

# St. Thomas Episcopal Church



Francis and the Wolf, painting by John August Swanson

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
October 8, 2023  
10AM Memorial Garden / Hudson Hall

# The Liturgy of the Word

Introit

Canticle 12: A Song of Creation

Wonder, Love, and Praise #885

Welcome

The Rev. Will Drosos

Processional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

Hymnal 1982 #400



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Acclamation

Blessed be the God of all creation.

**And blessed be God's holy Name for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

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.

Song of Praise

Glory to You, O Lord (Canticle 13)

Wonder, Love, and Praise #886

The musical score is arranged in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 12/8. The lyrics are: 'Glo-ry to you, O Lord, glo-ry to you, O Lord. you are wor - thy of praise.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Glory to you, Lord God in the **highest**; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to **you**.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy **Name**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*

Glory to you in the splendor of your **temple**; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to **you**.  
Glory to you, seated between the **Cherubim**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*

Glory to you, beholding the **depths**; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to **you**.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy **Spirit**; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for **ever**. *Refrain*

The Collect for the Feast of St. Francis:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

[Jeremiah 22:13-16]

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbors work for nothing, and does not give them their wages; who says, "I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms, and who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion. Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me?" says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:7-14 (responsively by half verse)

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,\*  
**you sea monsters and all deeps,**
- 8 fire and hail, snow and frost,\*  
**stormy wind fulfilling his command!**
- 9 Mountains and all hills,\*  
**fruit trees and all cedars!**
- 10 Wild animals and all cattle,\*  
**creeping things and flying birds!**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,\*  
**princes and all rulers of the earth!**
- 12 Young men and women alike,\*  
**old and young together!**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,\*  
**for his name alone is exalted;**  
**his glory is above earth and heaven.**
- 14 He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,\*  
**for the people of Israel who are close to him.**  
**Praise the Lord!**

1 We bring our child - ren, Lord, to - day  
 2 On their be - half and in their name  
 3 Help us in all our ways to show

as once they did in Gal - i - lee,  
 our own com - mit - ment we re - new,  
 these grow - ing souls your truth and grace,

em - brace them with your love, we pray,  
 with them we die to sin and shame,  
 till they shall come them - selves to know

and bless each home and fam - i - ly.  
 with them we live a - gain in you.  
 the beau - ty of our Fa - ther's face.

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The Gospel

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

[Matthew 11:25-30]

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for

such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Br. Joshua Waits, CFC

A Celtic Creed

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.  
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.  
We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and of eternal life.  
Amen.**

Litany for Creation and All Creatures

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

**Have mercy on us.**

Grant that all your creatures may thank and serve you;

**Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

**Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Open our eyes to the joy and beauty of creation, that we may see your presence in all your works;

**Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Make us faithful stewards of creation, wisely caring for the earth, the air, the seas, and all the life they bear;

**Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Forgive us our waste and pollution of creation and strengthen us to heal wounds we have inflicted;  
**Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Remember all in captivity and those who are hunted, trapped, deserted, or abused, that they may find safety in homes of loving care;  
**Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

Do not forget those animals who have died yet remain dear to us, that they may rejoice in your new creation;  
**Shower your blessing on earth, O God.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers: **Ethan, Vincent, Vera, Lucy, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Bruce, Bill, Mindy, Barbara, Andrew, Cindy, Beverly, Olga, Debbie, Davis, Cheryl, Grace, Andrew, Tricia, Jillian, Malcolm, Tony, Emily, Betsy and Michael, Melissa, Alexa, Cassandra,** and those whom you would name [pause]. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, especially Nate Pringle, whose parents were founding members of St. Thomas, and Bob Younger, Pat Smith's father, who died on Wednesday, and those whom you would name [pause]. Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all the blessing of this life, including Lori Lind, Mary Cushing, and Jan Hamilton as they celebrate their birthdays this week, Scott and Claudia Johnston & Kent and Susan Gardiner as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries, and those blessings you would name [pause]. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider adds this concluding prayer:*

Holy God: No sparrow falls without your attention; nothing dies that is lost to you; nothing comes into being without your love. Give us just and compassionate hearts, that we may serve the earth and all its creatures, holding fast to the vision of your peaceable reign in which all will live with you eternally; through the Risen One, Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### The Blessing of the Animals

It is the priestly work of all God's people to give thanks for God's blessings, to ask for and lend assistance to all in need, and to stretch our hands to heal and cherish the creatures of God; this is our work of blessing. Recognizing God's love for these creatures, I invite you to bring forward the animals entrusted to your care, one by one, and to join me in the laying on of hands in prayer.

