

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
A welcoming, loving, Christian community, committed to
servng God, one another and our neighbors.

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

✠ **THE HOLY EUCHARIST** ✠

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Sonata in C Major, K. 330, II. Andante cantabile* by Mozart

Opening Hymn *standing* *Praise to the living God!*

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| 1 Praise to the living God!
All praised be His name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
For ay the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last,
beyond all thought
his timeless years! | 3 His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet's word
he spoke of old,
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land. |
| 2 Formless, all lovely forms
declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all.
Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere, above, below,
his will obeys. | 4 Eternal life hath He
implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be his name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same. |

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,

People **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.**

Song of Praise

My Lord, what a morning

My Lord, what a morning;

My Lord, what a morning;

O my Lord, what a morning,

When the stars begin to fall,

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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 First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82 *spoken responsively by whole verse*

God takes his stand in the council of heaven;

he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?**

Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *standing*

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Chorus And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *Chorus*

Gospel Acclamation

Presider

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn *standing*

We are one in the Spirit

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: *Chorus*

All praise to the Father, from who all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *Chorus*

The Sermon

The Reverend Thomas Murphy

Silence will be observed following the sermon

The Nicene Creed *standing*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

- Leader Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us bring our prayers before God, saying: *Holy One, hear our prayer.*
- For the Church, that we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
- People Holy One, hear our prayer.**
- Leader For this parish family, that God will strengthen our call to share God's love and mercy with all those around us. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Bob Dixon.
- People Holy One, hear our prayer.**
- Leader For peace in all places of conflict, that the Spirit will lead those in positions of authority to work to end violence and promote the safety and dignity of all.
- People Holy One, hear our prayer.**
- Leader In thanksgiving for those who have taught us to live faithfully, that our lives may also witness to Jesus who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
- People Holy One, hear our prayer.**
- Leader For all who bear the burden of poverty, for those who are held unjustly, for the victims of war, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering those you may now wish to name either silently or aloud (*pause*), that God will keep them safe and give them hope.
- People Holy One, hear our prayer.**
- Leader For all the departed, remembering especially Gene Gordan and Robert Ray, that they may rejoice in that great company who sing God's praises.
- People Holy One, hear our prayer.**
- Leader Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
- People To you, O Lord our God.**
- Presider O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us be a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Thank you for hearing our hearts' longings for the healing of the world and for hearing us better than we are speaking. We offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. *Amen.*

The Confession

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

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.

The Absolution

The Bishop when present, or the Presider, stands and says

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 Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

Presentación de los Dones
(Presentation of the Gifts)

solo by Rebecca Sharp

Doxology *Please stand as the ushers present the gifts*

Sung to *Old 100th*

We hunger not for bread alone, but that you make your will our own.

Show us your way, your truth, your light. That we bring glory in your sight. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Sanctus *sung*

Hymnal S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider 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.

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 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider 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 [_____ 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.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we sing,

The Lord's Prayer *sung*

Hymnal S-149

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem *sung*

Hymnal S-154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

The Invitation to Communion

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. The ushers will direct the congregation forward for Holy Eucharist while maintaining social distancing. To receive a blessing from the priest instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest upon approaching the altar.

Communion Hymns

I come with joy to meet my Lord

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free;
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord;
his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.

5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways;
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Chorus

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Chorus*

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you. *Chorus*

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Chorus*

4 Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we were slaves;
this is the way we should live with you. *Chorus*

Post Communion Prayer *standing*

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

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Announcements

The Dismissal

Presider Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

If you are going to Lake Logan on August 28, pick up a Lake Logan reservation/release form from the cubby, fill it out naming all who will be in attendance, and leave it on Martie's desk. The group name is "La Esperanza." This form is required for all attending. If you forget to do this, you will need to do it at Lake Logan.

Announcements for the week beginning August 14

SUNDAY 8/14 – Men's breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. The First Sunday open offering for August will benefit Church of the Advocate. This is the last day to sign up for the Icon-writing retreat/workshop. Last day to deliver cookies and brownies to the church for Church of the Advocate!

WEDNESDAY 8/17 – Centering Prayer from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Evening Prayer via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 8/20 – ECHS Women's Group will meet at the church and via Zoom beginning at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and conversation. The meeting will start at 10:30.

SUNDAY 8/21 – The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. The First Sunday open offering for August will benefit Church of the Advocate.

