

Liturgy of the May 5, 2024 The Sixth Sunday Reserved Sacrament of Easter

### St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God's redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Our community shares a progressive faith, opens our arms to all seekers, and works to make the world more just.

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's Gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

A bell tolls.

#### THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND TRAVELERS

For our St. Barnabas family, here and elsewhere.

#### Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Anniversary Prayer

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their homes may be havens of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Travelers

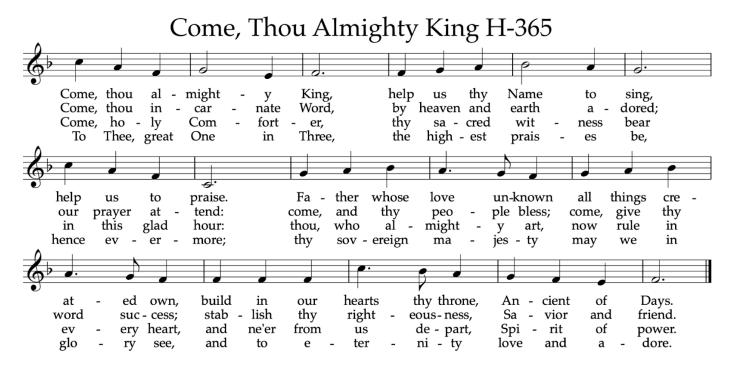
Almighty God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We invite you to quiet your hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.

## The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

#### THE GATHERING HYMN \*



### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

### THE TRISAGION (7:45)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One **Have mercy on us.** 



#### THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray...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**.

## The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

#### THE FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the Good News of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ.

*The reading is introduced.* 

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter had not finished speaking these words when the Holy Spirit descended upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were surprised that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also, whom they could hear speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter asked, "What can stop these people who have received the Holy Spirit, even as we have, from being baptized with water?" So he gave orders that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. After this was done, they asked him to stay on with them for a few days.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 98 Cantate Domino

The psalm is sung responsively between choir and congregation.



Sing a new song to 'God, \* who has done mar -/ velous things.

With your right hand, O God, and your holy 'arm, \* you have won for yourself the / victory.

You have made known your 'victory; \*
your righteousness have you openly shown in
the sight / of the nations.

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of 'Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory / of our God.

Shout with joy to God, all you 'lands; \* lift up your voice, re -/ joice, and sing.

Sing to God with the 'harp, \* with the harp and the / voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the 'horn, \* shout with joy before God who / reigns in majesty.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is 'in it, \* the lands and those who / dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their 'hands, \* and let the hills ring out with joy before God, who will come to / judge the earth.

God shall judge the world in 'righteousness \* and the people with / equity.

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word, and Holy 'Spirit; \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. / Alleluia!

### THE SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might, but through love and faith.

*The reading is introduced.* 

A reading from John's first letter.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born of God. Everyone who loves God loves the One who has come from God. We can be sure that we love God's children when we love God and do what God has commanded. The love of God consists of this: that we keep God's commandments. And these commandments are not burdensome. Everyone born of God conquers the world, and the power that has conquered the world is our faith. Who then can overcome the world?

The one who believes that Jesus is the Only Begotten of God. Jesus Christ came by water and blood—not by water alone, but with water and blood.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand in body or spirit.* 

#### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \*



Cantor: Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9–17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

The Holy Gospel is announced.

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

#### Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may

be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

**The Homily** Ms. Patti Walter

Please stand in body or spirit.

#### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Beloved One of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Creator. Through Christ all things were made. For us and for our salvation **Christ came down from heaven:** and by the power of the Holy Spirit, was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became one in Being with us. For our sake, Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death, and was buried. On the third day Jesus rose again in accordance with the Scriptures, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Creator. Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, whose realm will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Giver and Sustainer of life, who proceeds from the Creator.

With the Creator and the Beloved One they are worshiped and

glorified.

They have 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.

Please stand in body or spirit.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

It is our custom to light candles for those who are sick or distressed and to remember those who have died. The prayer stations are on either side of the Altar. The refrain is sung once. \*



*Bidder:* Celebrating the wonderful gift of life that is Easter and confident that God is always listening as we pray, with grateful hearts we bring these concerns.

