

# St. Barnabas

## EPISCOPAL PARISH

The Holy Eucharist

September 22, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Creation

### Welcome to St. Barnabas!

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.

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

*A bell tolls.*

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

### THE PRELUDE

Prelude on *St. Anne*

George Theophilus Miles

## *The Liturgy of Gathering*

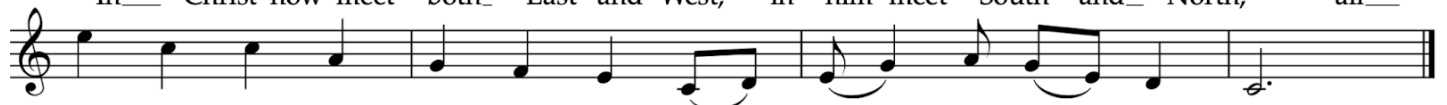
*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### THE GATHERING HYMN \*

## In Christ There is No East or West H-529



In\_\_ Christ there is no\_\_ East or West, in him no South or\_\_ North, but\_\_  
Join\_\_ hands, dis - ci - ples\_\_ of the faith, what-e'er your race\_\_ may\_\_ be! Who\_\_  
In\_\_ Christ now meet both\_\_ East and West, in him meet South and\_\_ North, all\_\_



one great fel - low - ship of love through - out\_\_ the whole wide earth.  
serves my Fa - ther as his child is\_\_ sure - ly kin\_\_ to me.  
Christ - ly souls are one in him, through - out\_\_ the whole wide earth.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

**Blessed be God who creates all things.**

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

**This is the day the Creator has made.**

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Let us pray: **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 Savior. Amen.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE\*

### All Things Bright and Beautiful H-405

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,  
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. 1. Each  
lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, he  
made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.

Repeat Refrain

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...Grant us, O God, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES

*Jeremiah 11:18-20*

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

*A brief silence, then:*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 54            *Deus, in nomine***

*God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)*

*The psalm is prayed in unison.*

**Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.**

**Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

**For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.**

**Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

**Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.**

**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.**

**For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

**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.**

## THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

*James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a*

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

*The reading is introduced.*

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*A brief silence, then:*

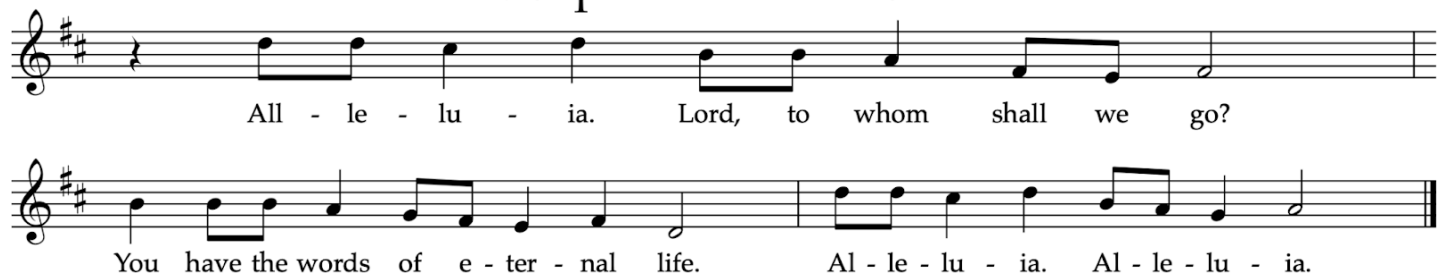
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \***

### Gospel Acclamation



All - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 9:30-37*

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they

will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*A brief silence, then:*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**THE HOMILY**

Pastor Stephanie Kopsch

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us confess our faith.

*A brief silence.*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things good,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.**

**We believe in everlasting life in God.**

**And we believe in the hope that one day  
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

**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. \**

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW-752

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, — send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*Bidder:* As we approach the conclusion of the Season of Pentecost, continuing our journey to be who we are as your people, we offer these intercessions:

For all who seek a deeper faith, especially for those who lead us in the Anglican Communion: Archbishop Justin Welby, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe, and Bishop Kym Lucas in Colorado,

In you, Source of Faith,

**We put our trust.**

For the leaders of the world, that they negotiate conflicting viewpoints to maintain peace, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Sudan, Palestine and Iran,

In you, Source of Peace,

**We put our trust.**

For the leaders of our country, that they may serve justly: President Biden, Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker of the House Johnson, and all elected and appointed officials,

In you, Source of Justice,

**We put our trust.**

For the election of 2024, that it may be preceded by open discussions and an electorate fully informed, resulting in a decisive victory for the winners,

In you, Source of Truth,

**We put our trust.**

For this beautiful planet we are blessed to call home, that decision makers lead us to do what is needed to secure its vibrant life; that we may be brought out of isolation from the natural world to a place of healing connection; for EarthLinks, an organization that addresses our parish priority of Creation Care by enabling connections with nature and community,

