

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10 am

July 18, 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 Fanfare-Rondeau (*Suite de Symphonies No. 1*) - Jean-Joseph Mouret

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector
Please stand as you are able.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

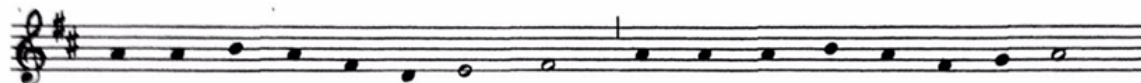
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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.**



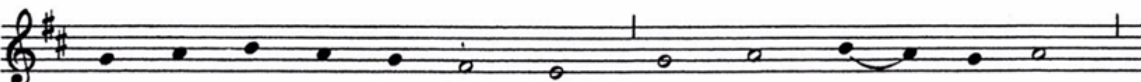
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



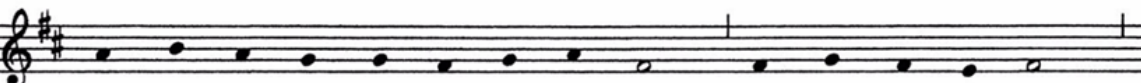
2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” – a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both

groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:20-37

Read responsively by whole verse

- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.**
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.**
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.**
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
- 27 I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.**
- 28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

- 29 I will establish his line for ever ***
and his throne as the days of heaven."
- 30 "If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- 31 If they break my statutes ***
and do not keep my commandments;
- 32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;
- 33 But I will not take my love from him, ***
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
- 34 I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: ***
'I will not lie to David.
- 36 His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;
- 37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, ***
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and

rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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, Guy, and Ginny H. 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 Janet, Joyce, Bill, and Suzie, 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

Psalm 23 - Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He makes me lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

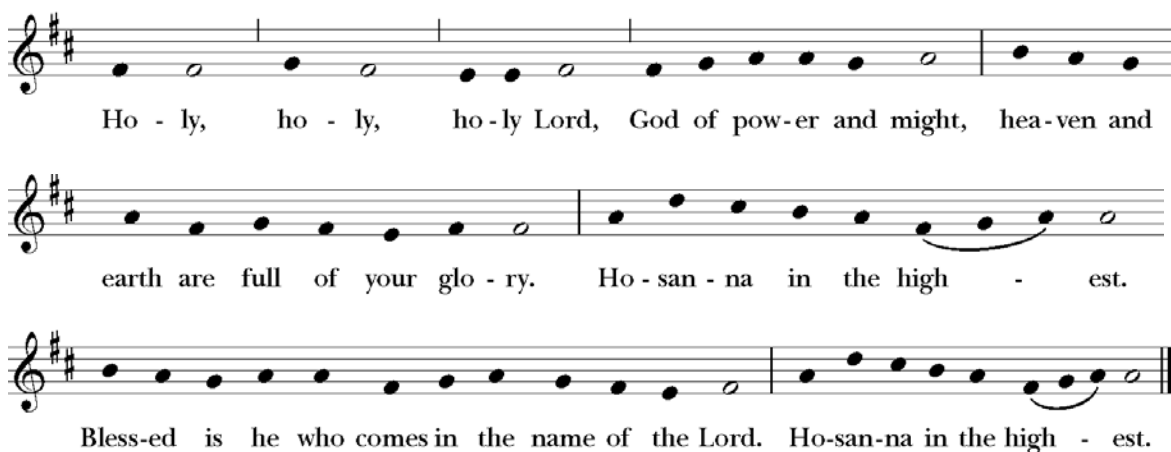
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