We pray for all seeking a deeper faith and for all faith institutions of the world, especially for the Anglican Communion and Archbishop Welby, the Episcopal Church and Presiding Bishop Curry, and the Episcopal Church in Colorado and Bishop Lucas as they lead us in becoming Easter people in 2024. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for the leaders of the world, that their decisions and actions may bring about liberty and justice for all. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for St. Barnabas Parish as we are in an interim state—that liminal space where we are invited to do the work of letting go of what binds us so that we may dream about our future. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for those in positions of power to work with us to chart a new course, to repair damage done to our planet, and to be good stewards of our abundant resources. With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We pray for all those seeking elective office in 2024, that they may honor our vision of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. With grateful hearts,

### We offer this prayer.

We pray for all those who are suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually, holding up to you those for whom we have been asked to pray: the Holbrook family, the Hayes family, Carol, Dennis, Bill, Marty and Diana, Larry, Bob, Burley, Irene, Luna, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the children in Gaza, those who

suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster, and those we name aloud or in silence. (pause) With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

We hold up to you all those we see no more, entrusting them to your loving care, especially Dennis Oliver, and those we name in silence or aloud, (pause) With grateful hearts,

#### We offer this prayer.

*Bidder*: For your hearing these prayers that we have faithfully offered, we give you thanks. **Amen**.

The refrain is sung once more. \*



#### THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

### And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

# The Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament

#### THE OFFERTORY

Please sit.

#### The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

#### **The Choir Anthem**

Behold, a Sower!

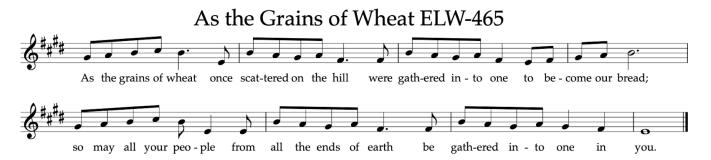
Crawford R. Thoburn

#### The Offertory Response (7:45)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

and of thine own have we given thee.

#### The Offertory Hymn\* (9:30)



#### The Communion Prayer

God be with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty God, whose Beloved One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer (7:45)

It is our custom at St. Barnabas to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

### Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

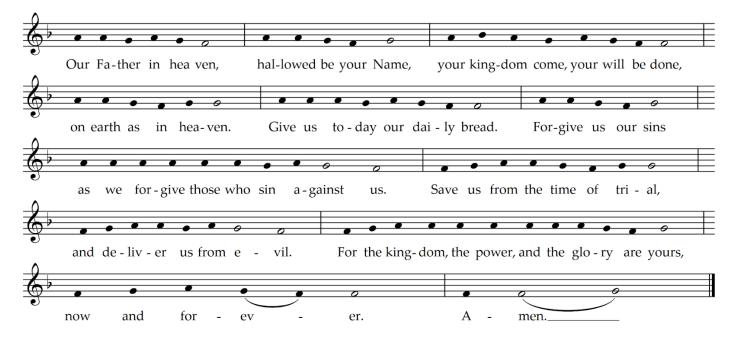
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer\* (9:30)

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:



#### Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us peace.

#### The Prayer of Humble Access

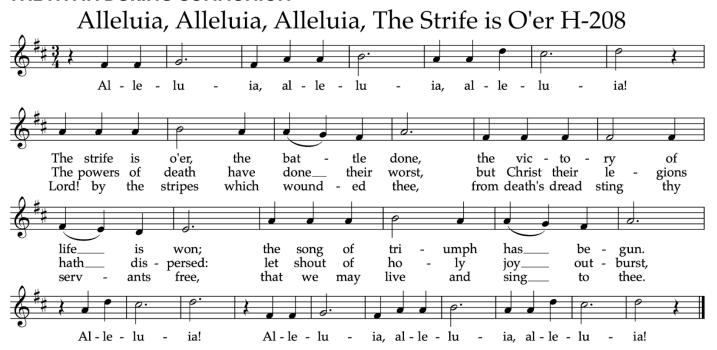
We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

#### The Invitation to Communion

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.

