



St Benedict's Episcopal Church

Los Osos, California

~ Tending Mind and Soul ~

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

10:30 am – January 9, 2022

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, there's a warm welcome for you here!

Prelude: "Men and Kings Seek Him"

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*

All: *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.*

Hymn of Praise

"Come Down O Love Divine"

H 516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing,
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing,
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All: *Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader *A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth -- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 29 [chanted]

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

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- A Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- B Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- A The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- B The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- A The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- B He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- A The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Ka/desh.
- B The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

- A And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- B The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- B The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 8:14-17

Reader *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn

"Christ When For Us"

Hymn # 121

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four lines of lyrics, and the second system has three lines. The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Gospeller: *The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Luke*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form

like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall

[We pause for a few moments' reflection before affirming our faith.]

Nicene Creed

Let us join in the Affirmation of our Faith

All: *We trust in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We trust 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 trust in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We trust 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

BCP Form III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

[Prayers are read from the bidding book;
additional prayers may be offered silently or aloud.]

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

May the All-Compassionate 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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

To maintain safe social distancing, please simply greet others verbally or with a bow or nod.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Those wanting a special prayer for a birthday, anniversary, or travel, may come forward.

Prayers can be found on the white card in your pew.

Offertory

Collection plates are not passed, but you may put your contributions in the plate by the usher's station before the service, or at the Peace, or contribute at our website any time.

Offertory Hymn

"From God Christ's Deity Came Forth"

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1 From God Christ's de - i - ty came forth, his man-hood from hu -
2 He joined with guests at wed - ding feast, yet in the wil - der -
3 The dis - so - lute he did not scorn, nor turn from those who
4 He did not dis - re - gard the sick; to sim - ple ones his
5 Who then, my Lord, com - pares with you? The Watch - er slept, the



1 man - i - ty; his priest - hood from Mel - chi - ze - dek, his
2 ness did fast; he taught with - in the tem - ple's gates; his
3 were in sin; he for the right - eous did re - joice but
4 word was given; and he de - scend - ed to the earth and
5 Great was small, the Pure bap - tized, the Life who died, the



1 roy - al - ty from Da - vid's tree: praised be his One - ness.
2 peo - ple saw him die at last: praised be his teach - ing.
3 bade the fall - en to come in: praised be his mer - cy.
4 his work done, went up to heaven: praised be his com - ing.
5 King a - based to hon - or all: praised be your glo - ry.

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Holy Eucharist

BCP Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

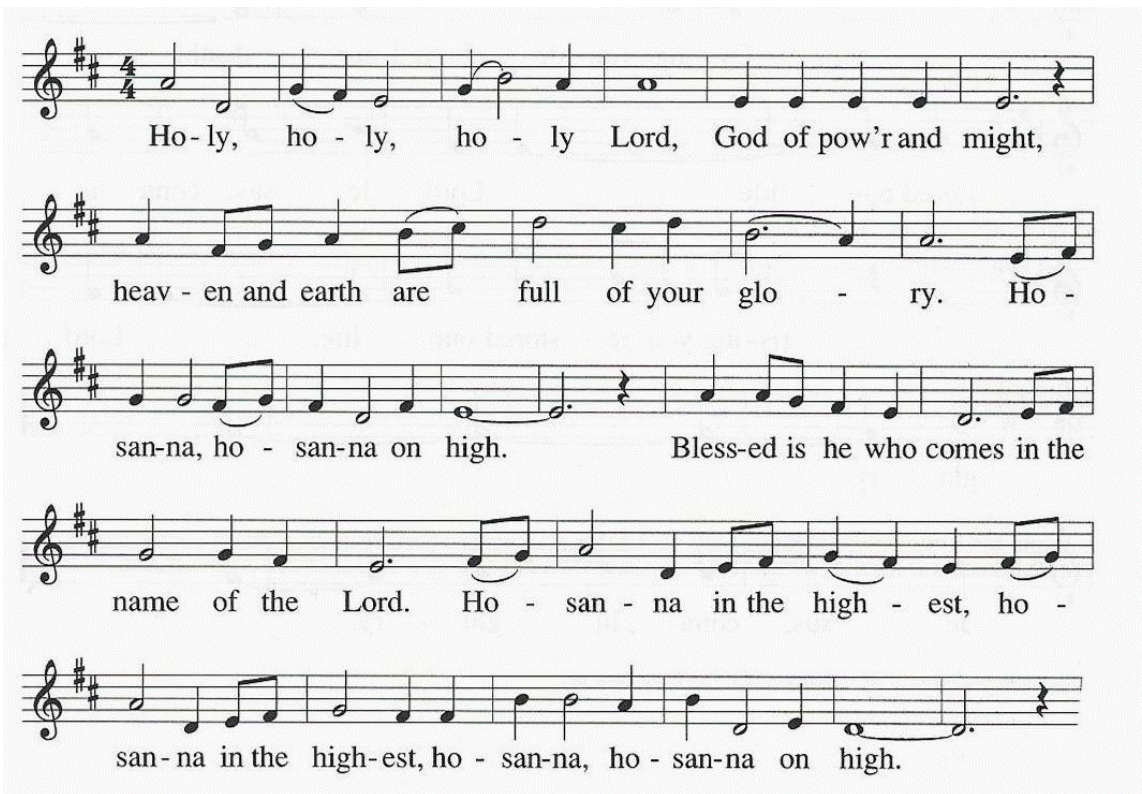
People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san-na, ho - san-na on high. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na, ho - san-na on high.