*The animals are brought forward to be blessed individually by name, using these words*

Friend and companion: May God your creator preserve, bless, and keep you, this day and always.  
**Amen.**

I invite you to name your animals at home. [Pause] Together, let us say:

**Friends and companions: May God your creator preserve, bless, and keep you, this day and always.  
Amen.**

Let us name with thanksgiving those animals who have been our companions over the years and are no longer with us. [Pause] Together, let us pray:

**God, we give you thanks for these beloved companion animals who are no longer with us. Thank you for giving them to us as companions. May their memory be a blessing.**

Let us pray together.

**God of manifold blessings, source of all that is good and true and holy: Raise us up to see the world through your eyes, so that with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may treasure each creature touched by your creative hand. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. Richard Shephard

*Refrain*

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

*Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

*Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

*Refrain*

The Doxology (to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King")

Hymnal 1982 #400

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## The Holy Communion

The Lord is here.

**His spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



Sanctus: Lift Every Voice and Sing II #255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior. Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with St. Thomas, St. Francis, and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
**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 Fraction: Wonder, Love, and Praise #876

*Antiphon*  
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

*Fine Verses*

— of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

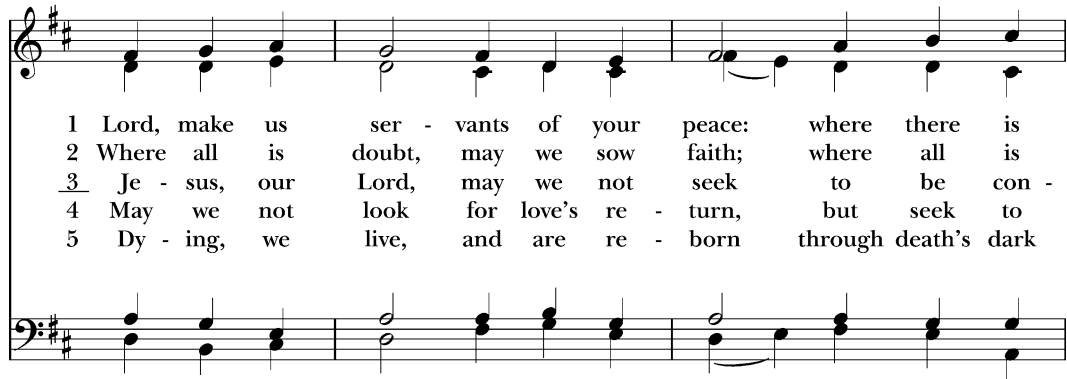
*All repeat Antiphon*

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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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.

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request. As the Eucharist is distributed, all who desire prayers for healing—for themselves or for others—are invited to come forward to the healing minister.*



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Lord of all Creation, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the Kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy. Lord, may we be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you; cheerful at sunset for having done our work for you; thankful at moon rise and under star shine for the beauty of your universe; and may we add what little may be in us to your great world. Amen.**

The Prayer of St. Francis

**Lord, 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

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, guide you in truth and peace, and give you joy each day in the creation and creatures around you; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Announcements

*The Recessional Hymn can be found on Page 14*

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ!  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Improvisations on All Creatures of Our God and King*

**Worship Participants**

Presider	Rev. Will Drosos
Preacher	Br. Joshua Waits
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Eucharistic Minister	Br. Joshua Waits & Rev. David Smith
Healing Minister	Rev. Caroline Mitchell
Usher	Lynne Montgomery
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Counters	Lynne Montgomery

Sources for the liturgy: *The New Zealand Prayer Book*, Church of England's *Common Worship*, and *A Liturgy in Thanksgiving for Creation and in Honor of the Feast of St. Francis, with the Blessing of Animals* from the Supplemental Liturgical Materials approved at the 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention in 2015.

