St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Shippensburg, PA



A Service of Prayer, Remembrance, Hope As we commemorate the 20^{th} Anniversary of 9/11/01

September 12, 2021 10 a.m. WORSHIP

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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We are an inclusive and welcoming community of believers in Christ Our Savior and are committed to sharing God's unconditional love with all.

Dear Friends,

We welcome you today, whether you have been here many times, or this is your first time worshiping with us. We hope that each one of you feels the draw of God, pulling you deeper into the mystery and communion with Christ, which we experience through our shared worship, prayer, song, silence, and community.

We gather in the quiet and beauty of our sanctuary as a people of faith: to pray, to offer thanksgiving for the healing grace of Christ, to allow the Spirit to usher our hearts and souls from darkness into light, to proclaim that love is stronger than hate, to witness to the new life possible to us through the mercy and grace of God, and to be a community dedicated to Jesus' mission of reconciliation and healing.

We begin our service today as we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of September 11, 2001. We remember all who died and the families who loved them. We open our hearts to God's peace which passes all understanding, so we may go forward as the people bringing about God's dream of a reconciled world by our love for one another.

We then come together in the Great Thanksgiving, offering ourselves, souls, and bodies to the mercy and grace of God through our shared Holy Communion. All are invited to come forward to receive this holy sacrament, for this is the Lord's table and all are welcome. If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than the sacrament, please come forward and I will offer God's blessing for you. We invite you to stand or kneel at the altar rail, receive the consecrated bread and wine, and then place your small cup in the basket near the pews.

We are so very grateful that you are here with us today. Welcome. In Christ's love, Mother Barbara

RINGING OF THE BELL, Gathering us into Community PRELUDE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS RINGING OF THE TOLLING BELL, Drawing Us Into Worship OPENING HYMN LEVAS #54 Nearer, My God, to thee



THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

OUR PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

CelebrantGracious and merciful God, we remember the terrible acts against humanity
that the world has suffered and especially those in our country on this day
twenty years ago. We pray for the innocent victims and their families. We pray
also that those whose hearts are filled with hate might be turned toward love.
Help us not to speak or act rashly but fill our hearts with passion for those in
need and strengthen our wills that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk
humbly before you.

People Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Pie Jesu by Gabriel Fauvre

Lisa Turchi, vocalist Kevin Gorman, pianist

A LITANY OF PEACE

 Celebrant O God, You have called us to peace, for You are peace itself. May we have the vision to see that each of us, in some measure, can help to realize your dream.
Celebrant Where there is ignorance and superstition, People Let there be enlightenment and knowledge.
Celebrant Where there is prejudice and hatred,

People	Let there be acceptance and love.	
	Antiphon	
Celebrant People	Where there is fear and suspicion, Let there be confidence and trust.	
Celebrant People	Where there is tyranny and oppression, Let there be freedom and justice.	
	Antiphon	
Celebrant People	Where there is poverty and disease, Let there be prosperity and health.	
Celebrant People	Where there is strife and discord, Let there be harmony and peace.	
	Antiphon	
Celebrant	Eternal God of all peoples and races, you made us in your image: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us, unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion so that the day will come when all humanity will recognize that it is one family, and serve you in harmony and peace.	
People	Amen.	

THE FIRST READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5-9-21 (Prayed responsively by whole verse.)

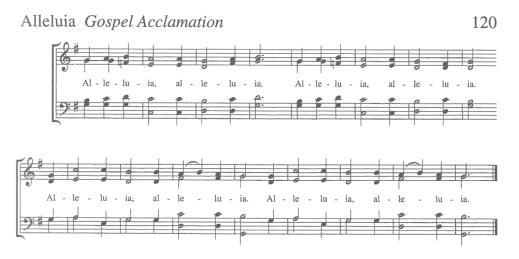
Lector People	In You, Beloved, I would make my home; Though I be humiliated with guilt, Your mercy and forgiveness will deliver me! The Lord has shown me the wonders of his love.
Lector	Hear me and hasten to my assistance! For You are my strength and have the power to raise me up!
People	The Lord has shown me the wonders of his love.
Lector	Yes, You are strength and truth to me; You are my teacher, my guide; the Fire of your abiding Love Cleanses my heart;
People	The Lord has shown me the wonders of his love.
Lector	Loosen the webs that entangle me, that veil my love for You.
People	The Lord has shown me the wonders of his love.
Lector	Into your Heart I comment my soul. You have redeemed me, O Love. O ever Faithful One.