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

#### THE HYMN DURING COMMUNION\*



Please stand in body or spirit.

#### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Shepherding God,

You have prepared a Table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

## The Liturgy of Sending

#### THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

*N.*, in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

#### THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, furnish you with all that is good, so that you may do all that is pleasing to God; and the blessing of +most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon us, and remain with us for ever. **Amen.** 

### THE SENDING HYMN\* (9:30)



#### THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **POSTLUDE**

The Window of the Wondrous Cross John Barr

<sup>\*</sup>Hymns reprinted under One License #A-729701.

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## St. Barnabas Episcopal Parish

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to Noon.

Pastoral Associate Music Director Organist Parish Administrator Bookkeeper

## Those In Need of Prayer

Sarah Freed and family, the Holbrook family, the Hayes family, Carol Wier, Dennis Kennedy, Bill Miles, Marty and Diana Flahive, Larry Volmert, Larry Konkel, the Wier family, John and Patrice Hayes, Tracy Spiva, Andrea, Nicolle, Selah Kay, Jessica Sweet, Verlin Jakober, Claire Hayes, Marlis Sneed and family, the Long family, Atlee Witt, Carolyn Wolfrum, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Holly Graves, Jim Hostler, Bill Lundgren, Christine Schmidt; Frank Dupuis, Meghann and Kai, RJ Campbell, Burley Shepard, Irene Shepard, Adrianna, Bob Manning, Kathy Alden, Brian Reid, Shanelle Duran, June Kent, Kathy Labarge, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the children in Gaza, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster.

## New to the prayer list

#### Those who have died

Dennis Oliver, friend of Bill Lundgren. *Rest eternal* grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

## This Week's Parish Schedule

#### Sunday, May 5: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:45 am: *Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament* (spoken) in the Chapel.
- 9:20 am: Children's Spiritual Formation in the Godly Play room.
- 9:30 am: *Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament* (sung) in the Sanctuary.

Ms. Patti Walter (she/her)
Ms. Misty Dupuis (she/her)
Ms. Ronda Hilton (she/her)
Ms. Julia Wade (she/her)
Ms. Lexi Jones (she/her)

- 11:00 am: Youth Group
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall.

#### Monday, May 6

• 4:00 pm: Forum committee via Zoom.

#### Tuesday, May 7

• 6:00 pm: Leadership team via Zoom.

### Wednesday, May 8

- 9:00 am: Staff meeting in the Workroom.
- 10:00 am: Communion from the Reserved Sacrament and Bible Study in the Chapel.
- 12:00 pm: Outreach committee via zoom.
- 4:00 pm: Worship and the Arts committee via Zoom.

#### Thursday, May 9

• 7:00 pm: Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

## Sunday, May 12: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 7:45 am: *Holy Eucharist* (spoken) in the Chapel.
- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary.
- 11:00 am: Barnabas Forum in Grant Hall.

## Birthdays

John Bednarek	May 1
Kerby Meyers	May 2
Ann Hix	May 5
Cheryl Volmert	May 8
Patti Walter	May 9
Helen Barron	May 11
Kent Freed	May 12
Mary Erickson	May 15
Walter Flor	May 17
Chase Knierim	May 17

Theresa Dupuis-Spiva	May 22
Bea Moore	May 23
Jill Bednarek	May 28
Misty Dupuis	May 29
Sue Gallanter	May 29
Anne Wolfrum	May 30

## Anniversaries

**Becky and Brent Sanders** May 1 Beth Suter and Todd Trautman May 18 Christine Schmidt and Steven Fink May 27

## Announcements

While Patti is out of the office next week (M-F), please call The Rev. Deb Angell at (303) 475-9194 if you would like pastoral care. Patti will return on Sunday, May 12.