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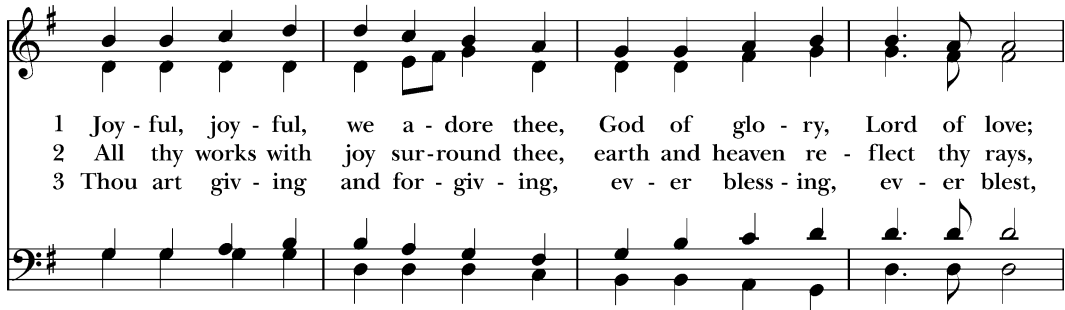
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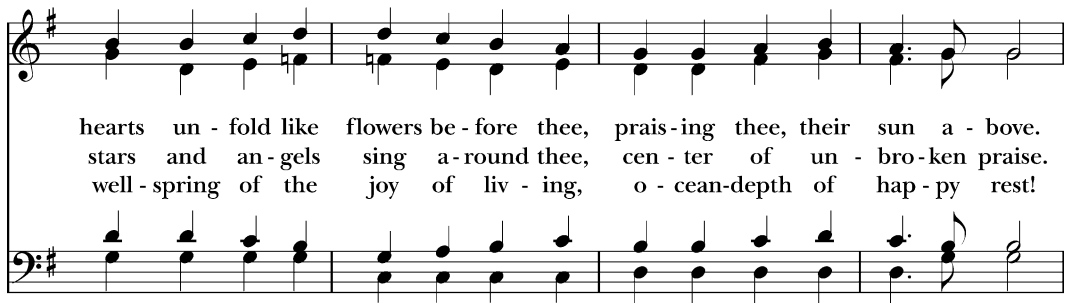
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Recessional Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

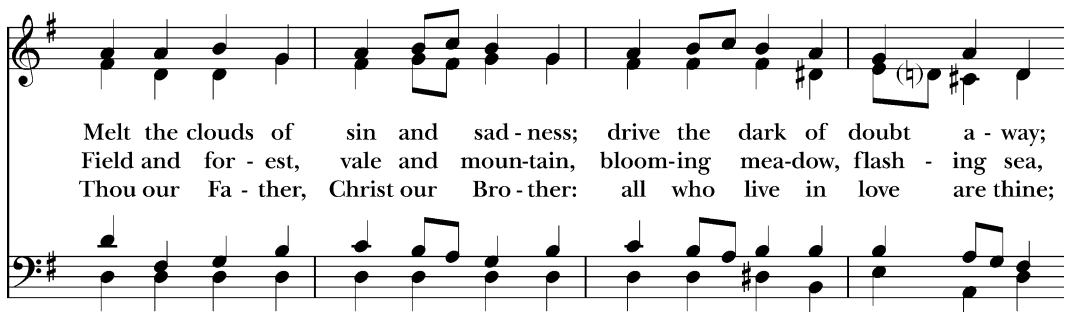
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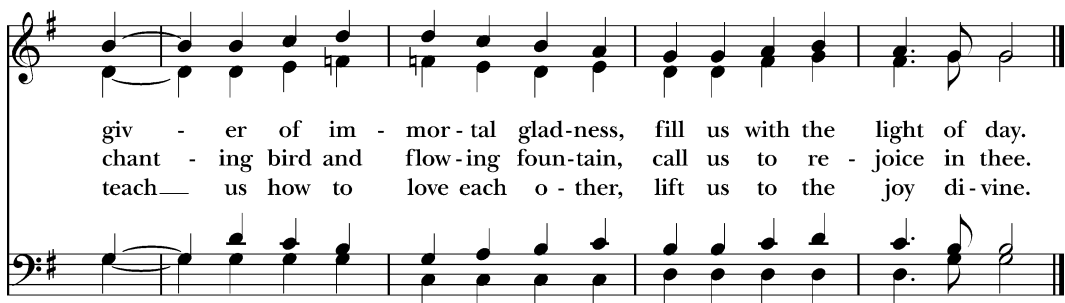
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach - us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.