THE SECOND READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:2-12a

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

Celebrant	The Gospel of our Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please be seated.)

THE SERMON

Time of Silence

THE NICENE CREED

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, with music

Leader	Almighty God, you spoke and your words brought endless worlds into existence.
Leader	Remind us that our words and our lives matter. May our words and actions partner with each other in your holy purpose.
People	Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Mother Barbara

BCP #358

Leader People	Empower the body of Christ to speak your truth to the world. Let our words and our actions be both simple and powerful, kind, and gentle. Bless our leadership with language to encourage your people to deepen their relationship with you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer .
Leader	Speak peace to the hearts of the world's leaders. Let their words and actions be those of integrity. Bless the children of all ages and all nations with a future that reflects your justice and loving-kindness. Give you people the courage to speak up for those who have no voice in this world.
People	Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Leader	Whisper words of hope and healing to the hearts of those who are ill or anxious and struggle with themselves or with their families. We pray for wholeness for Sally, Brooke, Gary Lewis, Damien, Berta, Samantha, Rachel and Joshua, Sophia, Nan, Betsey, Jan, Tom, Sharon, Annie, and Phil, Tabby Lewis, Frank, Brandon, Susan, Kelly Ann, Gardner Lane, Robbie, Jean, Rick, Susie, the family of Starr Ariola, Kathy, Ellen, Eugene, Sue, Lloyd Spooner and Andrew Szabat, Jack & Linda Horner, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Tony Yancoskie, Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Susan and Robert Glick, Chuck Bloom, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, and Brian Helman, and for those who care for them. We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Brooke Callaway, Andrew Harkins, Caleb and Kelley Reeder, Kyle Hubert, and Brent Welch.
People	Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Leader	We pray for those who have recently died, and remember all those who died during the violent attack on September 11, 2001, and we pray for those who mourn their loss. When words fall short, let our presence reflect your love for them in their grief.
People	Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Leader	May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts always be
People	acceptable to you, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Leader People	We come before you, O God, saying, Bless us and keep us close. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

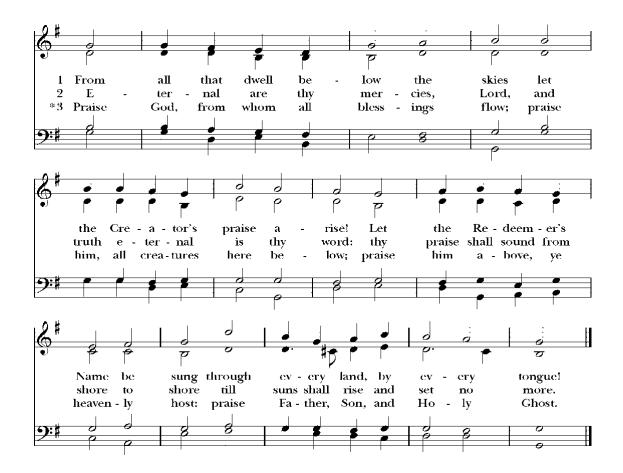
CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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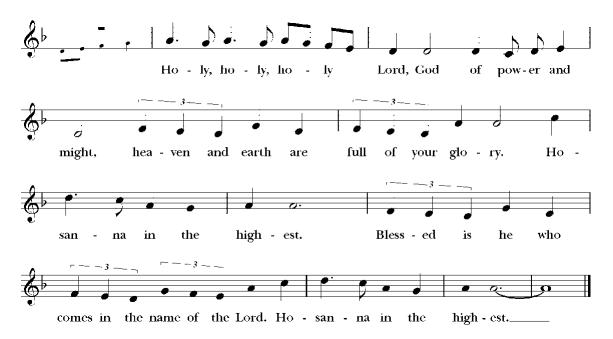
OUR SHARED COMMUNION

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS 1982 Hymnal S-129



Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 for 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.

