

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 13, 2026 – 10:15 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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10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Prelude

Hymn 427 vss. 4-5

*When Morning Gilds the Sky*

*Laudes Dominum*

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Hymn S-278

*Gloria in excelsis*

Mathias

The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 103:8-13

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



- 8 You are full of compassion and | mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great | kindness.
- 9 You will not always a | ccuse us, \*  
nor will you keep your anger for | ever.
- 10 You have not dealt with us according to our | sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our | wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the | earth, \*  
so is your mercy great upon those who | fear you.
- 12 As far as the east is from the | west, \*  
so far have you removed our | sins from us.
- 13 As a parent cares for a | child, \*  
so do you care for those who | fear you.

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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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 674 v. 3

*Forgive our sins as we forgive*

*Detroit*

Matthew 18:21-35

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 674 v. 4

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*Detroit*

Sermon

Ms. Debora Okoth, Seminarian

## 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People** *by Debora Okoth, Seminarian*

Gracious Father, we pray for the Universal Church; we pray for St. Barnabas', and for all its members and its mission; equip your people for the work you've called them to do, and let the gospel go forth with power, in word and in deed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

God of justice and peace, we pray for the leaders of the nations and all peoples of the earth. Grant them wisdom to govern with integrity, that peace and justice may prevail, and your people may live in harmony.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, we pray for the welfare of the world, for places torn by war, poverty, and disaster. Comfort the displaced, feed the hungry, and bring an end to violence and oppression. Pour out your Spirit on a world in need of hope, and use your people as agents of your peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Father, we lift up our community before you. Bless our schools, our neighbors, and those who serve this community. Where there is need, provide; where there is brokenness, restore. Help us be a light and a help for the community.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, we pray for those who are sick, the weak, the despairing, all who suffer and those in any trouble. May they find health, peace and everlasting grace in you.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Our Father in Heaven we bring before you all those in particular need Jack, Sharon, Kathleen, Eileen, Arlie (family of Theresa), Sarah and Chris (friends of Leigh), and Iglesia San Juan Bautista. Please name others on your heart, either silently or aloud.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Our Father in Heaven, we give thanks for all our forebears who have gone on to glory, and for the wisdom and goodness that they passed down to us during their earthly pilgrimage. We especially remember Larry Stark, Oliver Fortune, Marybeth Kennedy, James Welch, Eric Moe, Robert (Bob) Sullivan, and Kathryn (Kathy) Wiley. Please name any others on your heart, either silently or aloud.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The officiant offers the concluding Collect*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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

*Like a River that Runs to the Ocean*

M. Jostyn

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 1

*Enriching Our Worship*

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*

It is truly right, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all-holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy,  
because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and  
death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that  
when he shall come again in power and great triumph to  
judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to  
behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels  
and with the faithful of every generation,  
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S-128

Mathias

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.  
You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.  
But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,  
and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.  
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.  
Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your children,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Blessed Barnabas, and all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

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 60  
Hymn 571 vss. 1-3

*How Great Thou Art*  
*Come, Labor On*

*Swedish Folk Melody*  
*Ora labora*

*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

LEVAS 144

*I Can Hear My Savior Calling*

Norris

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

## CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13     *Sunday School Starts*  
                                  8:00 AM     Holy Eucharist  
                                  9:30 AM     Sunday School  
                                  10:15 AM     Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*  
                                  2:00 PM     Vietnamese Language School – Education Wing  
                                  4:30 PM     Ryder’s Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)  
                                  5:30 PM     Ladies’ Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Monday, September 14  
                                  1:00 PM     Celebration of Life for Ann Collins

Tuesday, September 15  
                                  10:00 AM     Barnabees Craft Group – Richardson Room

Wednesday, September 16  
                                  10:00 AM     Wednesday Worship – Library  
                                  8:30 PM     AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room

Thursday, September 17  
                                  10:00 AM     Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)  
                                  6:30 PM     Ryder’s Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)

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**Participants in the services today are:**

**8:00 a.m.**

Vestry Leader/Closer  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalicerist  
Opener

TBD  
Theresa Merchant  
Dave Wright, Theresa Merchant  
Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger  
Wendy Williams

**10:15 a.m.**

Acolytes  
Lectors  
Chalicerists  
Usher  
Coffee Hour Hosts  
Flower Guild  
Flower Delivery  
Counters  
Caritas  
Altar Guild

TBD  
Hugh Agnew, Molly Newling  
Michael Dugger, Beth Harper  
Robin Erskine  
Beth Harper, Molly Newling  
Nancy MacLachlan  
Ellen Riddle  
Katie Westerlund, Ed Ing  
Kathy Schaefer  
Jocelyn Leatherwood, Kristen Anderson, Theresa Merchant

**Participants in the services on September 20 are:**

**8:00 a.m.**

Vestry Leader/Closer  
Acolyte  
Lector  
Chalicerist

TBD  
TBD  
Michael Dugger, Theresa Merchant  
Theresa Merchant, Cindy McLaughlin

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Usher  
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Camille Mittelholtz, Hugh Agnew  
Michael Dugger, Cindy McLaughlin  
Tim Greer  
Nancy and Keith Peyton, Linda Hartman  
Margot Donnelly  
Hugh Agnew  
Robin Erskine  
Beth Harper  
Mary Yeaman, Sharon Jones, Maria Bottlick

**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.*