Thomas Murphy will be our priest on August 14 and 21 while David is on vacation. Thomas was raised in this diocese at St. Marks in Gastonia, he served on staff at Camp Henry, on diocesan youth counsel, and spent a year as a Young Adult Service Core volunteer in Honduras. After completing a Master's in Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, he worked 13 years at the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville then two years as rector at St. Philip's in Brevard. He has enjoyed a long friendship with David McNair and is honored to be with the members of Holy Spirit. Thomas promised to only tell a maximum of two funny but theologically profound stories about David, a water slide, and possibly a red dress. So, maybe three stories.

UPDATE ON ROGER HARTNER FROM GAIL KASE Greetings, I'd like to share an update about our friend, Roger Hartner. The pancreatic cancer is weakening his body, but his spirit is still strong. He appreciates visits—especially with music, chanting or simple silence—but he tires more easily. Mornings and early afternoons are best. He will let visitors know when he needs to rest. He asks that you call or text first.

He can be found on the Caring Bridge website: caringbridge.org.

During the time period of August 18th to 28th (when his nephew, Elliot, will not be available), he requests more consistent company. Members of his family will be staying with him, but they would appreciate brief "respites" (1 to 2 hours). There is a sign-up sheet in the church hallway, if you would like to help during that time. (You can also email me with your phone number, whether you can receive texts, and your email address). I'll try to organize folks when we get closer to the 18th. Thanks, Gail Kase (kase.gail@gmail.com).

SEEKERS CLASS led by Rev. David McNair will be offered at EHCS for those interested in confirmation, reaffirmation, or reception in the Episcopal Church on the following dates: Wednesday, August 24 at 1:00, Thursday, September 1 at 1:00, Thursday, September 15 at 1:00, and Tuesday, September 20 at 1:00. All are welcome to attend any or all of the classes. The visiting bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jay Magness, will preside at the ECHS worship service on Sunday, September 18th and offer confirmation, reaffirmation, or reception to any who would like to do this. Please let David know if you would like to attend the class at #828-273-7985 or email: priestholyspiritwnc@gmail.com.

MARY MAGDALENE ICON-WRITING RETREAT/WORKSHOP November 28 – December 2. Holy Spirit has been given another exciting opportunity to get to know Mary Magdalene. Teresa Harrison, who is a long-time icon-writer and teacher, has offered to do one of her icon retreat/workshops for Holy Spirit, November 28 through December 2, at the church. With guidance and supplies from Teresa, each participant will "write" the Mary Magdalene icon on display in the library.

Each day begins with a eucharist, followed by instruction and work on the icon, a break for lunch (provided), another work session and then reflection on the day's experience. A perfect way to enter Advent, the workshop/retreat is open to anyone.

The teaching method for writing the icon does not require you to be an artist!

Teresa has a very informative website (<http://www.teresaharrison.com/>) which you can check out to learn more about her and the retreat/workshops she offers. You can also speak with Claire Gillespie or Susan Sherard if you have questions. As a gift to the parish, Teresa has offered to do the retreat/workshop for \$200 per person which is half the normal fee per person. Anyone needing scholarship assistance can speak with David.

Though the retreat/workshop isn't until late November, scheduling and planning needs require us to determine well in advance how many Holy Spirit folks want to sign up. So, we do ask that people **commit by Sunday, August 14**, by letting Claire or Susan know or by signing the sheet in the cubby.

ECHS WOMEN'S GROUP The Women's Group will meet on Saturday, August 20. The focus will be on "Our spiritual journeys throughout the seasons of our lives." There will be poetry, meditation, music, and much conversation. Nancy Larkin and Ingrid Dieren will lead the discussion. Please mark this date on your calendar. As usual we will meet at 10:00 for coffee and conversation and at 10:30 for the discussion. The meeting will be held in-person at the church and via Zoom.

BREAKFAST ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS Thanks to all who have donated breakfast items for our homeless population. We will once again provide meal donations for breakfast on September 1, 2022. Mary Jo Sparrow will be taking them to Homeward Bound to be dispersed at several locations. She will have boxes at church along the hallway and items can be dropped off August 24-31. If you'd rather drop items at her home, she lives at 108 Chestnut St, Mars Hill but please call or text before you drop them. Her number is 828-691-8601. The items requested are granola or breakfast bars, instant oatmeal or grits, fruit, individually wrapped muffins, or baked goods and juice boxes. Everything should be in individual packages, and if providing fruit please leave a note if you leave it in the fridge at church! On behalf of your Outreach Committee, thank you so much for caring and sharing with our community in need! David, if you can get bagels again, they were a hit!

JOYFUL JARS ARE COMING! As you heard in announcements, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will be making Joyful Jars to sell at the Heritage Festival on October 8th and we need your help!

