



Alma W. Thomas (1891–1978) / *Grandfather's House*, 1952
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The Order of Worship for The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022 † 10:30 AM

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Welcome to this festive day. Children and teachers are invited to place their backpacks around the altar prior to the start of the service to be picked up after the Blessing of the Backpacks.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Voluntary in A minor

Anonymous, 18th Century

Welcome

Hymn 412 Earth and all stars

Earth and All Stars

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and A minor. The first staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The lyrics are arranged in three columns corresponding to the staves. The first column contains stanzas 1 through 6. The second column contains stanzas 1 through 6. The third column contains stanzas 1 through 6. A 'Refrain' section follows, with lyrics 'He hath done mar - vel - ous things.' and 'I, too, will praise him with a new song!'

1 Earth and all stars, loud rush-ing plan - ets, sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow-ing snow- storms, sing to the
3 Trum-pet and pipes, loud clash-ing cym - bals, sing to the
4 En-gines and steel, loud pound-ing ham - mers, sing to the
5 Class-rooms and labs, loud boil-ing test - tubes, sing to the
6 Know-ledge and truth, loud sound-ing wis - dom, sing to the

1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic-to-ry,
2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,

1 loud shout-ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
2 loud rus-tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
3 loud hum-ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
4 loud build-ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
5 loud cheer-ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
6 loud pray-ing mem bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!

Refrain

He hath done mar - vel - ous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Celebrant Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *unison*

BCP 355

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.

Gloria

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a 'C') and G clef. The lyrics are as follows:

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;
Glo - ry to God; Praise to the
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.
Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

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The Collect of the Day

BCP 232

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Education

BCP 261

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are

like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *responsively by half verse*

BCP 746

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.”
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

On verse 1, children are invited to come forward and put on their backpacks for the blessing.

After verse 2, we will pray the blessing. On verse 3, children depart for Children's Chapel.

Hymn 605 What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

Sharpthorne



1 What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2 Ru - lers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern com-mands.
4 How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.

[1-3]



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Then just - ly; in mer - cy we'll (hum-bly walk with God.)

Final Ending



hum - bly walk with God.

Blessing of Backpacks

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for teachers, students, and staff who fill them each day. Thank you for this new school year, for the gift of learning, for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Bless your children, with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow. Guide them with your love as they learn to do good. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. **Amen.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 12:32-40

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner

of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed *unison*

BCP 358

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.

Prayers of the People *Form VI*

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our bishop; Victor, our companion bishop; Grace, our priest, our vestry and church staff, and for all bishops, clergy, and lay ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for St. Thomas parishioners Wesley, Glenn & Luis, Shannon, Linda, Kristie, Ralph, Raymond, Steve, Martha, and Ashley; and for our homebound members

Marianne, Murray, Judy, Jan, and Bill. We pray for friends of the parish the family of George Gordon, Jim, Susan, Tammy, Rita, Ben, Mary, Lisa, Laura, Alisha & Todd, Phoebe, and Teresa; for those who care for them, and for others we name at this time. *Silence.* Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Give thanks for the birthdays of Kristie, Cher, Penny, Colin, Sam, Vicky, Charlene, and Ella; and the anniversaries of Mitch & Allyson, and Paul & Ellen; and other blessings we name at this time. *Silence.* We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Shane, Charlotte, Lowell, Reginald, Clifford, Sandra, Joe, Charlie, and Darius. *Silence.* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

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 and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offering

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Instrumental Cello Suite No. 1 *Prelude, Courante, Gigue*

J. S. Bach

Dr. Joe Girard, *saxophone*

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer C*

BCP 369

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 our thanks and praise.**

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

from *Wonder, Love and Praise*

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major and common time. The top staff uses a treble clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. *Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, Bilhah, and Zilpah; 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.**

The Lord's Prayer unison

BCP 364

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

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 for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All the baptized from any denomination are invited to share in communion. You do not have to be an Episcopalian or a member of St. Thomas in order to receive. Come forward when the usher invites you. Stand or kneel at the altar rail. Hold out two hands to receive bread dipped in wine. Hold out one hand to receive bread only. As the second chalice passes, you may dip the bread in the chalice or drink from it as you wish. If you prefer not to receive communion but desire a blessing, come to the side of the altar where the priest is serving. Cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar on request. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, please let an usher know.

