

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easthampton, MA 01027

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CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

[Proper 15]

16 Aug 2026

10:00 a.m.

Community Notices

At the opening hymn, the People STAND and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Opening Hymn #51

“We the Lord’s people, heart and voice uniting”

*Decatur Place
The Hymnal, 1982*

1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may
 called us out of sin and dark-ness in - to his own light,
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,
 that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
 his own life im - part - ing, food ev - er - last - ing.

Words: John E. Bowers (b. 1923), alt.

Music: *Decatur Place*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b. 1921)

Opening Sentences

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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

All sing the Gloria.

The Gloria #20

"Glory to God"

Peter Crisafulli
Enriching Our Music

In 2 *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -

- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

poco rit.

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

a tempo *mp* *poco cresc.*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

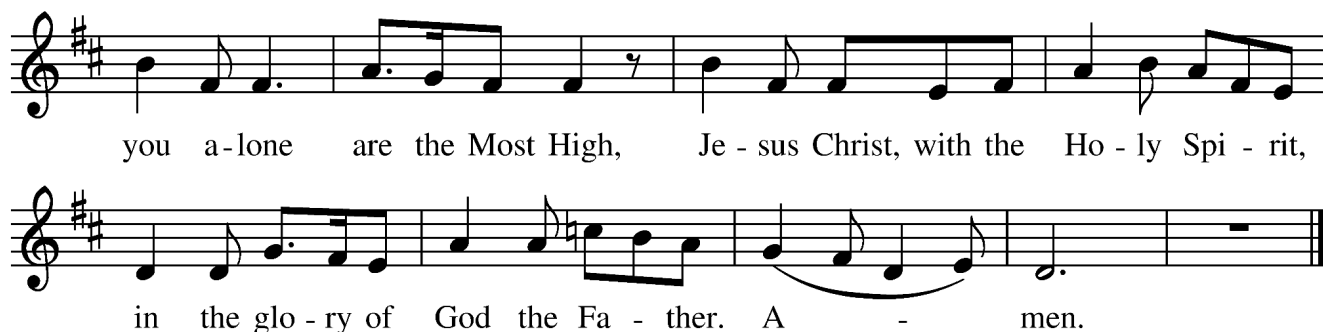
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world; have

mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right

ff

hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, —



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The People SIT.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lessons:

The First Lesson:

Genesis 45:1-15

Steve Bailey, Lector

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be

distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you

shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that

speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for a time. Then the People offer the Psalm.

The Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

Epistle:

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Karen Banta, Lector

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once

disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept for a time. At the organ's introduction the People STAND to sing.

Sequence Hymn #773

“Heal me, hands of Jesus”

Sharpe

Wonder, Love & Praise



1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

Words: Michael Perry. Music: *Sharpe*, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*.

Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that

defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant

that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a

Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates

Sermon Reflection Music

“Rendez à Dieu”

melody attr. Louis Bourgeois;
setting Bernard Huijbers

Reflection time is taken. Then at the Celebrant’s invitation, the Creed is recited, all STANDING

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship, pg 54

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,
 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 [and the Son],
 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.

Prayers of the People

Form II

Book of Common Prayer, pg 385
 Steve Bailey, Intercessor

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.
KNEELING (if you are able), we pray.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Miguelina Howell; for our Bridge Pastor, Alan Gates; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. And in the weekly prayers of the diocese we remember Holy Trinity in Southbridge and the Bishop's Chaplains to Retired Clergy. We also pray for St. Philip's, that in this time of transition, all of us may be open to the promise of new life.

***People:* We pray for the Church.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people: for overcoming the increased incidence of state-to-state conflict and the mistreatment of civilians; and for an increasing sense of our common humanity; for our nation that we may be guided toward justice and truth.

***People:* We pray for justice and peace.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison;

***People:* We pray for those in any need or trouble.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of the Holy One, and that St. Philip's may continue to be a place of safe and faithful exploration.

***People:* We pray that they may find and be found by God.**

Silence

Intercessor: I ask for your prayers of intercession.

Members of the congregation may offer their own prayers.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for healing and the strength of new life for our elder, Mary; for Robert, as he recovers from back surgery; for Robert Carey's family, especially Betty, and friends, upon his death; for Nancy who is recovering from a heart attack; for Cecilia who is undergoing cancer treatment, and for her wife Kathryn and their daughter; for Noah, Graciela, and Pru, for Cristosal in Latin America, and for all the people they serve; for Josh, Andy, and Jon with their struggles with cancer; for Maureen as she recovers from a broken hip and manages heart failure.

Intercessor: I ask for your prayers of thanksgiving.