We will have three workdays to stuff the jars with love, soup fixings, cookie fixings and pancake fixings. Our first workday will be August 27th, 10:00 until and that will be soup stuffing day.

Next stuff day will be Saturday, September 10th (time to be determined) and that will be cookie making day and the last stuff day will be Thursday September 22nd, 10:00 until, we will do pancakes and hot chocolate.

All ingredients will be purchased in bulk. So what can you do?

1. Come to one or more joy stuffing days; sign-ups will be in the cubby.
2. Donate to help offset the cost of the jars and ingredients; just make check payable to ECHS and indicate "Joyful Jars."
3. Donate wide mouth jars (pint and quart size) to the effort.

4. Help us the day of to sell JOY, October 8th.

5. Celebrate with us when we make so much money for both Neighbors in Need and Community Housing Coalition.

Questions? Contact Carol VanVoorhis, Deidre Soileau, Nancy Larkin, or Susan Sewell.

TWO SERVICES ON AUGUST 28 There will be two ECHS worship services offered on Sunday, August 28, 2022. One beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Logan Episcopal Center (beside the boathouse on the shore of Lake Logan) and the other at 10:30 a.m. at ECHS. La Esperanza Women's group will join us for the worship service at Lake Logan and the liturgy will be bi-lingual and abbreviated. Following the service at Lake Logan, there will be a potluck picnic lunch followed by socializing and/or swimming, hiking, and boating. Kayaks, paddle-boards, and canoes will be available. **Lake Logan requires that guests pre-register, so please sign up on the sheet in the cubby ASAP AND fill out one of the reservation/release forms available in the cubby. Leave completed copies on Martie's desk. Contact Martie at officeholyspiritwnc@gmail.com if you plan to attend the service at Lake Logan and need a form. Be sure to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Also, please bring potluck picnic food to share** (salads, sandwiches, fruit chips, cookies, etc.) Drinks and paper products will be provided. Directions to Lake Logan Episcopal Center may be found at www.lakelogan.org or the street address is 25 Wormy Chestnut Lane, Canton NC 28716.

FIRST SUNDAY OPEN OFFERING FOR AUGUST The First Sunday Open Offering for August will benefit Church of the Advocate. Their ministry comprises three programs that served the unhoused in the Asheville area: a Tuesday healing service, Sunday worship, and the *Good Works! Crew*. These three foundational elements come together to support the community of faith, warmth, hope, and help that is Church of the Advocate. The Tuesday Prayer Circle is a time when neighbors can gather for a light breakfast and can choose to participate in a close reading of scripture, led by Brother John. The Sunday service is followed by a full lunch that provides a good meal to as many as forty parishioners. Both the Tuesday Prayer Circle and the Sunday worship service provide a calm, safe environment where parishioners can rest, be refreshed, and connect with others. *Good Works! Crew* members are provided an opportunity to learn more about themselves and others throughout their work with us. The great part about this happens while serving other parishes and local non-profits. Participants are given the chance to work alongside, and receive acceptance from, people who may have led very different lives from their own. Through this shared experience, crew members begin to see themselves as worthy. Those who welcome the crew members begin to see and accept them as people who are not so different. To guide this process, our members receive the benefit of a counselor weekly. The counseling process encourages our members, aids in referrals to other agencies if needed, and offers support along the way as our members walk through transitions and benefit from maintaining a healthy way of life. **Donations will be accepted throughout the month of August when designated to go to "Church of the Advocate" or "August First Sunday." Total donations will be matched by the church up to \$350.**

PARISHIONERS' ART WORKS As part of our celebration of the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene, we are displaying two pieces of artwork created by parishioners: an icon of Mary Magdalene, written by Teresa Harrison; and a wall hanging, "Three Women Waiting," created by Susan Sherard and on loan from the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL. You'll find both in the prayer room, where people are invited to sit quietly and observe the pieces, whether on Sunday or during the week (July 17 – August 28).

ECHS RECKONING WITH RACE GROUP The next ECHS Reckoning with Race gathering will focus on Zora Neale Hurston's 1937 novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* on Saturday, September 10, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. In preparation, all are invited to purchase a copy of the book and to begin reading. Hurston's novel is considered a classic of the Harlem Renaissance.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT LAKE LOGAN is September 23-25, 2022

It is with much happiness and joy, we can look forward to time together at our long anticipated CHS women's retreat at Lake Logan. The theme of this year's retreat is LEAN ON ME. The cost is \$275 each with sleeping for 22 women. This cost includes lodging for 2 nights and all meals beginning Friday evening through Sunday lunch.

