

## ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### College Hill, Wichita, Kansas

5:30 pm, Saturday, February 10, 2024 8:30 am & 10:45 am, Sunday February 11, 2024

#### THE LAST WEEKEND AFTER THE EPIPHANY

All directions about standing and kneeling are for those who are able.

Masks are welcome, but not required.

If making manual acts is part of your piety, these symbols indicate appropriate times (among others) to make these motions.

• - reverence (bow)

+ - sign of the cross

#### **HOLY EUCHARIST**

The musical offerings throughout the service today are Celtic Suite for Organ by Charles Callahan. You'll recognize several hymn tunes throughout the four movements.

#### THE PRELUDE

Shared on Sunday.

"I. Prelude" CHARLES CALLAHAN

Bells may be rung.

#### THE OPENING HYMN

**HYMN 381** 

TON-Y-BOTEL

Please stand as you are able. Sung on Sunday.

"Thy Strong Word"

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

#### WELCOME & OTENING I

Please remain standing.

Presider +Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please remain standing.

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 Savior. Amen.

#### Info for worship

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book); Hymn numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

#### **Manual Acts**

If making manual acts is part of your piety, these symbols indicate appropriate times (among others) to make these motions.

- reverence (bow)

+- sign of the cross

#### A Scout is Reverent

Scout Sunday is this Sunday. It is the first Sunday of February every year and it is a day for scouts to practice the law of Reverence. Scouts are encouraged to attend the religious gathering of their choice in their Class A uniform to show their religious community scouting's support.

Every point of the Scout Law helps guide young people to make ethical and moral decisions over the course of their lives. In fact, we can all use a reminder. Each February Scouts focus on the 12th point of the Scout Law: Reverent. Through Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, and Scout Jumuah, Scouts are encouraged to reflect on their faith.

THE KYRIE HYMN S96

Please remain standing. Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.

"Lord, have mercy"

**SCHUBERT** 

Presider Lord, have mercy. People Christ, have mercy. Presider Lord, have mercy.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please remain standing.

Presider God be with you. People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son

> revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and

ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE FIRST LESSON

2 KINGS 2:1-12

Reader A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him,

"Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two

of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He

responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE PSALM 50:1-6

Please remain seated. The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. Sung at 10:45 by the cantor. The people may join the cantor in singing the psalm.



- 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 re veals him self in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*
  before him there is a consuming flame,
  and round a bout him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from a bove \* 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 him self is judge.

#### **Our Language**

At St. James Church we use language which we hope expands our sense of God and includes all people as beloved children of God.

#### Saying the Psalm

Each numbered verse of a psalm has two parts, half verses, which are marked in the middle by an asterisk. When we are not singing or saying the psalm in unison, we say it antiphonally. The Reader announces the way we will say the psalm, either in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. The Reader always begins the first verse. If we read by half verse, then the congregation says the portion of the verse following the asterisk. When reading by whole verse, the Reader says the first whole verse, and the congregation says the next whole verse. This provides a rhythmical back-and-forth between Reader and the People.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

Reader A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

#### THE GOSPEL HYMN

HYMN 137, V. 1-3

Please stand as you are able. Sung at 10:45.

"O wondrous type! O vision fair"

WAREHAM

❖ As the gospel book passes by. Please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-9

Please stand as you are able.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for

Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

#### **Gospel in Liturgy**

the Bible.

Gospels of the Liturgical

The new church year (Year

B) starts with the season of Advent on December 2 & 3.

We have spent the last year

in liturgical Year A. It high-

lighted the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, the primary

gospel used is that of Mark. In Advent 2024, Year C will

begin with its focus on the

gospel of Luke. Through all liturgical years the gospel of

John is a supplement to the year's gospel. In worship at

St. James, we follow the

Revised Common Lectionary and usually read Scripture

lessons from the New Revised Standard Version of

Year

In the Episcopal liturgy, the gospel is the final reading from Holy Scripture at the Eucharist. It is proclaimed by a gospeler in holy orders. The 2nd Council of Nicaea in 787 decreed that icons, crosses, and gospel books could be venerated as sacred images, just as the incarnate Christ is the image of the invisible God. Today, many still choose to venerate the gospel book by bowing in reverence as it comes near.

