

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026  
8:45 & 11:00am



## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

Est. 1836 | Flat Rock, North Carolina

### Mission Statement

*To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.*

## Welcome to St. John in the Wilderness

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. See the note to our visitors on the back inside cover for more information about receiving Communion and joining the church.

### Reminders for Worship

- Children of all ages are most welcome in worship, and during the service they may enjoy the activity bags, which are in the Tower Entrance. Nursery care is available for children from infancy to pre-K across Rutledge Drive in our Parish House Education Building from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Sundays. Please use the crosswalk to get there!
- After the service, please join us for fellowship and refreshments outside the church on the Carriage Entrance patio. If it is raining, we will have Refreshment Time in the Wilderness Room across Rutledge Drive.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.
- A restroom is available near the front of the church and can be accessed through an exterior door. Please see an usher for directions.
- You will find hand sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.

### Weekly Wondering

Each week this summer, we are sharing a prompt to help start conversations and forge connection. This week's wondering is:

*What is a fond memory or experience you have  
from a mother in your life?*

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 & 11:00am

**PRELUDE:** Come Down, O Love Divine

arr. Mark Sedio

**Welcome & Announcements**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** #405 All things bright and beautiful

*Royal Oak*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Acclamation & Response**

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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## GLORIA

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson:** Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to

inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 66:7-18

*Jubilate Deo*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse at 8:45 and sung in unison at 11:00. The 11:00 congregation remains seated as it sings the Psalm.*



*Chant setting, #410 from The Hymnal 1982, Service Music*  
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- 7 Bless our God, you / peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be / heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in / life, \***  
**and will not allow our feet to / slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have / proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is / tried.
- 10 You brought us into the / snare; \***  
**you laid heavy burdens upon our / backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and / water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of re- / freshment.



**12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings**

**and will pay you my / vows, \***

**which I promised with my lips**

**and spoke with my mouth when I was in / trouble.**

**13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of / rams; \***

**I will give you oxen and / goats.**

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear / God, \***

**and I will tell you what he has / done for me.**

**15 I called out to him with my / mouth, \***

**and his praise was on my / tongue.**

**16 If I had found evil in my / heart, \***

**the Lord would not have / heard me;**

**17 But in truth God has / heard me; \***

**he has attended to the voice of my / prayer.**

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / prayer, \***

**nor withheld his love from / me.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the / Son, \***

**and to the Holy / Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is / now, \***

**and will be for ever, a- / men.**

## **Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a

proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*As the music begins, all stand for the gradual hymn and reorient themselves to the Gospel of our Lord as it is processed into the congregation.*

**GRADUAL HYMN:** #516 Come down, O love divine

*Down Ampney*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**The Gospel:** John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Kathy Hulin

*After the sermon, there is a brief moment of silence. When the Celebrant rises, the congregation stands.*

## 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

*The Leader and People pray responsively. The Leader begins*

As we celebrate with joy the Good News of Christ's resurrection this Eastertide, let us pray that we may trust in him to transform us into the risen Body of Christ so that his joy may be in us and our joy may be complete.

We thank you, Almighty God, for coming to be with us in Christ Jesus; for his teachings and example, for redeeming us through his death, and for allowing us to share in his resurrection; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, be with your Church in this community and across the world: build in us a capacity to trust you and to care for each other, make us one as you and Christ are one, that your Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us to not despair when we grow weary from the good work you give us to do or when our eyes grow dim and we struggle to see you at work around us. Remind us in each moment that you are with us always, even to the end of the age, and that your power is working in us to do far more than we can ask or imagine; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with all lay people in their ministry to represent Christ and his Church. Be with our clergy, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop, and be with Kathy, Bill, and Josh, our priests. Inspire us, sustain us, and bless us in our ministry to your Church and to those in need; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of this fragile earth, our island home. The beauty of this world surrounds us with your goodness and we are sustained by your grace through her gifts. Helps us to be good and faithful stewards of this planet so that we may honor you in our care for all of your Creation; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with those nearby and around the world who are in need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and those in danger. As your compassion is endless, renew us to respond with your love to our brothers and sisters who are hurting; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord our Sovereign, bless the leaders of our land, especially Donald, our president, and Josh, our governor, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Help us in our earthly citizenship to work together for the Common Good, to listen well to each other, to offer our hearts and hands in service to our community, and to seek the good of our neighbors and enemies alike; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Finally, we pray for all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; And be with those on our parish prayer list: Robert, Julie, Alicia, Jeff, Betsy, Tawana, Chuck, Chris, Nai, Brylin, Marilyn, Edgar, Ginger, Bob, Dottie, Jane, Faith, Mary, Legare, Tom, Ack, Germ, and Kenna. Are there others?

*The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.*

We pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we remember this Eastertide all who have died [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*].