Accommodations are as follows and are the same as in years past. There will be double occupancy in each of the 4 rooms in Hemlock and 7 rooms in Retreat house. If we have more than 22 confirmed signed up, consider finding your own accommodations and still join in the day with the programs. If you come for the day, any meals you plan to take in the dining room will need to be paid for in advance and included in the head count for our group 30 days in advance. A signup sheet will be in the cubby starting July 1st. **THE DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP AND PAYMENTS IS AUGUST 14th.** Some scholarships are available, talk with Martie or David. Checks should be made payable to the Church of the Holy Spirit. On the memo line, put "Women's Retreat 2022." These should be given to Martie in the parish office. Feel free to call Peggy Wilson with any questions.

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Praise to the living God! Words: Anon. *Foundling Hospital Psalms and Hymns*, 1797; para. of Psalm 148. Music: *Daniel's Tune*, David N. Johnson (b. 1922). Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-711168.

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Presentación de los Dones (Presentation of the Gifts). Words: Alex Viguera, *Misa Pampina*. Origin: Chili.

I come with joy to meet my Lord. Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt. Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm.

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PRAYER REQUESTS & CONCERNS

Prayer requests can be made through the Church Administrator, Martie Carson, at 828-689-2517 or officeholyspiritwnc@gmail.com. Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless there is a request for them to remain longer. One of our missions as a spiritual community is to offer, together, the prayers of each of us. To make this possible, we offer several opportunities.

Prayer Chain: Call **Peggy Wilson 828-713-7596** and your prayer will be passed on to all those who choose this as their ministry. **The**

Prayer Box: Written prayers placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary, will be offered at the altar at the 10:30 worship on Sunday. All prayers put in the box are removed and burned at the Easter Vigil. **The Parish Prayer List:** Speak to the Rector, the Church Administrator, or Peggy Wilson if you wish to add a name. It will remain on the list for 30 days, but can be renewed at your request.

FOR HEALING OF THE SICK & SUFFERING AND FOR SPECIAL PRAYERS: Joan Flynn, Keith (*friend of Margie and Jim Haaga*), Michael Allen (*nephew of Loraine Hilty*), Carol Veliotis (*friend of Ginny Lentz*), Carol Flagg (*Deidre Soileau's stepmother*), Jim Sparrow, Jim, Mike Robinson, Jennie Lou Reid and family, Jeff Arditti (*Page Mangum Arditti's father-in-law*), Roger Hartner, Coleen Butterick (*Ginny Lentz's friend*), Patty, Kayleigh, Lauren, Scott, Meg and Susan (*Pam and Ed's family*), Peggy McConnell, Elyse Taylor (*Mary Jo and Jim Sparrow's niece*), Mark Rosauer (*Janice and Beth Mallindine's friend*), Eileen (*Larry Johnson's daughter-in-law*), David McGregor (*Carol Van Voorhis's brother*), Carole Currie, Linda Ballard, Jim Byrd (*Bob Byrd's brother*), John Summers (*Heidi Summers' father*), Patricia Barnes (*friend of Stephanie McCullough*), Carmen Phillips (*family member of Kathleen Phillips*), Mike Bradley, John Panek (*Tom Panek's bother*), Michael, Barry (*friend of Dick Jordan*), Coby and family (*Linda Tull's friends*), Papa Bill, Mama Bec, and Tom (*Rebecca Sharp's family*), Karen Altick (*Michael Smith's sister*), Bobbie Soule, Jack Price (*friend of Marnie Wilson*), Dan Hostetler (*friend of the Sparrows*), Burt Hoffner (*Marnie Wilson*), and Diane Vestal.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Gene Gordan (*Frances Knisley's sister's husband*) and Robert Ray (*Mike Ray's brother*).

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Frances Knisley and her family and friends and Mike and Jo Ray and their family and friends.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Michael Fanke, Nathan Fanke, and Benjamin Ten Brink (*Janice Mallindine's grandsons*), Ian Kearnex, Miles Cooper, Josh Harder, John Harper, Dan McGraw, Carl Ten Brink, Chris Bournes, and James and Kadey Christian.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: We pray for all students, faculty & staff returning to school; College and Campus Ministries at Appalachian State University; Western Carolina University; and University of North Carolina, Asheville; we pray for Faithful to Jesus Episcopal Church in Matanzas, Cuba.

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: We pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: John Doran 8/14.

SERVANT LEADERS: Kathleen Phillips (Sr. Warden), Peggy Wilson (Jr. Warden), Dick Jordan, Nancy Larkin, Pam McNally, Mark Holland, Barbara Schauer, Rebecca Sharp, and Carol VanVoorhis (Vestry Members) and Lorrie Cooper (Vestry Clerk).