

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
10 am

July 11, 2021
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22)
Charles Villiers Stanford

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

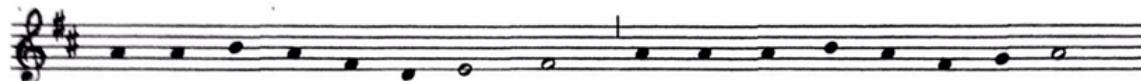
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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

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.**



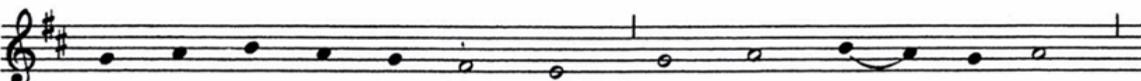
1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



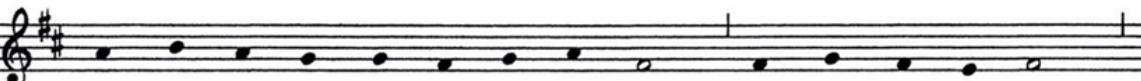
2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

Read responsively by whole verse

1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

**2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

**4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

**6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his

birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

**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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town of Cockeysville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We especially pray for those impacted by COVID-19 as well as those on our parish prayer list: Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Jeff & Kim, Norma, Margaret, Ed, Laura, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Joe, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Steve & Debbie, Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Charles, Samantha, Courtney, Debbie H., Danny, Sandy & Jack, Virginia, Jacqui, Susie H., Linda P., Timothy, Barbara Y., Bill H., Margaret S. and family, Jackie & Rick, Louis, David D., Caitlyn, Alice, and Guy. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays including Emily R., as well as anniversaries, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Concluding Collect:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshipping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. Give online (sherwoodcockeyville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated in your pew and Mother Nancy will come to you during the Eucharist. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.

OFFERTORY

Let us with a gladsome mind

(Biblical Songs and Anthems, Op. 113: Song No. 1) - Charles Villiers Stanford

1 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind;
For his mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

2 Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God.
For his mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available in Christ, and in response the people sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS – S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Celebrant says

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

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

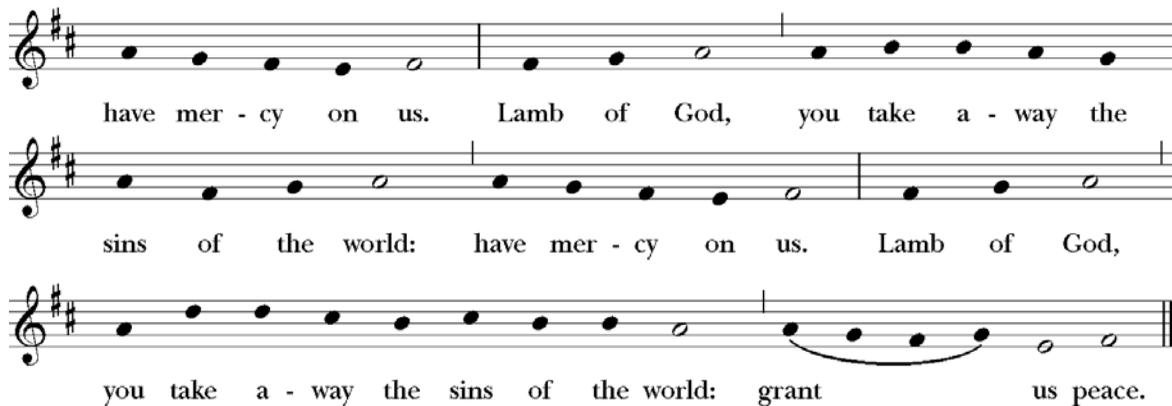
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI - S161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while Mother Nancy distributes communion to those present.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN - 613

Thy kingdom come, O God!

1 Thy kingdom come, O God!
Thy rule, O Christ, begin!
Break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin!

2 Where is thy reign of peace,
and purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?

3 When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
oppression, lust, and crime
shall flee thy face before?

4 We pray thee, Lord, arise,
and come in thy great might;
revive our longing eyes,
which languish for thy sight.

5 Wherever near or far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise, and never set!

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Six Short Preludes and Fugues, VI. (St. Columba)
Charles Villiers Stanford

Worship Participants

Officiant: The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Seminarian: Karen Mercer

Lector: Sheila Fitzgerald

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Usher: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Lay Participants for Sunday, July 18

Lector: Fran Gunshol

Acolyte: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Usher: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Thank you for joining us for worship. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel. If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at sherwoodparish@gmail.com.

This Week at Sherwood & Upcoming Events

Sunday

Hospitality Hour outside by the church entrance after the service

Monday

Office closed

Wednesday

Mother Nancy Office Hours 10 am-3 pm

Vestry Meeting via Zoom @ 6 pm



This morning, 7/11, we celebrate the music of Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), Irish-born composer of symphonies, chamber music, opera and large-scale choral works. Stanford was born into a musical family and studied music both at Cambridge and Leipzig. His musical voice has been described as “too Irish for the English, too English for the Irish and too German for both.” With C.H.H. Parry, a fellow composer and friend, Stanford has been recognized as creating a new landscape for British music, both writing during the Victorian and Edwardian periods in the late Romantic era dominated by Brahms. Stanford’s compositions explored rich harmonic progressions but remained within the

boundaries of established rules of classical music, guided by a melody or theme, during a period which would become the birth of modernism in music, dominated by Richard Wagner. Stanford is largely remembered for his contributions to the Anglican Church, including works for the organ, as well as anthems and settings of the canticles which are still frequently performed. Stanford's legacy is the works of his students from the Royal College of Music, many of whom would become significant composers, including Sir Arthur Bliss, Frank Bridge, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Gustav Holst, Herbert Howells, John Ireland, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Charles Wood. Art and music do not exist in a vacuum, but are extensions of life and culture. Stanford's expression is the end of a line which proves that fashion is a trend, but style is forever.

