



The Season of Pentecost

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 • 10:30 A.M.

*We welcome you here at St. John's
to be met by God, who already
knows you and loves you.*

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

Ellicott City, MD

THE WORD OF GOD

*Music noted in black is located in The Hymnal 1982.
("S" music is in the front of the hymnal.)*

Music noted in green may be found in this bulletin following page 10.

Today's readings can be found on page 8.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People*

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to You*

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE FIRST READING (*Please be seated.*)

(At the conclusion of the reading)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM (*Read as directed by the Lector.*)

THE SECOND READING

(At the conclusion of the reading)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand.)*

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

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

(At the conclusion of the Gospel)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

NICENE CREED *(Please stand.)*

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

(After each petition, the following is said)

Lector Hear us, O God.

People **For your mercy is great.**

Celebrant Receive our prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

For your convenience, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant 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.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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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,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant God of our Holy and Righteous Parents; God and Mother of Ancient Israel; 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.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pray in unison.*)

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 Behold what you are;

People **May we become what we receive.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: At God's Table All Are Welcome

*If you trust that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead for your salvation and the life of the world, please come forward to receive the Body of Christ and the Cup of Salvation. **Until further notice from the Diocese, we are adhering to the policy of only sipping and not intincting (dipping the bread) into the cup.** If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The minister will confer God's blessing on you.*

COMMUNION HYMNS *God the Sculptor*
 Shepherd of Souls

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Please stand as you are able.*)

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *Come, Labor On*

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bruce Altner, Amy, Deb Avant, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Sarah Ballew, Judi Bonig, Jim Bruce, Charlie Bryant, Mike Burchett, Oliver Chang, Dick Clark, Teddy Clarke, Dominic, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Marti Guillet, Shawnee Holmberg, Bettye Howard, Robin Hubbard, Norma Jones, Juniper Kilduff, Lorraine, Nancy McAllister, Biz Merkey, Charles H. Miller, Karen Nickles, Sydney Norton, Patty O'Connor, Famebridge Payne, Rick & Joan Pyle, Liam Reigel, Ruby Reilly, Emily Richards, Shirley & Jack, Rayanne S., Jane Sims, Wallace Stebbins, Alicia Townsend, Michael & Mary Tompkins, Jim Vanderheiden, Dylan Williams, and Evie Woomert.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

THE FLOWERS ON THE HISTORIC CHURCH ALTAR: are given by Jim and Alison Coker in celebration of many family birthdays in July, as well as their 40th wedding anniversary

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. **Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.**

TODAY'S READINGS

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

THE PSALM: Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places ***
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.**
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself

will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

A SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to You*

M-1

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



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SUMMER SCHEDULE (thru Sept. 3)

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Historic Church

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.: Historic Church

Sundays, 10:30 a.m.: Historic Church & livestream

Livestream Worship on YouTube (<https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube>)

주일 성찬예배 오전 10:30, 한국어 성찬예배는 Resurrection 채플에서 드립니다.

Wednesday Evenings, 9:00 p.m.: Compline on Facebook Live

Find more worship information at <https://www.stjohnsec.org>

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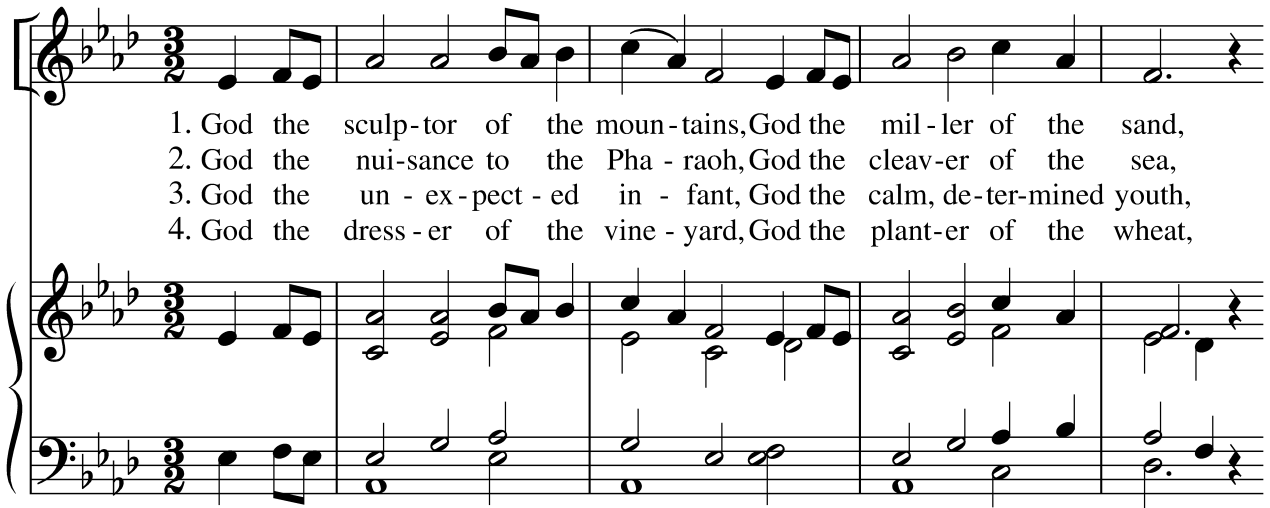
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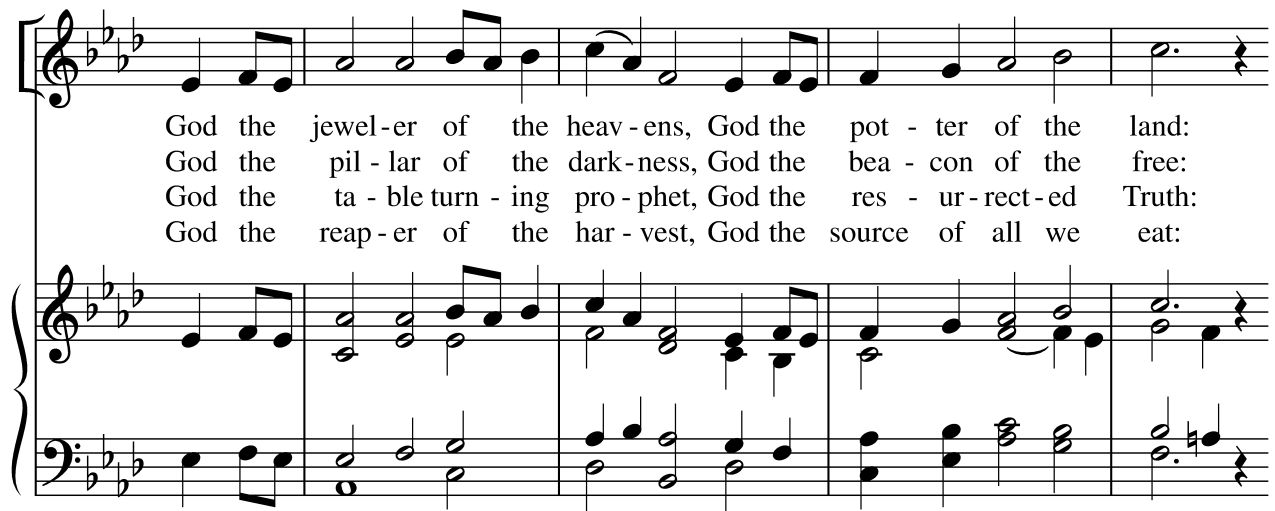
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COMMUNION HYMN I