#### THE SERMON

#### THE REV. DAWN FRANKFURT, RECTOR

Please be seated. At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silent reflection is observed.

#### THE NICENE CREED

**BCP 358** 

Please stand as you are able.

All

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 \( \dagger \) he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

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Reader God of the universe, you sit above the circle of the earth, and so we pray for the oceans and mountains, inland water and the air we breathe.

People Save and protect them, we pray.

Reader Since the beginning of our faith, we have looked to you to gather the outcasts, heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds. We pray for those who have died \_\_\_\_\_\_; and we pray for those who suffer \_\_\_\_\_\_. So we pray for the poor of the

world, the sick and the lonely.

People For everyone in need of mercy and forgiveness.

#### The Historic Creed

We say the Creed as our response to the Word of God. In these historic words, we take ownership of the Creed's cosmic narrative about God's disclosure to humanity. It affirms the source of everything that is including the story of Jesus becoming human. Its conclusion affirms the work of the Holy Spirit in the church, in one baptism, and in our hope for the life to come. The Nicene Creed is a sign of unity with Christians throughout all times and places. Though originally composed at an ancient time (325 CE), it expresses key insights into the nature of God and creation. This version follows the Greek original precisely by saying "was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary," to emphasize that Mary was an active participant in the Incarnation. The words "and the Son," were not a part of the original Greek text of the Creed and are not included. At its General Convention of 1988 The Episcopal Church said they favored this omission. The decision was later approved by the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Communion.

#### That blank space in the PoP

A pause in speaking the prayers is often taken during the Prayers of the People. At such times, you are invited to add your own intercessions to the prayers of the congregation either silently or aloud.

Reader

God, you build up Jerusalem, and so we pray for our country, for all the countries of the world, and for all of our leaders. We pray for people caught in the war in Ukraine, that war will cease. We pray for the peace of the world, for all people of the Holy Land, for the Middle East and beyond, and we pray that the crisis at our southern border be met with the compassion of Christ. May we see and understand that your delight is not in the power of dominion,

People But in those who hope in your steadfast love.

Reader

How good it is to sing praises to you, O God. We pray for your church, here and around the world. For Christians everywhere, for meaningful impact in our community, and for the people of St. James Church. Empower us to go from town to town,

People Proclaiming the message of Christ.

Reader Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth, we bless you,

for you are gracious. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in

the unity of the Holy Spirit,

People All glory and honor are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

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

Please stand or kneel as you are able. A moment of silence is observed.

All

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

The Presider stands and says:

Presider

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

#### INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors. After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please be seated.

#### INSTALLATION OF MEMBERS TO DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Please remain seated.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### THE OFFERTORY

Please remain seated as the people's offering of bread and wine is brought forward. During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.

#### THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please remain seated. Shared on Sunday.

8:30 am "O wondrous type! O vision fair!" TRANS. JOHN NEALE 10:45 am "II. Meditation" CHARLES CALLAHAN

#### THE PRESENTATION HYMN

**HYMN 533** 

Please stand as you are able and the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar. Sung on Sunday.

"How wondrous and great thy works"

Lyons

#### THE PRESENTATION

Please remain standing.

Presider All things come of you, O God.

All And of your own have we given you.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP 361

Please stand as you are able.

Presider God be with you.People And also with you.Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

#### The Peace

This is a liturgical exchange of greeting and is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships in the Christian community. Initiated by the Presider, who says, "The peace of Christ be always with you," the people respond, "And also with you." The gesture of Peace has been expressed in a variety of ways, including a kiss on the cheek, an embrace, a handclasp, or a bow. This is an ancient Christian practice. It has been associated with Romans 16:16, "Greet one another with a holy kiss," and similar passages.

#### **Text Giving**

You can now give to St. James using your mobile device!

Text **StJamesWichita** and the amount you want to give to **73256** 

Click the link that is sent back to you.

Complete your gift using the online form provided.

