

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
*Serving our community, the world, and each other
through the love of Jesus Christ.*

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Welcome! We are a diverse community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us, strengthened, nurtured, and guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some of us were received into it as adults, and some of us are discovering it for the first time. We come from various occupations, family configurations, educational backgrounds, interests, and talents. We have found hospitality here, and invite you to join us.

Our religious tradition is best known for the beauty of its Anglican music and liturgy. Contemporary issues are tested by the standards of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. The conscience of the individual is highly respected, and corporate worship is the means by which Christ shapes our moral values, nurtures and guides our spiritual formation, shapes the character and community of the faithful, and equips us for mission and ministry. If you are not currently active in another congregation, please accept this invitation to worship with us, and to make our church your own.

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10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Hymn 3

Now that daylight fills the sky

Cantionale Germanicum

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

LEVAS 243

Gloria in excelsis

Haywood

The Collect

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

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.**

The Lessons

Romans 13:8-14

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 33 Teach me, O God, 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 com | mandments, *
for that is my de | sire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your de | crees *
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 com | mandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my | life.

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All stand in body or spirit

Hymn 576 vss. 1-2

God is love, and where true love is

Mandatum

Matthew 18:15-20

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 576 v. 3

God is love, and where true love is

Mandatum

Sermon

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito

The Nicene Creed

(Note that in Greek the word for "believe" is the same as the word for "trust")

**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 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 he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Summer 2026 Prayers of the People

Adapted from Education for Ministry collects composed for the Lincoln Emancipation Statue, for Prophecy, for the poem "Desiderata", for Service to Others, and for a "Voila Moment" of confession and forgiveness

God, we affirm that you created and love us and that we are created to be free and equal.
We know that we must put our trust in you and care for one another to break the bonds of oppression.

We wonder if our efforts can be fruitful. And we doubt that we can accomplish these things without your guidance.

So we pray for the possibility of freedom and equality for all humans.

Because our longing is to be all together with you.

Silence

God, we affirm we live in an ever-changing world.

We know that we must listen to your eternal word.

We wonder at the prophets who discern the truth. And we doubt that we will always recognize their message.

So we pray for the possibility of right understanding.

Because our longing is to recognize the truth and bring about your peace on earth.

Silence

God, we wonder whether we can fully understand others' perspectives,
and we doubt that we're patient enough to hear your still, small voice.

So we pray for the possibility of listening to everyone with our hearts.

Because our longing is for universal understanding.

Silence

God, we affirm that when we serve others we serve you. We know that we must serve one another as we would ourselves.

We wonder at the fulfillment we receive from service.

And we doubt that we can be aware of everyone who needs us. So we pray for the possibility of having our eyes opened to needs.

Because our longing is to serve as Jesus served.

Silence

Holy Comforter in our sorrows, we remember those who have died, who we love but see no longer – and we seek to honor them in how we live our lives today. We especially remember Larry Stark, Oliver Fortune, Marybeth Kennedy, James Welch, Eric Moe, Robert (Bob) Sullivan, and Kathryn (Kathy) Wiley. Are there others?

God of Resurrection, we lift up our prayers for Jack, Sharon, Kathleen, Eileen, Arlie (family of Theresa), Sarah and Chris (friends of Leigh), and Iglesia San Juan Bautista. Are there others?

Silence

God, we affirm that forgiveness is available to everyone, including ourselves. We know that we must support those who are struggling to correct their mistakes and take a deep breath when we make our own.

We wonder at your love and forgiveness.

And we doubt the readiness of our own love and forgiveness. So we pray for the possibility of accepting and offering forgiveness because we all make mistakes.

And our longing is to be more like you.

The officiant reads the concluding Collect, written by the Education for Ministry Class as they reflected on the Singing of Angels: something that is breathtakingly beautiful.

God, we affirm the beauty of your creation.

We know that we must listen to your voice in the songs of the angels.

We wonder what it's like to sing in the heavenly choir and join our voices with the angels.

And we doubt that we're worthy.

So we pray for the possibility of becoming our best selves in your eyes.

Because our longing is to be your faithful servants on earth and join you in Heaven.

Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries

All those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are invited to be recognized.

Watch over your *child/children* [____], O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants [____ and ____ etc], that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Table

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory LEVAS 88, 97 *My faith looks up to thee/Ride on, King Jesus* Mason, Brinson

Doxology 380 v. 3 *Praise to God* Old 100

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP pg. 369

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of
glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed
your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People and Celebrant

Music by Colin Brumby

4 *mf*

Our Fath-er which art in heav'n. Hal-low-ed be thy name.

9 Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth, As it is in hea-

17 ven. Give us this day our dail-y bread. And for-give us our tress-pass-es,

25 As we for-give, for-give them that tre-pass a-gainst us.

33 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion: But de-li-ver us from e-

41 vil: For thine is the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry, For e-ver and e-

48 ver. A - - - - - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

LEVAS 74
Hymn 593 vss. 1-4

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love
Lord, make us servants of your peace*

*Ghana Folk Song
Dickinson College*

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we heartily thank you that you do feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and you do assure us thereby of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are indeed members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 674 vss. 1-3

Forgive our sins, as we forgive

Detroit

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.



Shrine Mont Retreat: October 2nd-4th, 2026

Registration Deadline: September 1st.

The Rev. Bruce Stewart is leading our Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont this year,
focused on the theme of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*.

Join for our weekend exploration of Narnia as we revisit the imaginative world C.S. Lewis.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and have also been distributed via email.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 6

10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>followed by Coffee Hour</i>
4:30 PM	FACETS – Richardson Room
5:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

10:00 AM	Serenity Seekers Al-Anon – Richardson Room (until 11 AM)
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Tuesday, September 8

10:00 AM	WOSB Business Meeting – Richardson Room
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Wednesday, September 9

10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship – Library
8:30 PM	AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room

Thursday, September 9

10:00 AM	Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
6:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)

Friday, September 10

7:00 PM	Reiki Friends – Richardson Room
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Sunday, September 13

Sunday School Starts

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>followed by Coffee Hour</i>
4:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Participants in the services today are:

10:00 a.m.

Acolytes	TBD
Lectors	Cindy McLaughlin, Ellen Riddle
Chalicians	Cindy McLaughlin, Ellen Riddle
Usher	PJ Kennedy
Coffee Hour Hosts	Lisa Verstandig, Laura Strange
Flower Guild	Lisa Verstandig
Flower Delivery	Kathleen Stark
Counters	Meagan Morisson-Crabill, Sam Batten
Caritas	Kathleen Stark
Altar Guild	Molly Newling, Maria Bottlick, Linda Hartman

Participants in the services on September 13 are:

8:00 a.m.

Vestry Leader/Closer	TBD
Acolyte	Theresa Merchant
Lector	Dave Wright, Theresa Merchant
Chalician	Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger
Opener	Wendy Williams

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes	TBD
Lectors	Hugh Agnew, Molly Newling
Chalicians	Michael Dugger, Beth Harper
Usher	Robin Erskine
Coffee Hour Hosts	Margot Donnelley, Camille Mittelholtz
Flower Guild	Lisa Verstandig
Flower Delivery	Kathleen Stark
Counters	Katie Westerlund, Ed Ing
Caritas	Kathy Schaefer
Altar Guild	Jocelyn Leatherwood, Kristen Anderson, Theresa Merchant

Land Acknowledgement

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Piscataway Conoy Nation, whose land we now occupy in this region that was once their home, and that was taken from them. We give thanks for them and their care for this land. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we are charged with stewardship of the Earth, and are all members of our Creator's family. We ask God to help us learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.