Music during Communion

Instrumental Prayer of St. Gregory

Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)

Dr. Joe Girard, saxophone

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All are seated.

Blessing of Students *Students stand*

Eternal God, loving parent of us all, bless these students as they begin the school-year. Support them in their successes and in their failures, in their joys and in their sorrows. As they grow in knowledge, may they grow in grace and wisdom, following the example of Jesus Christ, who was himself a student and teacher. **Amen.**

Blessing of Teachers and School Staff *Teachers and School Staff stand*

Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom, you have blessed these your servants with the joy and care of students: give them calm strength and patient wisdom. Fill their hearts with love for you, for their students, and for the truth they teach. Remind them daily that whatever they do for others, they do for you, and help them see the reward of their labors, through Christ our teacher and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of School Volunteers *School Volunteers stand*

Loving God, you call us to serve you by serving others. Thank you for these who respond to your call by volunteering in schools and ministries of education. Multiply their efforts like the mustard seed, that the love and care planted through their gifts of time may multiply into flourishing opportunity for all your children, in the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, doing good wherever you go, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Hymn 594 God of grace, and God of glory

Cym Rhondda

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary in G minor

Samuel Long (18th Century)

Join us outside for a time of fellowship. Be sure to pick up a backpack tag for yourself or to give to someone else.

Music Notes

We welcome Joe Girard for his first appearance at St Thomas. Dr. Girard is the professor of saxophone at Columbus State University. His is a musical family. He is married to Maureen Girard who teaches music at Double Churches Elementary School. Welcome, Joe!

In our prayers

St. Thomas parishioners: Wesley Nicolson, Glenn & Luis Vargas-LaFleur, Shannon Dunaway, Linda Harmon, Kristie Ridgeway, Ralph Wimberly, Raymond Campbell, Steve Scott, Martha Robert, Ashley Huie-Strong

Homebound members: Marianne Baxter, Murray Craig, Judy Harding, Jan Pittman, Bill Thomas

Those working in healthcare: Ansley McKnight (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Babs McKnight (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Alexa McKnight (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Liz Mathis (*Rick & Marquette McKnight*), Maddie Hanley, Stephen Van Roper (*Charlie & Betty Roper*), Rob Hosey (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Mona Austin (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Sean Austin (*Mary Jane Thomas*), Wendy Memmott (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Maggie Krawczyk (*Carlene Pawlowicz*), Alex Erickson, Hayley Walker, Nora Ngo, Henry Ngo, Elizabeth McCann Rickerson, Hannah Davenport, Maryann Rahm, Laura Perkins, Michael Dempsey, Monica Fortson, Tom Fortson, April Jacobs, Deborah Scribner, Ellen Richter (*Marianne Richter*), Andrea Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), James Fletcher (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Mary Jane Burton (*Grace Burton-Edwards*), Michael Chamberlain (*Patty Chamberlain*), Jordan (*Patty Chamberlain*), Colette Daniel (*Mike Edmondson*), Laura Stoltz, Susie Olive-Allison, Keisha Trent (*Barbara Billings*), Sandy Trent (*Barbara Billings*), Jennifer Stewart Collins (*Joe & Rolene Stewart*), Jolene Stewart (*Joe & Rolene Stewart*)

Friends of the parish: Family of George Gordon (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Jim O'Brian (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Susan O'Brian (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Tammy Ater (*Melissa James*), Rita Mahone (*Rebekah Kreyling*), Ben Feagle (*Pam & Frank Feagle*), Mary Robert (*Martha Robert*), Lisa (*Jenny Holder*), Laura Kirby (*Erin Redden*), Alisha & Todd Seeley (*Erin Redden*), Phoebe England (*Courtney England*), Teresa (*Jenny Holder*)