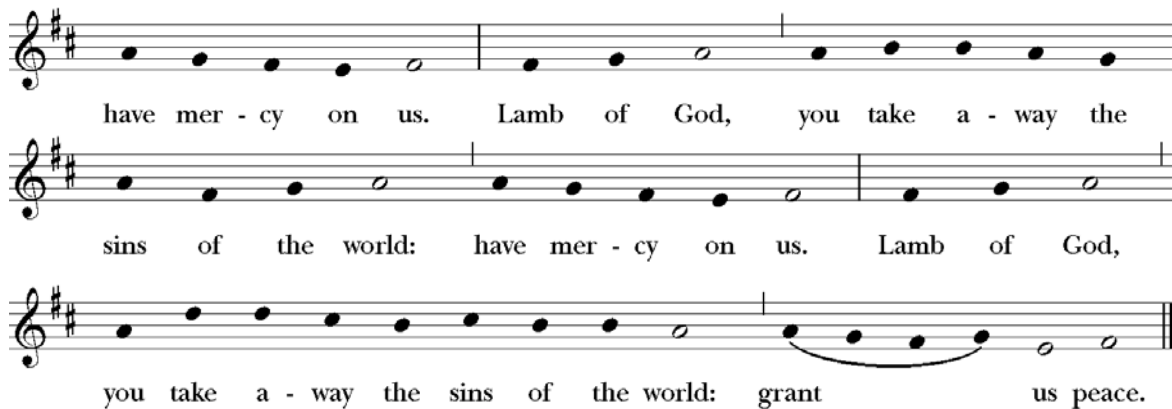
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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 - 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
was strong to heal and save;
it triumphed o'er disease and death,
o'er darkness and the grave.
To thee they went, the blind, the deaf,
the palsied, and the lame,
the leper set apart and shunned,
the sick with fevered frame.

2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health,
gave hearing, strength, and sight;
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed
owned thee, the Lord of light:
and now, O Lord, be near to bless,
almighty as of yore,
in crowded street, by restless couch,
as by Gennesaret's shore.

3 Be thou our great deliverer still,
thou Lord of life and death;
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
with thine almighty breath:
to hands that work and eyes that see,
give wisdom's heavenly lore,
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,
may praise thee evermore.

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

Ecce homo (Behold the man) - Howard Goodall

Worship Participants

Officiant: The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director & Organist: Greg Seseck

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Fran Gunshol

Acolyte: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Usher: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Hospitality: Shelia Fitzgerald

Lay Participants for Sunday, July 25

Lector: Loretta Cunninghame

Acolyte: Greg Syzmaszek

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

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

Thursday

Parish Prayer List Meeting via Zoom @ 10 am



This morning's prelude is the Fanfare-Rondeau from *Suite de Symphonies No. 1* by French composer, Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738). Though a leading composer in France during the Baroque era, Mouret's works are infrequently performed aside from this piece with a catchy tune popular at weddings, originally entitled, "Fanfare for trumpets, timpani, violins, and oboes." Howard Goodall (b. 1958) contemporary British composer of sacred music is the composer of two pieces in this morning's service. The Offertory is his setting of Psalm 23, the theme of BBC's *The Vicar of Dibley*, which premiered prior to the first female priest being ordained in the Anglican church. Goodall composed this piece as a serious yet moderately difficult sacred anthem in hopes that it would be accessible to parish choirs to sing. The postlude features the tune of Goodall's *Ecce homo*.

Five Guys Fundraiser for the School Support Network:

On Monday, July 19 from 4 to 8 pm, the Five Guys 10015 York Rd. in Cockeyville, MD, will be donating a portion of their proceeds to the School Support Network. Stop by and mention SSN when you order!

Putting the Green Phase on Pause:

My friends, the diocese has moved all counties (with the exception of two) back to the yellow phase. The case rates in Baltimore County rose from 0.9/100K to 1.4/100K this week. In order for any county to be considered for the green phase the case rate must be below 1. We had been trending below 1 for a few weeks, but the numbers are shifting. What does this mean for us? We will continue what we have been doing. Facemasks will be required indoors; we can continue to sing (with masks) and our hospitality can take place outdoors without masks. No doubt all of us would like to be rid of our masks—throwing them away forever, but we can't just now.

Thank you all for your patience. I know there are many of you who would like to worship in person but are reluctant because of your children and loved ones who cannot get vaccinated. And for those who don't have any underlining medical reason not to be vaccinated, please get vaccinated. The more of us who are vaccinated, the sooner we will be able to cast off the face masks at church.

