mercy all who have died that they may know your peace. We especially remember those who have died due to COVID and those who will die this day unloved or unattended. (Silence to include additional prayers)

We pray: O God, hear us.

Lector I: O God, hear these prayers, those spoken aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts.

Presider II: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

Presider II: May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider II: Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Announcements

Prayer of Blessing and Thanksgiving for Laura Kozminski

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Music - Sing to the Lord

Alice Parker

Doxology (Standing as able: 8:00 a.m. prayed by all; 10:30 a.m. sung by all)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, O heavenly host;

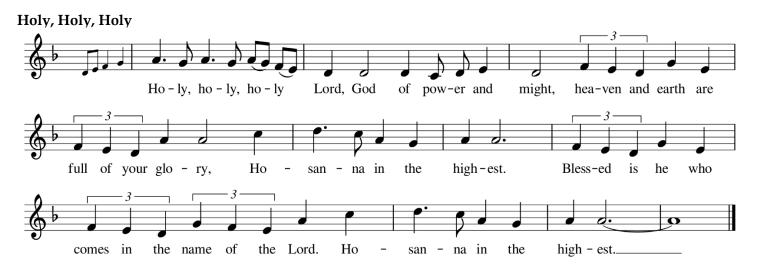
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken at 8 a.m., Sung or spoken at 10:30 a.m.)



Presider I: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



The people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues.

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 in 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do This for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider continues:

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 are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

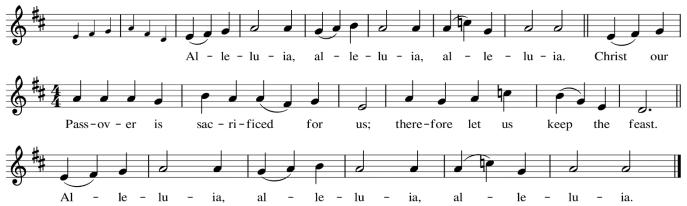
Presider: Please pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

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.

(Spanish)

Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo, danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia, perdona nuestras ofensas, como tambián nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, No nos deyes caer en la tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Presider: Please, be assured that those distributing the Sacrament have sanitized. Please, follow the ushers to receive the Eucharist at the communion rail by proceeding from right to left. Feel free to kneel or stand and remain socially distanced. Those in the north transept will receive Communion first. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest. All are welcome to the 'Table of the Lord'.

Instruction for Receiving Holy Communion and Following the Guide of the Ushers

All who seek a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Parent(s), please feel free to make a decision for your child. Please, follow the lead of the Ushers to receive the Sacrament, extend your hands, or place them over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn - Blue Hymnal No. 309: O Food to pilgrims given

Post-Communion Prayer (Standing as able)

Presider II: Let us pray.

People: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing

Presider I: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the +Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.** (1 Thessalonians 5:13-22)

Hymn of Sending Forth - Blue Hymnal No. 541: Come, labor on

Ora Labora

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude - Fugue in A Minor

Bach

You are invited to participate in the tradition at St. Mark's to remain seated until all the candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended, fitting ways to conclude our worship together. Thank you.

Please, join us for fellowship and conversation, as our celebrations continue on the patio of the parish house. A reminder that when the Rector preaches, his homily is available on the Resource Tables of the Church. Please, feel free to take a copy for further reflection. All homilies are video-taped and can be found at www.stmarksgr.org at the Media tab and on YouTube at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Announcements in Detail: Please see eNews in your emails and on the Parish website at www.stmarksgr. org for information for many other opportunities for engagement, learning and service.

Ministry Fair Sunday, Today:

Please, join us today following the 10:30 Service to see the displays in the Parish Hall for opportunities to serve at St. Mark's. Representatives from various ministries will be present to answer any questions you might have about ministries at St. Mark's. We need you to volunteer!

Fall Picnic Sunday, September 26 (weather-related alternate October 3)

An annual fun event following the 10:30 Service returns this year with a picnic at St. Mark's. Grilling will take place on John Savara's grill. Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for the lawn. Only a few tables will be set-up inside. Hot dogs, burgers, chips and other items will be served outside. Please, pray for good weather and also consider volunteering to be of assistance. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk in the Foyer for this fun event.

Needed: Gently used business attire: In October, In the Image is hosting a Life Enrichment Fair with the goal "Dress for Success" - helping those trying to enter the workforce with appropriate clothing for job interviews and work. If you have clean suits, dress shirts, blouses or dress slacks you could donate, you can drop them off at In The Image, 4255 Kalamazoo Ave SE or call Nancy or Michael Dodge at 616-245-7492 to arrange pick up or an exchange on Sundays at church. Also feel free to call Nancy or Michael if you have questions.