### **Great Pumpkins for Good Causes**

### **The St. Thomas Pumpkin Patch is now open!**

Our patch does good from beginning to end. Our pumpkins are grown on Northwestern New Mexico Navajo Indian Reservation land – providing much needed employment. Our unload and reload events provide a service-learning opportunity for local 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Proceeds from pumpkin sales support our ministry partners: SHARE (McLean food bank), Falls Church/McLean Children’s Center, Second Story, and the FACETS Hypothermia Program. Finally, our leftover pumpkins help feed the animals at Rikki’s Refuge – a non-kill, large animal shelter.

**Please sign up to sell pumpkins. We are open from 10-6PM on the weekend, noon to 6PM during the week. 2 hour shifts. It’s a great way to meet local folk and tell them about St. Thomas.**

**Sign up to sell pumpkins - <http://bit.ly/PumpkinSales2024>**

***PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH***

*Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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More information about many of these events can be found on the Announcements page on our website. Scan the QR code to see them.

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## **Please Volunteer for the Fall Festival!**

There are a variety of jobs, including indoors or outdoors, seated or active, something for everyone! Please sign up on the link below (after reading the introduction and volunteer descriptions).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-45827782-2024>

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## **St. Thomas Pumpkin Patch!**

Our 17<sup>th</sup> annual pumpkin patch is now open! Great pumpkins for good causes. We are seeking volunteers to sell pumpkins in two hour shifts. Sign up here:

<http://bit.ly/PumpkinSales2024>

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## **Unity, Love, & Mental Health Webinar**

**Today, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**

Join our friends at Tysons Interfaith as they present Dr. Al Fierres leading a webinar exploring spirituality, faith, and navigating differences harmoniously.



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## **Pints with Doubting Thomas**

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

at High Point Pub in Whole Foods, Tysons. This week, we will be learning about and discussing how we interpret scripture.

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## **Women Gathering Zoom Meetup**

**Resumes Thurs. October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

Please join us as Rev. Fran will lead a discussion of **Inspired: Slaying giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again** by Rachel Held Evans. You can prepare by reading the Introduction, the Temple, and Chapter 1: Origin Stories. The book is available in paperback, e-book, and audiobook. Contacts:

Audrey at [audreyjadair@gmail.com](mailto:audreyjadair@gmail.com)

or Betsy at [eheilman2003@yahoo.com](mailto:eheilman2003@yahoo.com)

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## **Second Story Beacon of Hope**

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am**

**Westwood Country Club, Vienna, VA**

St. Thomas is a sponsor for this event and can reserve a table of 10. Let Rev. Fran know if you are interested in attending!

## **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed**

Sign-ups for coffee hour on Sundays is now available via a link to SignUpGenius or by using the QR code, both of which are below. If you need help signing up electronically, I would be happy to help! We now ask hosts to provide 2-3 items (to include fresh fruit or raw veggies) and you can indicate if you would like to make coffee or not. Thank you! For questions, contact Becky Ventorini, Fellowship Hour Coordinator [beckyventorini@gmail.com](mailto:beckyventorini@gmail.com) or Hm: (703) 288-3166/Cell: (202) 390-4412 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAAAC2CA64-50136812-stthomas>



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## **Ladies Lunch Bunch**

**Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am**

Honeygrow, 8399 Leesburg Pike  
Vienna, VA 22182

<https://www.honeygrow.com>

Contacts—Audrey (813) 956-7550 and  
Tricia (571) 244-3142

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## **ECW Treats and Treasures Sale**

The Annual Treats & Treasures Sale will follow the 10 am service on December 8<sup>th</sup> with a possible clearance sale the following week. This is the major fundraising event for the ECW garnering nearly \$3,000 last year. All of the proceeds from the ECW sale are given to various charitable organizations. Please begin to select items to donate for the sale and bring them to church for pricing now through mid November. Thank you! For more information or to volunteer, contact the ECW at [ECWPres@Stthomasmcleanva.org](mailto:ECWPres@Stthomasmcleanva.org)

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## **This Week**

**Monday October 7<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

**Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon – Midweek Eucharist

**Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**

10 am – Staff Meeting

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

6:30 pm – Pints with Doubting Thomas

**Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>**

12 noon – Noonday Prayer

4:30 pm – Women Gathering on Zoom

**Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>**

11 am – McLean Islamic Center Worship

**Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:45 am – Men Eating Breakfast

**Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am – Choir Rehearsal

10 am – Worship