**Example Message** 

To: 73256

Text: StJamesWichita \$75

Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel. Presider Let us g

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim to the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS HYMN \$130

Please remain standing as you are able. Spoken at 5:30 & 8:30. Sung at 10:45.

"Holy, holy, holy Lord"

SCHUBERT

All

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

The people remain standing as able.

Presider

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent \*Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior \*Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." \*

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. + Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through \*Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please remain standing or kneeling.

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

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.

AGNUS DEI HYMN S164

Please remain standing. Spoken at 8:30. Sung at 10:45.

"Jesus, Lamb of God"

**SCHUBERT** 

Presider Jesus, Lamb of God:
All Have mercy on us.

Presider Jesus, bearer of our sins:

All Have mercy on us.

Presider Jesus, redeemer of the world:

All Give us your peace.

#### THE FRACTION

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

#### **Eucharist**

The sacrament of the Eucharist is the principal act of Christian worship in our church. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper where he shared bread and wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. Christ's sacrifice is made present in the Eucharist, and in it we are united to his one self-offering. The grace bestowed in Holy Communion augments (deepens, increases) faith, forgives sin, and strengthens of our charity. Everyone who seeks a deeper knowledge of Christ is welcome to receive the sacrament.

#### Communion in One Kind

Our doctrine upholds the truth that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the consecrated bread or wine. Communicants receive both the body and the blood in either the consecrated bread or the wine, though all are invited (as they are able) to receive both kinds. Our belief in the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine) is called the doctrine of concomitance. The term concomitance comes from the Latin, "to accompany."

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please remain standing.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, indicate your choice by crossing your hands over your chest.

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Please be seated. Shared on Sunday.

"III. Psalm Tone"

CHARLES CALLAHAN

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**HYMN 427** 

Please remain seated. Sung on Sunday.

"When morning guilds the skies"

Laudes Domini

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Presider Let us pray.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

All

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

#### SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)

Please remain standing or kneeling. Eucharistic Visitors come forward.

Clergy In the name of this congregation I 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 all share one

bread, one cup.

#### THE BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

#### THE CLOSING HYMN

**HYMN 618** 

Please remain standing. Sung on Sunday.

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

#### THE DISMISSAL

Please remain standing.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

#### THE POSTLUDE

Shared on Sunday.

"IV. Postlude" CHARLES CALLAHAN

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jimmy Osmond by the Osmond family.

If you would like to give flowers for the altar to honor or memorialize loved ones, you can reserve a date by signing up on the sheet in the hallway or by calling or sending an email to the parish office, office@stjameswichita.org. The arrangements are \$80 and should be paid for before the date you have chosen on the calendar.

#### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector
Dakota Bennett, Organist
Shannon Johnston, Lay Worship Leader
Kennedy Compton, Cantor
St. James Choristers

#### SATURDAY, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

Chalice Bearer - Adrienne Edwards Acolyte - Celia Blair

Lector - Dana Stelter Chalice Bearer - Mary Halley, Rick

**SUNDAY, 8:30 AM** 

Acolyte - Deb Bagby Lector - Diane Schawe, Rob Compton

Milhon

Chalice Bearer - Margi Young Usher - Deb Hager, Megan Upton-

Lector - Barbara Orsak, Dave Tyner

**McDonald** 

Usher - Janet Newlin, Barbara Orsak

best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

On my honor I will do my

#### Scout Law

**Scout Oath** 

The Scout Law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout. A Scout tries to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.

#### A Scout is:

Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Brave

Clean

Reverent



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**Weekly Eucharist Services** 

Saturday at 5:30 pm Sunday at 8:30 am & 10:45 am

**Adult Forum** 

Every Sunday at 9:45 am (except second Sundays)

Children's Sunday School and Children's Chapel

First Sunday of each month, starting at 9:30 am

#### New to St. James?

If you are new to St. James and haven't filled out a **Newcomer Card**, we would love to know more about you! Once we have a card from you, we will have a name badge ready for the following weekend.

# WELCOME TO ST. JAMES

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# WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

You will hear these words every week at St. James as we invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.



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