Helping Our Neighbors, October 2: Cold weather is coming and there is a need for warm hats and gloves among our guests and neighbors at St. Mark's weekly Breakfast Cafe. The Outreach Ministry hopes to provide 80 pairs of hats and gloves to our Breakfast Cafe guests on Saturday, October 2. Please consider contributing to this effort by bringing new or gently used winter hats and gloves to church and placing them in the collection bin in the north transept. Donations to purchase these items will also be gratefully accepted. Checks should be made to St. Marks with "Oct. 2 Outreach" on the memo line.

Flowers for Sunday Services: Flowers beautify the sacred spaces of our church and are a gift to God and those who attend. If you wish to honor or remember a loved one or acknowledge an Anniversary by donating flowers, you may pick up a form on the welcome desk and return it to the church office. There is also a signup sheet so that you may pick a Sunday Service for your donation.

Blessing of Animals, Sunday October 3: There will be a special blessing of pets at both Services in thanksgiving for the gifts pets are as our companions in life.

Supporting Degage Ministries, October 7: You're invited to a Farm to Table Dinner at the Fulton Street Market to support Degage' Ministries. Degage' Ministries is a major outreach partner with St. Mark's. They are finishing a capital campaign to build a new addition to allow shelter space for women with young children, expand their meal service and workforce development trainings. Join the event hosts: Tom & Judy Freeman Walker and Kyle & Win Irwin, for Breaking Bread, an amazing gourmet meal prepared by 5 local chefs at the Fulton Street Market on Thursday, October 7th from 6:00-9:00pm. Each course of this meal will feature wine pairings by Amy Ruis of Aperitivo and Art of the Table. Tickets are \$100 per person for this memorable experience. You can register at: <a href="majority-given:

Anniversary Worship and Dinner Celebration, October 17

Please plan to be with your family of faith on October 17 for Worship and at the Kent Country Club from 5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the celebration of 185 years of life together. At the 10:30, Mayor Bliss will join us to deliver a proclamation on behalf of the City of Grand Rapids. The costs for the tickets will cover the food, the service and the gratuity for the servers. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$5 for children. Cocktail (non-alcoholic and alcoholic) time will be from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the program and dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required in advance.

~ The 185 Anniversary Celebration Committee

Prayer requests:

Sam Bateman The Bedford Family Leandro Binuya Chuck Bocskey Sallie Bowie Cathy Capogna Christine DeGroot Catherine Frerichs Santa Garcia Heinemann Shawn Jones Jennifer Julius John and Paul Lavigne Sarah McIntire Jean McCormick Ally Nichols John Oatley Aila Olivia The Polanski Family David Pyles JoEllen Schneider Dale Van Kley

Our homebound parishioners: Irene Haizman Shari Takus Margarett Tanase Jean Zylstra Sue Allen Gertrude DeAguire Nita and Chuck DeGraaf Iohn Gracki Larry Manglitz Irene Savara Shirley VanDerBos Roma Warmington

Those in the Military Service LTC Timothy Brower Sr. USA Col Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC Lt. Col. Todd Murray, USAF 1/Sgt Deidre Piechocki, USA

Offertory and Ways to Give to St. Mark's Episcopal Church

- 1.) Place check or cash in the offering plate
- 2.) Electronic Giving (email Pam for form see the attachment in our e-news)
- 3.) Give+ Mobile App from any mobile device
- 4.) Pay by text text 616-205-9714 from your phone and send in a payment
- 5.) Mobil App Square cash Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: cash.me/\$stmarksg
- 6.) Mail in a check to the church
- 7.) Online at our website at www.stmarksgr.org through PayPal



Sustaining St. Mark's Ministry in 2021

The total budget for 2021 is \$654,938, which requires an estimated \$12,595 income per week. The total pledged amount for 2021 is \$480,746.

Last week, we received \$7,107 in pledges and offerings. That amount included pledges paid by mail, online through Give Plus, PayPal, and regular giving.

Weekly:	Total Weekly Contributions Needed: Total Weekly Contributions Received this past week: Total Weekly Endowment Operating Allocation Difference:	\$ 12,595 \$ 7,107 <u>\$ 1,880</u> \$ 3,608 (Shortfall)
Year to D	ate (YTD): Total Contributions Needed YTD:	\$466 015

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Total Contributions & Pledges Received YTD:	\$497,089
Total Operating Expenses YTD:	\$397,729
Current YTD:	\$ 99,360

Thank you for maintaining your pledge and giving whether pledged or not.

Pam Stevenson, St. Mark's Finance Manager

St. Mark's Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Rector The Rev. Susan York, Priest Associate The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon

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