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 is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

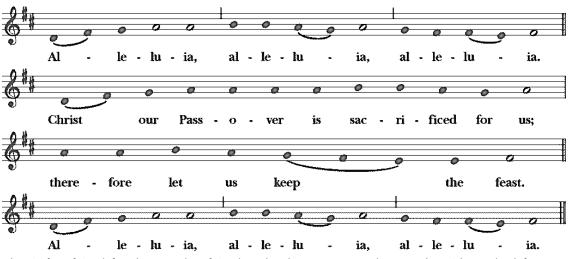
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A time of silence is held in this holiest of moments, when the bread is broken so we may all receive.



FRACTION ANTHEM 1982 Hymnal S-154

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

To receive communion during this time of special safety precautions, we ask that as you come forward to receive, you sanitize your hands with the sanitizer near the steps. As you approach the altar rail, please leave adequate distance between you and others who aren't in your particular safety zone (such as family members or close friends that you see often). Mother Barbara will place the consecrated host in your hand. Someone then will bring along a tray with individual communion cups. Please take one, from the outside of the tray to avoid touching cups others will drink from. A Chalice Bearer will pour wine from the "one cup" into your individual cup for you to consume. Please linger at the altar rail and soak up the wholeness and goodness offered to us by communion with Christ. As you leave the altar area, we ask you then to place your cup in the basket which is on a small table in the area right by the altar rail.

HEALING PRAYERS

You are invited to come forward to receive healing prayers and anointing so that you may experience the grace and healing presence of our Risen Christ. Please come forward to receive communion, and before returning to your seat, please sit in the pews in the chancel (the area near the altar rail) and when all have receive communion, you will be invited forward to the altar rail to receive prayers and anointing, if you so desire.

COMMUNION MUSIC LEVAS #154 Taste and See

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray,

PeopleLord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty: the God who created us, the God who liberates us, and the God who stays with us throughout eternity, be with you this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING MUSICAL HYMN Let there be peace on earth

This hymn will be sung first by our vocalist, Lisa Turchi, and then the congregation will sing the hymn.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH (Let It Begin With Me)

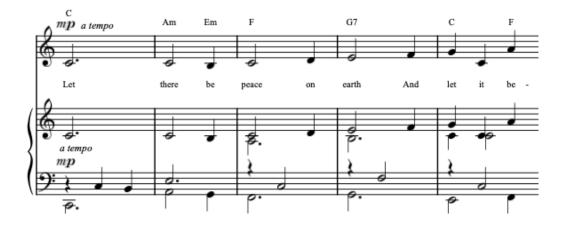
Let There Be Peace On Earth has become the peace song that is sung all around the world. It is a truly non-denominational song of inspiration which can be heard in schools and places of worship throughout the U.S.A. and beyond.