In you, Source of Life,

**We put our trust.**

For those who lead us at St. Barnabas in this transition as we refine our focus while we seek a new leader to come among us: Interim Rector Stephanie, Pastoral Associate Patti, Wardens Jolene and Jim, the Vestry and the Profile Committee,

In you, Source of Community,

**We put our trust.**

For all who have sought our prayers for healing of body or spirit, we hold up especially our beloved Patti, Joy, Diana, the Hildegard White family, the family of Burley Shepard, Jane, Jim, Anne, Mat, Rob, the Holbrook family, the people of Ukraine, the people of Sudan, the people in Gaza, those who suffer from conflict and natural and human disaster, and those we name aloud or in silence (*pause*),

In you, Source of Healing,

**We put our trust.**

For those whom we love but see no more and now rest in your peace, especially Hildegard White, Sean Breeze, and those we name in silence or aloud (*pause*),

In you, Source of Eternal Life,

**We put our trust.**

*Celebrant:* Confident that you hear our prayers, we give you grateful thanks, Loving God. **Amen.**

*The refrain is sung once more. \**

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Lord, lis ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A brief silence is kept.*

**We confess that we have not paid attention to the whole of creation. In our concern for our own species, we have trampled others. We have not understood how our actions influence the lives of bugs, birds, and fish. We have elevated our existence over that of bears, whales, and dragonflies. We have ignored our scientists and pushed aside the concerns of our children. We beg forgiveness from future peoples. We beg forgiveness from our sibling species with whom we share this planet. God of creation, have mercy on us and help us. Turn us, change us, and heal us, that we might be good siblings and generous partners with creation. Amen.**

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

Peace with yourself.

Peace with creation.

Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**And also with you.**  
*All share a greeting of peace.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# *The Liturgy of the Meal*

## THE OFFERTORY

### The Offertory Sentence

*Please sit.*

### The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

### The Presentation of the Gifts

### The Offertory Hymn\*

## Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow H-380



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
God a -bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa -ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### The Preface and Proper Preface

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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.

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

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, O God, for we are sinners in your sight.**



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.

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

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:

### The Sanctus\*

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *The Celebrant continues*

And so, Abba God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, 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 Jesus 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, Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Isaac and Rebekah, and God of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God 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.

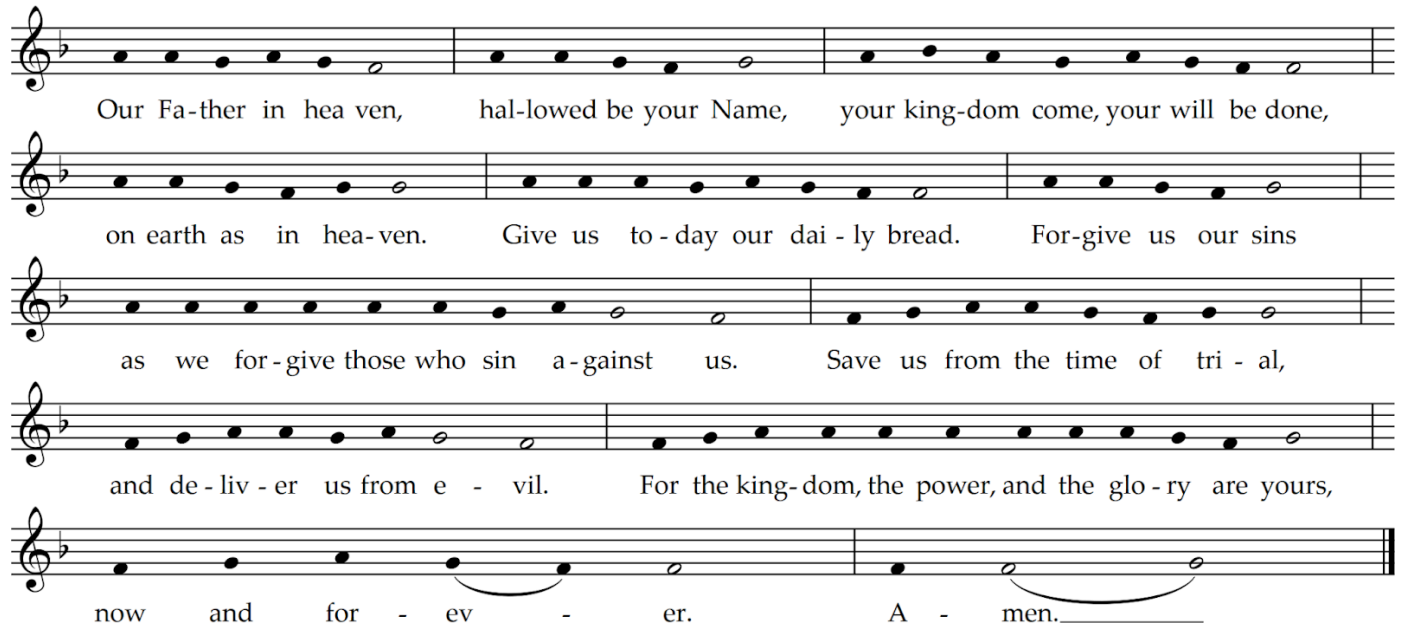
**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*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:



Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-losed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins  
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al,  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND FRACTION ANTHEM\*

### Alleluia S-155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Receive who you are, and become what you receive.

*Please sit.*

*This is the table of God. As 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 a wafer into your hand. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. 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 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.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Eternal God,

**create in us a new heart and a new vision, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.**

**Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of Sending*

## THE BLESSING

The Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in the creation and the pulsing of Christ within; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING HYMN\*

### When Our Song Says Peace (ELW-709)

When our song says peace and the world says war, we will sing de - spite the  
When our song says free and the world says bound, we will sing de - spite the  
When our song says home and the world says lost, we will sing de - spite the  
world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who  
world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who  
world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who  
breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.  
o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.  
brings us home at least, and gives a song to all.

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving creation. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## POSTLUDE

*Sortie*

César Franck

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

## Those In Need of Prayer

The Holbrook family, the Hayes family, Dennis Kennedy, Bill Miles, Marty and Diana Flahive, Larry Volmert, Carol Wier and family, John and Patrice Hayes, Larry Konkel, Andrea, Nicolle, Selah Kay, Jessica Sweet, Claire Hayes, the Long family, Atlee Witt, Jim Hostler, Meghann and Kai, RJ Campbell, KaJune Kent, Kathy Labargethy Alden, Brian Reid, Shanelle Duran, Greg Roosevelt, the Benson and Manning families, Jill Schlegal, Charles Michael Goodall, Joy Sandoz, Patti Walter, Irene and the family of Burley Shepard, Margaret Noteman, Darryl Searuggs, Jamie Henderson, Jim Esten, Anne Wolfrum, Mat Gere, Rob, Jane Schmitz, 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

Diana Whitley.

### Those who have died

Sean Breeze, friend of Jana Everett; Hildegard White.  
*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

## This Week's Parish Schedule

### Sunday, September 22: The Fourth Sunday of Creation

- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary.

- 11:00 am: Holy Conversation #2 in the Brady room.

### Wednesday, September 25

- 10:00 am: Bible Study in the Brady room.
- 11:30 am: Caring Ministry
- 6:00 pm: Vestry committee in Grant Hall.

### Saturday, September 28

- 8:00 am: Youth Group YES! one day mission.

### Sunday, September 29: The Fifth Sunday of Creation. The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

- 9:30 am: *Holy Eucharist* (sung) in the Sanctuary.
- 11:00 am: Holy Conversation #3 in the Brady room.

## Birthdays

Janmarie Pilcher September 24  
The Rev. Dennis Kennedy September 27

## Announcements

### THE SECOND HOLY CONVERSATION IS TODAY IN LUKENS

The next conversation will be held on  
**September 29.**

This week the Profile Committee will focus on **What We Value**. The questions to consider were emailed and also appear in the Weekly eNews.

**9/29 - Your dreams for the future of St. B's and your commitments toward helping bring them into reality**

For links to the Zoom Conversations on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 pm and Monday, September 30 at noon., see the Weekly eNews.

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**CONTINUATION OF THE  
COVENANT BIBLE STUDY  
OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS  
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 3  
9:30 am - 11:00 am**

*note the start and end date changes*

Please see the Weekly eNews for more information.

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**GIVING-2-OTHERS SEPTEMBER  
EARTHLINKS**

For many years now, Christians around the world have celebrated the Season of Creation from September 1 to October 4. Creation Care is also one of St. Barnabas' priorities. So it's only fitting that September's recipient of Giving-2-Others donations is EarthLinks.

EarthLinks is an innovative urban nonprofit that provides a work program for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. They maintain an urban garden, learn new skills, and create earth-friendly products that sustain people AND the planet. Other services include case management, housing navigation, and professional and peer support. They have been very successful in helping participants obtain AND maintain housing. For more information about their program, visit the Weekly for a link to their website.

You may donate to Giving-2-Others via the Weekly eNews, drop a check in the plate or send a donation directly to the office. Remember to add "Giving-2-Others" in the memo line.

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**PATTI WALTER UPDATE**

See the Weekly for the latest update.

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**SECOND CHANCE AUCTION ITEMS**

Visit the Weekly for a list of Second Chance Auction items through the end of the year.