Those with continuing concerns: Mandy Ochoa, Donna Sharp, Henry Morrill, Jessica McComb, Esther Thomas, Joe Mills, Bill & Sandi Pauli, April Jacobs, Jana Speer, Amy Nurnberg, Carlene Pawlowicz, Debbie & Max Anderson, Art France, Lexy McRae (*Jennifer Fletcher*), Mark Jones (*Tanya Edwards-Jones*), Greg & Bonnie Feagle (*Pam Feagle*), Mike & Jill Venable (*Marquette McKnight*), Angela Tulloh (*Louise Tulloh*), Andrew Meyers (*Carole Hill*), Alex Watford (*Martha Robert*)

Those celebrating birthdays: Kristie Ridgeway 8/7, Cher Etchison 8/8, Penny Wise 8/9, Colin Young 8/9, Sam Harmon 8/10, Vicky Partin 8/10, Charlene Moore 8/11, Ella Nelson 8/11

Those celebrating anniversaries: Mitch & Allyson Grossman 8/8, Paul Dahlgren & Ellen Free 8/9

Soldiers and families at Ft. Benning and St. Thomas members and friends who are deployed: Fr. Edward Lowe, Logan Gorsuch, Stoney Portis, Nick Capo, Evans James

Those who have died: Shane Jolley 8/30/21, Charlotte DuPriest 9/10/21, Lowell Jergens 10/23/21, Reginald Jones 12/4/21, Clifford Swift 12/31/21, Sandra Wood 1/18/22, Joe Russell 2/21/22, Charlie McMahon 3/16/22, Darius Slusher 3/19/22

Announcements

August Wednesday Nights Kick-off a New School Year! Join us on Wednesdays in August for a series of intergenerational art activities in the style of Alma Thomas and to hear reports from summer travels and work at the church building. We welcome local FABArts artist Sietske Johnson who will guide us in this work! August 10 - Torn paper hanging piece & Kick-off to Ministry Signups for children, youth, and adults; August 17 - Circular weaving using recycled fabric & report from the St. Thomas Choir on their pilgrimage to Ireland; August 24 - Woven hanging for use on the altar & report from St. Thomas Youth on their time in Washington D.C. exploring our Baptismal Covenant; August 31 - Painted dots and dashes from recycled materials & facilities update. Quite a bit of work has been done to our facilities so far this year, and there is more to do!

Ministry Sign-ups: Wednesday, August 10 through Sunday, August 28. Everyone plays a part in creating our beautiful life of worship, learning, and service through St. Thomas. What part will you play in the coming year? Join us for our first Wednesday dinner on August 10 as we kick off our ministry sign ups. The online form goes live that night, with opportunities to sign up for classes, volunteer with outreach, serve in worship, and more. With each form submitted, we'll add a strand to a tapestry to use in worship when we dedicate ourselves to these ministries on Sunday, August 28. A printed form will be available for those needing it.

Wednesday Dinners: Beginning August 10 at 5:30! Wednesday meals begin on August 10. Meals will include bread and dessert. Gluten-free and vegan options available if requested. August 10: Roasted chicken or Portobello steaks (vegan), roasted carrots, garlic mashed potatoes; August 17: Chicken and wild rice casserole or mushroom and wild rice (vegan), green beans; August 24: Lemon pepper chicken or vegan stuffed peppers, beet pesto pasta, roasted cauliflower; August 31: Pork loin roast or veggie kababs (vegan), roasted potatoes, English peas. To help us plan adequately and reduce waste, reservations are required. Meals will be served on a “pay what you can” basis, with a suggested amount of \$7.50 per adult, \$5 per child, and \$25 per family. Pay online when you make your reservation. We want everyone to participate regardless of ability to pay. Sign up through our website at stthomascolumbus.org/Wednesday-Dinner. You can make a reservation and/or pay for one week up to one month at a time. Deadline for reservations is Monday at midnight.