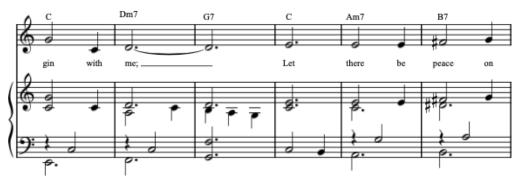
Arr. JOHN BRIMHALL

Words and Music by SY MILLER and JILL JACKSON







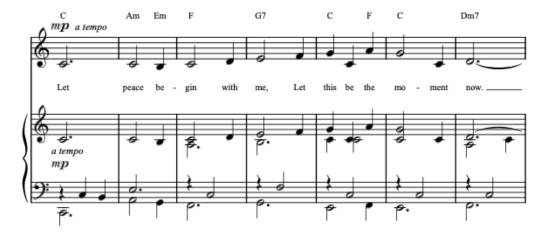




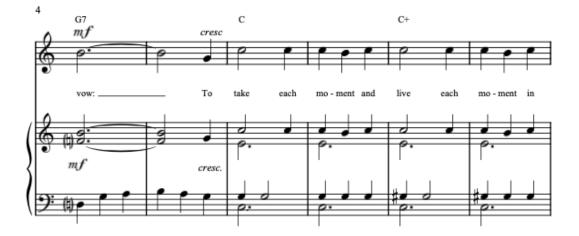




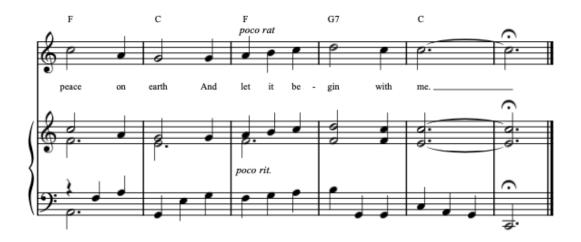












THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant 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; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher	Mother Barbara
Verger	Mike Stitt
Musician	Kevin Gorman
Greeters	Julianne and Dan Swab
Crucifer	Andi Swab
Gospel Book Bearer	George Swab
Chalice Assistant	Jeanine Goodwin
Lectors	Donna Harpster
	Gary Murrell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR WEARING A FACE MASK. You protect others when you wear a face mask and this is a very concrete and effective way for you to show your love to others, especially those who may be more vulnerable than you might be. Our Diocesan guidelines recommend we wear face masks when indoors, whether you have been vaccinated or not. The COVID numbers have been increasing and we are certainly reaching the point where it may be likely that in-person worship will be suspended again. If that happens, first, please know you will remain in my heart and daily prayers for whatever time there may be before we gather safely in-person; and second, we will resume a weekly pre-recorded worship service, and third, I will again offer the Extended Table Service, where individuals or small groups may come to worship at an appointed time, with disinfecting happening between worshippers. And always, if you are comfortable with me coming into your home, I am very happy to bring communion to you. I have received two doses of the Moderna COVID vaccine and I will get my third shot on 10/11. My prayer for your safety fills my hearts daily. With love, Mother Barbara

HEALING PRAYERS ARE OFFERED EACH SUNDAY. If you are in need of healing prayers in heart, mind, body, and soul, for yourself or someone on your heart, please come forward to receive healing prayers during the Holy Eucharist. After you receive communion, please sit in the pews near the altar rail until all have received communion, and then Canon Streeter will invite you to come back to the altar rail to receive prayers and anointing, if you so desire.

COMMUNITY CARES: MORE THAN SHELTER

Thank you for your generous donations of toys, books, and art supplies. Your contributions will make the children very happy! The families have begun to move into the shelter. Please hold these people and this ministry of new life in your prayers. If you would like to volunteer at the shelter, please email info@morethanshelter.org.

COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM We offer a homecooked meal to our neighbors in need three Mondays each month. This past week, we served 75 meals! It is a gift and joy to be able to be a part of our caring community that offers of themselves what is needed to make other people's lives better and to make the love of God known in real and concrete ways. If you would like to join in this community meal program, please see Mike Stitt or Mother Barbara. We are always looking for people interested in being the hands and feet of Jesus in our world.

MEMORIAL SERVICES. The memorial service for Ivy Kraker will be on 9/27, at 12:00 p.m. here at St. Andrew's. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the life of an amazing woman who shaped our lives in so very many ways.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSISTENT GENEROSITY! We are so grateful for your continued and generous support of our mission and ministry. This year, of course, has presented some financial challenges, as for much of the year, we were not worshiping in person, and that

always effects the plate and some people's tithe giving. Many of you, however, have been so faithful in your support of what matters to you and how we are in the community, and we are so grateful. You will be receiving a contribution statement next week with your donations to date, with our heart-felt thanksgiving. If you haven't made a financial contribution to our parish ministries thus far this year, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish. We are happy to share with you the online giving option, if that would make your giving easier for you. As we imagine our fall stewardship campaign, we will want to share with you our financial situation and ask for your continued support as we begin to envision a new plan for mission and ministry, when we can expand our reach into our neighborhood and make a real difference in supporting the people who live around us.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively, and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

> Leadership Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan Rector The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson Parish Secretary Melanie Varner Church Musician Brian Helman Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman Head Verger Mike Stitt, FVGEC Verger Bill Gawors

> > Vestry Members

Christina Luo, Senior Warden Tom Briggs, Treasurer Susan Tyler, Secretary Brett Erickson Brooke Leininger Larry Shillock John Boyle Ken Dotson Steve Smith Kathy Varner

Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10 AM In-Person Worship Services Contemplative Worship Service – August 28th 10 a.m. Live Stream Services each Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. Recorded Services throughout the month

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