*The people may include the names of those for whom they are praying either silently or aloud.*

Continue to sanctify them and, through your Son Christ our Lord, may they rest in peace and rise in glory; we pray to you, Lord God.

*People*     **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **A Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in May**

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Prayer 50

*Included in our prayers are those served by our Visitor Ministry with birthdays this month: Peg Van Bergen (May 2), Ann Kanipe (May 11), Dottie Dalzell (May 13), and Barbara George (May 17).*

**O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray on your servants who are celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries this month. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then shares an offertory sentence.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

The ushers pass the offering plates and present the gifts of the congregation at the Lord's table.  
Online gifts may be made using the QR code to the right.



## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

8:45 Pifa (Pastoral Symphony), from *Messiah* George F. Handel

11:00 If God Be for Us, from *Messiah* George F. Handel  
Lucy Owen Hoyt, soprano

If God be for us, who can be against us?  
Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?  
It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?  
It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,  
who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

*Text: Romans 8:31,33-34*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow *Lasst uns erfreuen*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**SANCTUS**

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed 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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand,

awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

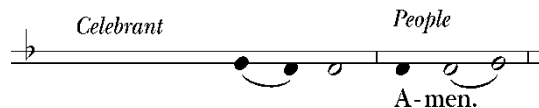
Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



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

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. A gluten-free option is available upon request. For further instructions about Holy Communion, see the note to our visitors in the back of the bulletin.*

*The choir often begins by singing while the congregation receives the Sacrament. Following the choir's musical offering, please join in as we sing the Communion Hymn together.*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC:**

8:45 If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

11:00 If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever, E'en the Spirit of truth.

**COMMUNION HYMN: #339** Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

*Schmucke dich*

## **Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant* With whom will you share this communion?

*Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts  
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's  
body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

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*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

### **The Blessing**

**DISMISSAL HYMN:** #398 I sing the almighty power of God

*Forest Green*

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**POSTLUDE:** Grand Jeu, from *First Organ Book*

Pierre Dumage





**The Prayers of the People** is that part of our liturgy which offers intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember those who are ill or with other needs: Robert Odean; Julie Morse; Alicia Wallace; Jeff; Betsy Thagard; Tawana Gibbs; Chuck King; Chris, Nai, and Brylin Price; Marilyn Jones; Edgar Ham; Ginger Quarles; Bob Lipinoga; Dottie Dalzell; Jane Williams; Faith Baker; Mary McCarty; Legare Head; Tom Griswold; Ack Thompson; Gary German; and Kenna.

**The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of all mothers.

**Eucharistic Visitors** share the Body and Blood of Christ with those who receive care from our Visitor Ministry. We thank God for the ministry of Clint Adams, Art Mack, Judy Petersen, Anita Reid, Stan Rogan, and Bill Taylor.

**To Our Visitors:** We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive the Sacrament or a blessing. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. To receive Communion, simply come forward to kneel at the altar if you are able. Put one hand in the palm of the other and the Celebrant will share the Body of Christ with you. You may then intinct or drink from the Chalice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP

	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>		<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	<b>May 10</b>		<b>May 17</b>	
	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Lay Readers/ Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Anne Inglis Bob Inglis	Bill Taylor	John Barker Judy Petersen	Candace Lewis Bill Taylor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Laura Teel	Stan Rogan	Elaine Howe	Anita Reid
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Tanner Clint Adams	D. Christenbury Karen Conley	Stu Holcombe George Grzenda	John Knapp Lisa Kauffman
<b>Greeters</b>	Annabelle Hurd Lois Karcher	Becky & Scott Petersen	Lynne Miller Judy Petersen	Carmen & Ned Curtis
<b>Cart Drivers</b>	Mark Owen	Nancy Cooper	Kathryn Whitten	Sandy Skelton
<b>Videography (Service)</b>	N/A	David Burge	Jennifer Shelton	
<b>Refreshment Time</b>	Catherine & Joey Popp		Elaine & Sandy Harris	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Brenda Hillyer Slava Morris ( <i>Brass</i> ) Laurie Morris ( <i>Sat.</i> )	Lynn Savage Lucie Earhart	Cathryn Harrell ( <i>Sat.</i> ) BJ McKee	Diane Skelton Jim Cooper ( <i>Brass</i> )
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Elaine Howe & Virginia Rehn		Galen Reuther & Claudia Northrup	
<b>Opening Gatekeeper</b>	Jill & Mark Owen		BJ McKee & George Grzenda	
<b>Closing Gatekeeper</b>	Steve Sittnick		Steve Sittnick	



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Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00am | Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm M-F

Sunday School for Adults, Youth, and Children: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service: Wednesdays 10:30am in the Wilderness Room

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Steve Sittnick

### 2028

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