Wednesday Eucharist: Beginning August 10 at 5:30pm. A simple Eucharist in the Chapel each Wednesday usually focuses on the saint of the day. Servers and readers are needed. This service ends in time to participate in Wednesday Night Dinner.

Wonderful Wednesdays Return! Episcokids (children 4 years old - 5th Grade) are invited to gather with Ms. Katie and Ms. Erin from 6:15-7:15 in the Outreach Center for activities that include art, music, games, stories and prayer. Activities in August are intergenerational with Alma Thomas-inspired art projects. Some work on these will be done as a children's class and some will be done with our families. Activities in September and October will focus on The Book of Common Prayer and how it guides children in worship, faith, and prayer.

Wonderful Wednesdays for Youth: 5:30-6:15 dinner, 6:15-7:15 activities. The St. Thommies are invited to the youth table at Wednesday night dinners for food and fellowship. After dinner, we will gather in the youth room or some other location for a chance to dive deeper into our faith and friendships.

Welcome Classes: August 21 & 28, September 11 & 18, 9:30 in the Parish Hall. For all who are new to St. Thomas and those who would like to learn more, join us on Sundays in the parish hall to learn about St. Thomas, the Episcopal Church, our worship, our values, and how to get involved. 8/21 - Who are we and how do we serve Introductions and a review of our ministry sign ups; 8/28 - Who are Episcopalians? History of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion; 9/11 - What do we value?; 9/18 - How do we worship? These classes serve as an orientation to life at St. Thomas and also prepare participants to be confirmed or received by our bishop later in the year. Sign up at stthomascolumbus.org/welcome-classes/ or with the church office.

Summer Sunday Adult Formation: 9:30-10:15am, in the library or on Zoom. This summer we focus on certain Prophets who are highlighted in the First Lessons each Sunday. If you need the Zoom link, contact denny@stthomascolumbus.org. Future sessions: August 7: Isaiah – Malinda Shamburger; August 14: Isaiah – Larry & Donna Dooley; August 21: Jeremiah – Maddie Redden; August 28: Jeremiah – Charlene Rallo

Back to School with Brewer Elementary: St. Thomas will be helping the students and staff at Brewer as they head back to school by collecting the following items: new backpacks, new lunch boxes, and bottled water. In conjunction with the St. Thomas seasonal theme exploring the art of Alma Thomas, we'll also be collecting art supplies for the Brewer Elementary students. The wish list includes Sargent tempera paint sticks, charcoal sticks, White Rain hairspray, sidewalk chalk, beads with string to make necklaces or bracelets, heavy drawing/painting paper and canvases. Drop items off at St. Thomas or contact Margo Easterbrook. If you're not a shopper, financial gifts can be designated for this. We also hope to resume Brewer Buddies reading tutors this fall.

Boxwood Soccer: Boxwood Soccer starts its 8th season of providing players with recreational soccer at no cost to them. East Carver Heights Community Development Corporation provides over 50 players with registration, uniforms, and equipment to

play games at Columbus Youth Soccer Club for ages 6-15. Financial gifts are needed to cover rising costs. \$100 will pay for a registration, \$50 will pay for cleats and shin guards. We always need donated water and any gently used soccer cleats. Practice begins on August 5th and games start after Labor Day.

Columbus Museum Exhibit Tours: *Everything is Beautiful*, a major exhibition of Columbus native Alma Thomas's work, is currently on display at the Columbus Museum. Alma Thomas was an art educator and working artist who developed a signature style of abstract expressionist painting. She was the first African-American woman to have a solo show at The Whitney Museum of American Art and the first African-American woman whose art was added to the permanent collection at The White House. And, she was an Episcopalian! Dr. Jonathan Walz, co-curator of the exhibit, is offering several one-hour tours of the exhibit, including special tours for members of St. Thomas and friends from Greater Beallwood Baptist: August 13 at 10:30 am, September 7 at noon, and September 15 at 6 pm. A tour designed for families with children takes place on August 28 at 1 pm. Sign up at StThomasColumbus.org. Additional tours are also available through the Columbus Museum website, columbusmuseum.org. The exhibition concludes on September 25.