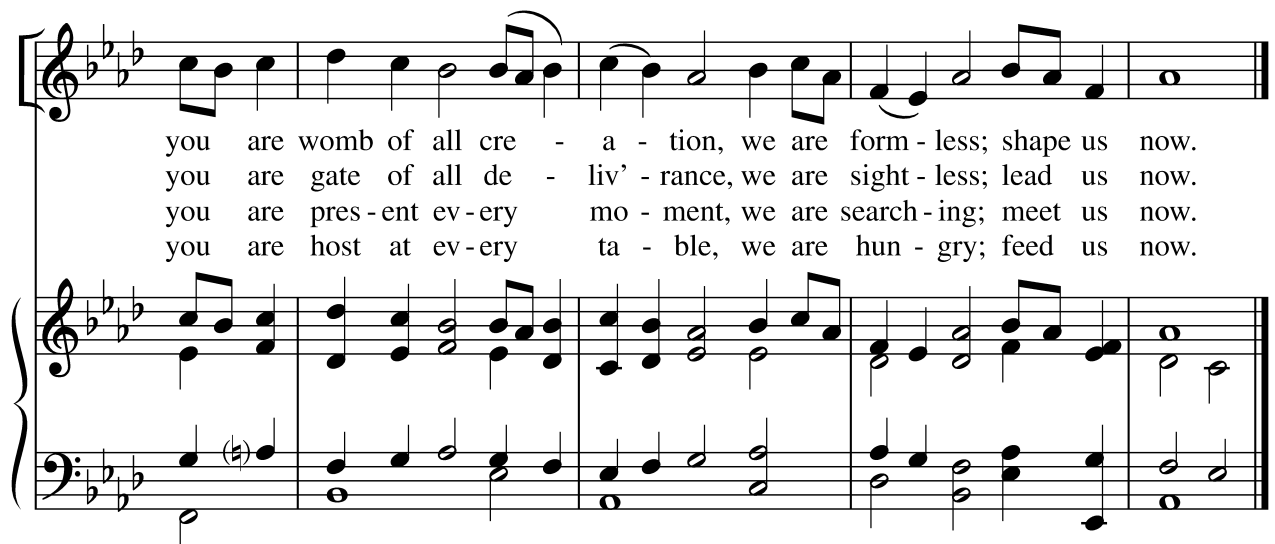
God the Sculptor



1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre-a-tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
you are gate of all de-liv'-rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
you are pres-ent ev-ery mo-ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.
you are host at ev-ery ta-ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.

Words: John Thornburg (b. 1954). Music: Sandria, Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

(News on reverse)



OUTREACH MEAL MINISTRY

Join us by:

- Making casseroles
- Donating food
- Serving meals at the Day Resource Center (4th Wed. of the month)

Find details, including recipes and sign-ups, at www.stjohnsec.org/outreach



Volunteers & Food Still Needed for July 26th!



INTERIM Q&A
with REV. MARY

July 30th
12 Noon

Please join the Rev. Mary Sulerud, Interim Rector, after the 10:30 a.m. service on **July 30th** in the Historic Church where she will be available to answer your questions about the interim. She says, "If I can't answer your questions...we will figure it out together. Yes, really!"

If you have questions, but are unable to attend this session, please contact the office at 410-461-7793.



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SAVE THE DATES

SEPTEMBER 8TH

HOMEcoming
ADULTS-ONLY EVENT
6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 10TH

ONE WORSHIP
& MINISTRY FAIR
10:00 AM

Reserve Your Table for the Ministry Fair!

We invite all ministries to reserve a table at our Ministry Fair that will follow One Worship on **Sun., Sept. 10th**. Showcase your ministry and answer questions from those looking to get involved. Commission and Committee chairpersons should contact Kathy Young, kyoung@stjohnsec.org, to reserve a table.

Pop-Up Tents Needed

Do you have a pop-up tent we can borrow to shade our Ministry Fair?