Silence

Intercessor: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

***People:* We pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Enriching our Worship, pg 19

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for a time. With the Celebrant's bidding, the Congregation joins in the General Confession.

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.*

The Celebrant says

The Absolution

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

The People STAND for the exchange of the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the Holy One's Name.

Community Blessings

OFFERTORY

The Celebrant extends an Offertory Sentence.
As the Congregation's gifts are gathered, the Celebrant prepares the altar.

The People STAND for the Presentation of the gifts.

Offertory Presentation and Proclamation

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer, pg 361

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds.

4 ELEMENTS OF THE HISTORIC EUCHARIST

One of the important insights from the last century's liturgical renewal movement was captured in the scholarly book: "The Shape of the Liturgy." In terms of the historic "shape" of the Holy Communion, four actions characterized the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar: Taking; Blessing; Breaking; Sharing. The genesis of these elements in the Eucharistic liturgy are the actions of Jesus at the "Last Supper" and the meal shared in Emmaus. The "Fraction Anthem" we use this season repeats the Emmaus experience and offers it as our own now.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

For you are the source of light and life: you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus: #S125

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

The Hymnal, 1982

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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

Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The People STAND or KNEEL.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD: THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then all join in the singing of the Fraction Anthem

The Fraction Anthem #37 “Alleluia. Christ our Passover” Susan Calvin Fletcher
Enriching Our Music 1

A - 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.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the anthem. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff continues the melody for the third line and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

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Celebrant: 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.

THE SHARING: The Invitation to Communion

*All those who hunger for the God-life revealed in Jesus are welcome to receive at this altar.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
If reception in the pew is required, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.*

**IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO RECEIVE FROM THE COMMON CUP,
PLEASE REVERENTLY HOLD THE CHALICE'S BASE AND ACKNOWLEDGE "THE BLOOD OF CHRIST."
PLEASE DO NOT INTINCT.**

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, pg 365

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

ETERNAL GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

All STAND for the blessing.

The Blessing

The People remain STANDING for the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #594

“God of grace and God of glory”

*Cwm Rhondda
 The Hymnal, 1982*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king-dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour,
 days,
 goal,
 dore,

for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. By permission of the author. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Canzona”

Franz Tunder

Be Careful: IF YOU COME HERE YOU WILL GROW

Prayer List

Mary R., Robert S., Cecilia D.,
 Noah, Graciela & Baby Pru and Cristosal in El Salvador,
 Josh, Andy, Jon, Maureen L., Nancy D., Robert Carey's family and friends

Please keep in your prayers the groups that use our facility during the week in the summer,
 including several AA Meetings (Sat-Weds).

Birthdays

None this week

Announcements

August 16, 2026

TODAY'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates,
Celebrant/Preacher
Weyehn Reeves, Verger/Crucifer
Karen Banta, Steve Bailey, Lectors
Steve Bailey, Intercessor
Karen Banta, Organist & Choir Director
Joy Hermansen, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Steve Taylor, Tech Minister
Justin Wolfe, Jeanne Michaels, Ushers
Elizabeth McAnulty, Altar Guild
Janet Couch, Anne Bezio, Counters

Come over to the Parish Hall after worship today for **COFFEE HOUR**, hosted by Fran Kidder and Glee Miner. Thank you!

Our **EVENTS CALENDAR** is online at <https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/upcoming-events>

JOIN THE ST. PHILIP'S CONNECT GROUP, our virtual community. We share blessings, ask for prayers and help or favors. Ask a vestry member for more information.

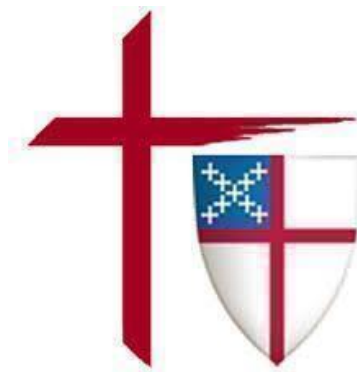
The **St. Philip's Social Justice Priorities** (communication, food insecurity, and our undocumented neighbors) are highlighted in this week's N.O.W.

Subscribe to the N.O.W. (News Of the Week). Find our weekly newsletter, at <https://www.stphilipseasthampton.org/weekly-newsletter>. Subscribe and you'll receive the sermon every Monday and the N.O.W. every Thursday.

BE A PILGRIM! Join the Pilgrims group on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 till 5:00 on Zoom, now entering our sixth year. We are beginning a study of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and promise a scintillating exploration of this New Testament book. Please contact Linda McCullough Moore at BythegraceofGod@outlook.com for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

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