Pick Up Your *Forward Day-By-Day*:

The Aug/Sept/Oct issue is here. If you are worshipping with us in person, please remember to pick up your copy at the main entrance to the church or the church wing. Extra copies will be available in the blue bin on the parish office porch.

Annual Diocesan Convention 2021:

Each year, representatives from each congregation come together for an annual review and discussion of issues, policies, and structures. This year's convention is slated for Friday, November 12 (virtually) and Saturday, November 13 in person at Turf Valley, MD. It is interesting to gather as one diocese and get a bird's eye view of the inner workings of the diocese beyond our own congregation. Interested in serving as our lay representative? Speak to Mother Nancy.

Did You Know?

During worship on Sunday, did you know when we say together the psalms, the Nicene Creed, the Confession, and the Lord's Prayer we are reciting poetry and prayers? It is easy to forget this when we recite them each Sunday, but it is important to slow down and really make every word count. When we do, we may hear the psalm or the prayers in a new and life-changing way.

We Are in the Green Phase:

Now that Baltimore County's case rate is at 0.9/100K cases, and our positivity rate is at 0.5%, we are now in the Green Phase. For a detailed outline of the Green Phase go [HERE](https://episcopalmaryland.org/covid-19-response/). <https://episcopalmaryland.org/covid-19-response/> What does this mean for Sherwood? Under the leadership of Mother Nancy, the vestry and staff will be evaluating what adjustments (if any) we will be making to our worship service. We will also want to hear from you, so a survey will be circulating in the upcoming week. This is all good news and thank you for your continued cooperation. We are getting closer!

Don't Forget Hospitality is Back!

Join us for hospitality following the worship service. We have been away from one another for too long. Now we can reconnect outside and face-to-face. (Without masks!)

Helping with Hospitality:

For the summer months, we will be keeping things simple and outside (weather permitting). If you are interested, you can host a Sunday providing a beverage-iced tea, lemonade and/or water with any goodies that can be picked up individually—such as cheese/fruit on toothpicks, brownies or cookies. Cups, napkins, plates, and a collapsible table are provided. Interested? Contact Karyn Galetto @ 410-557-9013 or galettobk@verizon.net. Thank you!

Facing Choices:

Throughout the gospels, we read stories about people being faced with choices. As the disciples learn, this is the beauty and the challenge of being a follower of Jesus Christ. They and us today have the freedom to walk towards or away from Jesus. And even when we walk away, the door remains open for us to change our mind and turn again towards the one true light of love.

This past spring, several members from the Sherwood community took up my invitation to read the book, *Waking Up White: Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving. This group of women made a *choice* to enter into the difficult and often emotional conversation about race. The conversations we had and the questions we challenged ourselves with were Holy. It was an honor to be with

this group of people who were willing to come to the table and explore their own hearts and minds as they read Debby Irving's personal journey with racism.

Those who participated are eager to continue the conversation and in doing so, they want to share with you their personal reflections about their experiences. Over the next few weeks, you will hear from those who were a part of the book study, *"In Their Own Words."* I encourage you to read their reflections. Perhaps what they have written may open the door for you to take part in our second opportunity this fall to read and discuss this book.

A special thank you to those who took the first step in what will continue to be an interesting and life-changing journey of faith. They are truly living out their baptismal covenant in ways even they never imagined possible. -- *Mother Nancy*

In Her Own Words:

Reading *Waking Up White* with my fellow Sherwood parishioners was time well spent. The small size of the group gave each of us an opportunity to openly share our personal insights, thoughts, and experiences. I looked forward to our weekly readings and discussions. Although the topic of race is not always comfortable, we were challenged to take a deeper look at ourselves in a "safe" environment. The book made me view my childhood in the late 50's and early 60's with

different eyes. I constantly hear the phrase "You can't rewrite history." While I agree with that in theory, the book helped me to see that much of the history that I was taught in school was funneled through a narrow prism that largely excluded the stories of people of color. I had no idea what I did not know.

The book also made me take a look at my own attitudes, prejudices, and preconceived notions and to understand not only where they came from, but how to begin to move forward.

I came away from this experience with the realization that I have much to learn. The book and subsequent discussions were a good starting point for me. -
Joyce Mann



*"... pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."*

James 5:16

Sherwood is a community that prays. Prayers come from the depths of the many hearts in the community and are said in community and privately. Many feel strengthened and loved by the prayers of others on their behalf. Each week, the Sherwood community prays for the congregation's members and friends during the Prayers of the People and all requests for prayers are listed in the published prayer list found in the weekly bulletin.

Sherwood's Seminarian, Karen M. is working closely with Mother Nancy and others in developing a process to maintain an updated prayer list and reach out to those in need of prayer. The Sherwood community will hear more about this process in the coming weeks. In the meantime, remember that those on the prayer list are in need of prayers from all of the community. So find some time during the day, each day, to say a little pray for each of those on the prayer list. You just might find that you, too, are healed as you pray on behalf of another.

Please continue to notify Carey of those in need of prayer by calling the office at 410-666-2180 or sherwoodparish@gmail.com.