Alma Thomas Museum Tour for Families with Children: Sunday, August 28 at 1pm. The Columbus Museum Academic Programs Manager, Rachel Vogt, will lead a special tour of the Alma Thomas Exhibit at the Museum for families at St. Thomas with children. Plan to grab lunch after worship in midtown on Sunday, August 28 and then meet us at the Museum for this special tour and opportunity. Sign up at StThomasColumbus.org.

Creation Keepers: St. Thomas Creation Keepers invite you to a special meeting, Tuesday August 9 at noon at the Columbus Museum. Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll fellowship and picnic. Then Jonathan Walz will then give us a tour of the *Everything is Beautiful* exhibit by Alma Thomas and share with us how the natural environment shaped her work. This is an amazing opportunity! Anyone interested in environmentalism and care about action and advocacy to protect our Mother Earth...and her life-giving lap in which we sit. We will celebrate the life of Alma Thomas and her paintings, inspired by the natural environment found right here in our community To allow Jonathan to plan, please RSVP your attendance. Email no later than Monday Aug 8 5pm to keepourcreation@gmail.com with EVERYTHING IS BEAUTIFUL in the Subject line. Also, save the date of Aug 22, time 5:30 pm. Mick Etchison will present some of his recent travels and news with us. Place TBD.

Sermons in August: What makes life beautiful for individuals and for everyone? Sermons in August will explore this question through scripture and through the story and art of Columbus native Alma Thomas. August 7: Learn to do good; August 14: Not apart from us; August 21: Do not say "I am only"; August 28: Share what you have

Parish Hall Service: Sundays at 10:30 beginning August 7. Want to try something a little different? Join us for worship in the parish hall via the live stream. You can choose a quiet table (no talking, time for prayer and quiet), an art table (art supplies available for creating a visual response to worship), or a convo table (where it is okay to talk and ask questions). Coffee and snacks will be available. You are invited to come to the nave to receive communion.

Sunday Coffee Convos for Youth: Starting August 7th youth are invited to the youth room from 9:30 - 10:15 for Coffee Convos. Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and pastry from the new youth room coffee bar. Each week we will introduce a discussion question to help us consider how to live out our faith in the world.

Shine Time Sundays: Beginning August 14. Join Ms. Erin and friends on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 for Shine Time! Each week we will gather in the Children's Wing for an engaging look at key Bible stories starting at the very beginning in Genesis. Ms. Erin and volunteers will use Whirl Curriculum to guide the lessons each week.

CSU Interfaith Fair: August 15, 11am-1pm. CSU's Diversity Programs and Services will host the 2022 Interfaith Fair at the Clock Tower on main campus. This event is meant to celebrate the dignity, value, and worth of all people. The St. Thomas Young Adults Group will have a booth and hand out stickers and snacks.

ESL Classes in Boxwood: ESL classes start on August 5th at the Boxwood Recreation Center and we are thrilled to have Martha Mullinax teach them! She will teach the Hispanic parents during soccer practices from 4:30-5:30 pm.

St. Thomas Softball: St. Thomas is fielding a community league co-ed softball team this fall. Games begin on August 10 and are played on Wednesdays at 7:30 and 8:45pm. It's not too late to join the team if you'd like to play! Softball equipment including gloves, bats, and balls is also being collected for the team to use to practice. Contact Meg in the church office or Jeremy Mack for more information.

Summer Choir: What a great time to get a bird's eye view of the service! All who love to sing are invited to meet in the choir room on Sunday mornings at 10 am and join in an unvested choir to lead in worship. Come for a week or the season.

Sunday Coffee Outside: Beginning August 14 Seth will prepare a homemade breakfast treat for our Sunday coffee time outside from 8:45 to 10:15. Packaged snacks will still be available as well.