## **BARNABAS FORUM** 11:00 am in GRANT HALL

**TODAY:** We are fortunate to have Dr. Lee Butler, the new President of the Iliff School of Theology, as the speaker, as part of our Wills Long lectureship series. "A Friendly He will speak on: John 15:9-17 Amendment". What is the meaning of sacrificial love within a society that sacrifices and consumes bodies? We will discuss the meaning of laying down one's life for friends.

May 12: Larry Volmert will facilitate a discussion regarding the growing coalition between the extreme MAGA Republicans and the extreme right "Christian" Nationalists, and the danger that poses to American democracy and to religious liberty and faithful Christian principles and practice. Come with your thoughts and insights to share in this discussion.

## **THE 2024 AUCTION** "GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING" JUNE 8, 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM A celebration of our community, talents, and gifts.

For those contributing an event or gift to the auction, posters are available to be picked up in Lukens each Sunday. Completed posters are due back to church on May 26.

The Auction is a time to connect, break bread, and of course, FUNdraise. In addition to hosting events such as dinners, hikes, game and movie nights, there is another way you can participate. St. Barnabas is full of members who have amazing gifts and talents-clothing designers, painters, knitters, bakers, linguists, poets, photographers, singers, composers, IT specialists-and more. Please consider offering your skill or gift as an Auction item. Everyone is welcome! Invite your neighbors, friends, family, and kids. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Barb Mattison or Sis Flor, Auction Co-Chairs.

New to the Auction? A description is available on the resource table in Lukens.

HELP DECORATE FOR PENTECOST

## SUNDAY, MAY 12, AFTER THE 9:30 am SERVICE

Keeping to the theme of many hands make light work, are you able to stay after church to help change the banners for the Season of Pentecost? Questions? Ask anyone on the Worship committee: Patti Walter Misty Dupuis, Diana Whitley, Becky Sanders, and Rachel Sefton.

**GIVING-2-OTHERS FOR MAY** 

## THE GATHERING PLACE

Founded in 1986, The Gathering Place (TGP) is the only daytime drop-in center in the Denver metro area that serves women, transgender and non-binary individuals and their children. Located at 1535 High Street in Capitol Hill, those who come to TGP receive services that meet basic needs, foster personal growth, build community, and develop social enterprise.

It's easy to donate. online via the Weekly eNews. Or earmark a check to St. Barnabas for "Giving-2-Others" and place it in the offering plate or in the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

ST FRANCIS CENTER PATH (Positive Action Towards Housing) **LUNCHEON**: Tuesday, May 7 at 11:30 am, at Temple Emanuel, 51 Grape St. in Denver. Lunch is provided free. The registration link is in the Weekly eNews.

### **MUSIC GALORE!**

Several choir and church members are involved with other groups. Here are three upcoming events.

**Misty Dupuis** is the director of the Arapahoe Community College and Community Choir. Their concert will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm in the Waring Theater on the Littleton campus (5900 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, 80120). The concert is free to attend.

**Michael Jordan** sings with Spirituals Project Choir. Their next concert is Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 pm in the Gates Concert Hall, Newman Center for the Performing Arts. 2343 E Iliff Avenue. Free general admission. \$5 reserved parterre seating.

**Tom Potter** and **Ellen Janasko** are members of the Colorado Symphony Chorus. The 40th anniversary concert will be held on Sat. May 18 at 7:30 pm and Sun. May 19 at 1:00 pm. For discounted tickets of 40% off please visit the Weekly eNews.

Flyers are available on the big resource table.

## SATURDAY'S EARTH DAY CLEAN UP WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Lena Potyondy's comment says it all. "[With all the rain] I wasn't sure there'd be enough to do inside. I should have known better. There's ALWAYS something that needs to be done." But it wasn't just an inside job :-). Janet Manning and Tony braved the blizzard and did some pruning and clean-up. THANK YOU to ALL who helped. Check out the Weekly eNews for a gallery of photos.

#### SUMMER CHOIR HYMNS

The summer season is nearly here! Once again, the Choir is warming up their vocal chords in preparation of singing your favorite hymn. Please email your favorite(s) to Misty at misty.dupuis@stbdenver.org.

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Can be found in the Weekly eNews.

## MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Resources links are available in the Weekly eNews.