"Let Us Gooooo! Let Us Gooooooo!" to see Mason in Frozen Jr.:

Sherwood's own young thespian Mason Strong is appearing in the The Seventh District Recreation Council's production of *Frozen Jr.* at Hereford High School on July 30, 31, and August 1. [Get tickets here.](http://www.seventhdistrictrec.com) www.seventhdistrictrec.com Or if you'd like to attend on Sunday the 1st, [contact Mother Nancy](mailto:sherwoodrector@gmail.com) sherwoodrector@gmail.com; she is arranging an outing from Sherwood.

Collecting for the Hereford Food Bank:

Now that we are back in church we are accepting donations of food for the Hereford Food Bank. [Go here](http://www.herefordumc.com/hereford-food-bank/) to find out what is needed. www.herefordumc.com/hereford-food-bank/ Please do not leave any food in the blue bin outside the church office. Thank you!

Hospitality Hour--Simplicity is the Main Course ...

... now that we can gather outside without masks and of course, weather permitting, after Sunday worship. A table, napkins, cups, and bottled water are always available but volunteers to bring light liquid refreshments such as iced tea or lemonade and treats eaten on a toothpick or with fingers are welcome. August 1, 8, 22, and 29 are waiting for a volunteer to supply simple treats. REMEMBER *Simplicity* is the order of the day. Contact Karyn Galetto @ 410-557-9013 or galettobk@verizon.net to sign up for one of the Sundays listed above. Thank you!

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.

Caring for God's Creation on York Road:

As many of you know, we have had an ongoing water and erosion problem on our property. Our water issue extends back many years and, despite our desire to find solutions, our cries for help have fallen on deaf ears. That was until recently.

I would like to call it divine choreography--when the Holy Spirit worked her wonders in and throughout our water and erosion issue in ways we could not have imagined. Thanks to the hard work by many parish leaders over many years, culminating with the Campus Imperative Team--led by Ralph and Anne Wismer--we have gained clarity as how to best manage our slice of God's creation on the corner of York and Sherwood Roads.

Just this week, several of us took a field trip to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Annapolis, MD. A church no bigger than ours. They too had a flooding and

erosion issue on their property, and they didn't quite know what to do about it until one day, they looked at their problem not as something to be rid of, but as a problem to solve. Just like us, they were concerned about the water that was flooding onto their property and they discovered that all of the water was being dumped from their property directly into one of the creeks that feeds into the Chesapeake Bay.

Their water issue was not just their problem, but a problem for all of God's creation, especially the Chesapeake Bay. Hearing their story, we began to look at our water/erosion problem—not as something to get rid of and pass onto whomever is situated below us, but to actually recognize that if we solved the problem of this flooding on our property, we would be ensuring that the polluted water that flows down Sherwood Hill doesn't get dumped into the drinking system for Baltimore County and Baltimore City. We would be living into our call by God to be faithful stewards of his creation, not merely *users*.

We have a long way to go but we are excited. We will be applying for funding, partnering with the greater Sherwood community, city, county, state officials, and our diocese. But we believe that this is what we must do. As caretakers of God's creation, we have an obligation not to pass the problem on down the hill, but to face it head on and use the natural resources that God created to help us clean the water before it's too late.

Check out the story from St. Luke's-

<https://www.chesapeakequarterly.net/V16N1/main3/> it is inspirational. Learn how God already created a filtrating system for water. We humans just need to use it!

In Her Own Words:

This is a reflection from one of our parishioners who participated in the book study Waking Up White: Finding Myself in the Story of Race, by Debby Irving.

For me, this book study has been an eye-opening experience both on a human level as well as a spiritual one. I thank God and Jesus for guiding me to

Sherwood Episcopal Church. The participants in the study have been a crucial part of my growth and insight on such complex subjects. I look forward to the next book study and the camaraderie of the Parishioners. -- *Maria Cadden*