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The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

***We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Blessed Benedict and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Celebrant and People:

*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.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

*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

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.
A period of silence is kept.

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When we eat this bread of life, when we drink of this
ho - ly cup, we pro - claim your death, O Lord,
till you come a - gain 1. 2. till you come a - gain.

Holy 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.

This is God's table, and all are welcome here.

Communion Music: *"Be Still and Know"*
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Communion Hymn

"Strengthen for Service"

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1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from
3 The feet that tread thy hal - lowed courts from light do

things have tak - en; let ears that now have
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy
thou not ban - ish; the bo - dies by thy

heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.
Bo - dy fed with thy new life re - ple - nish.

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We pause for a moment of silence before joining in our final prayer together:

*Holy and Eternal God,
by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

An Australian Prayer Book

The Blessing

May Christ, who draws the nations to himself, teach us to love our enemies;
may Christ, who enters the waters of baptism, lead us to die to all but love;
may Christ, who gives new wine for the world, turn our bitterness into joy;
and may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you all
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church

Announcements

Final Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

H 135

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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The Dismissal

Officiant: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude: "Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

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This Week at St. Benedict's

Sunday, Jan 9

8:00 am – Contemplative Eucharist service (also on Zoom)

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Eucharist service – (also live-streamed on FB)

Monday, Jan 10 RECTOR'S SABBATH

Tuesday, Jan 11

9:45 am – Prayers for the Morning (Zoom)

10:15 am – Spiritual Conversation: "The Book of Joy" concludes (Zoom)

5:30 pm – Vespers service: in person and on Zoom

Wednesday, Jan 12

6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal *note new starting time*

Saturday, Jan 15

9:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Celia's Garden Café

2:30 pm – Memorial Service for Larry Swafford

Sunday, Jan 16

8:00 am – Contemplative Eucharist service (also on Zoom)

9:20 am – Bible Study

10:30 am – Eucharist service – (also live-streamed on FB)

12:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUTUAL MINISTRY SURVEY— Responses due by Jan 16

Every January we ask you to take the time to reflect on our ministry. There are two ways you can complete the Mutual Ministry survey – you can go to the online form which is available here:

<https://forms.gle/RoQZhXvbWbZur2Ti9> or you can collect a paper survey from the back of the church, and return it completed. We ask you to complete your part **no later than January 16th** so that we can share the results of the survey at our Annual meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Sunday, January 23rd

The annual parish meeting will be held on January 23rd starting at noon at the church. All members and regular attenders are encouraged to participate in this meeting which last about 90 minutes and will also be available on Zoom. Lunch will be provided for those who attend in person.

TUESDAY SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION

Our current Tuesday morning spiritual conversation based on [The Book of Joy](#) by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama concludes this week.

Then, starting on **January 25th** the conversation will be based on the book, [Benedict's Dharma: Buddhists Reflect on the Rule of St Benedict](#). This seems to be a good follow-on to some recent spiritual conversations on Buddhism and Christianity, mostly centered on the [The Book of Joy](#).

This conversation is open to anyone and everyone whether or not you read the book. On-line via [Zoom](#) on Tuesdays at 10:15am. A service of **Prayers for the Morning** is also available on Tuesdays, starting at 9:45. (There will be no Spiritual Conversation on January 18 to give us time to start reading Benedict's Dharma.)

CONGRATULATIONS ABUNDANCE SHOP CREW for a year well done! You contributed \$50,000 to St. Benedicts in 2021 and \$5,000 to community organizations. Praise God!

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK:

-- Birthdays --

Jan 11 Roz Malone
Jan 15 Faye Hogan

PERSONAL PRAYER – A member of the Healing Prayer Ministry team is available each week after the 10:30 service to pray with you for special concerns. If you'd like this prayer support during the week, contact **Helen Schnieders** at **(818)324-2646**. If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

GUANTANAMO WEBINAR - Tuesday, January 11, 1-2pm

January 11th, 2022, will mark 20 years since the first detainees were sent to Guantanamo as part of the Global War on Terror. Today, 39 detainees remain there. Despite this ongoing injustice, Guantanamo is largely overlooked; in December, the Senate hosted its first hearing on Guantanamo in eight years. Many Guantánamo detainees were tortured by the U.S. government, and two decades after the prison opened, most of the 39 people imprisoned there have never been charged with or tried for any crime. To mark this anniversary and to advocate for closing Guantanamo, The Episcopal Church and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture are hosting this webinar: [Guantanamo 20 Years On: A Religious Perspective](#) . A distinguished panel of experts will provide more information about why the prison at Guantanamo was opened, the human rights abuses that occurred there, the long-running failure of the military commissions process to provide justice, and what steps we, as people of faith, can take to close the prison for good. Registration is free but required, see our webpage or online BW for an active link.

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Caroline Hall
Eucharistic Minister:	Michael Lucas
Lector:	Sandy Fisher
Ushers:	Barbara Schippers & Sandy Fisher
Flowers:	Elaine Beckham
Altar Guild:	Lorienne Schwenk
Piano:	Dave Alm
Intercessor:	Helen Schnieders
On-line Hosts:	Suzan Vaughn & Pat Henry
Tellers:	Bryson McKelvey & Lorienne Schwenk