

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 am**

**September 12, 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 *Vexilla Regis*

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Introit - 160 (v.1-3)

*Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow*

1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,  
where the blood of Christ was shed,  
perfect Man on thee did suffer,  
perfect God on thee has bled!

2 Here the King of all the ages,  
throned in light ere worlds could be,  
robed in mortal flesh is dying,  
crucified by sin for me.

3 O mysterious condescending!  
O abandonment sublime!  
Very God himself is bearing  
all the sufferings of time!

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

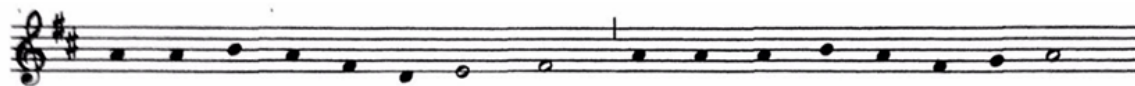
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS - Hymn S 277

Setting by David Hurd



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 God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19

*Read responsively by whole verse*

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \***  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \***  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**  
**and runs about to the end of it again; \***  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just**  
**and rejoice the heart; \***  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear**  
**and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,**  
**more than much fine gold, \***  
**sweeter far than honey,**  
**than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \***  
**cleans me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \***  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

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

#### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save

it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

THE NICENE CREED

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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

Form VI, BCP pg. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who  
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the  
needy.**



For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For the Most Reverend Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; the Right Reverend Eugene Sutton and the Right Reverend Robert Ihloff, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially pray for those impacted by COVID-19 as well those on our parish prayer list: Sandy & Jack, Virginia, Timothy, Margaret S. & family, Jackie & Rick, Louis, David D., Caitlyn, Alice, Shannon T., Marisa, Debbie R., Tom T., Bill P., Casey, Ron L., Ron S., and John C.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays including Larry and Mother Nancy, as well as anniversaries.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for the thousands who lost their lives 20 years ago on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*Concluding Collect:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; 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](http://sherwoodcockeyville.org/give)) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeyville, 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 – 653 (v. 1-2, 4-5)

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
    forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
    in deeper reverence, praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
    beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
    rise up and follow thee.

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
    till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
    the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
    thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;

speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
 O still, small voice of calm.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A- BCP pg. 361

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

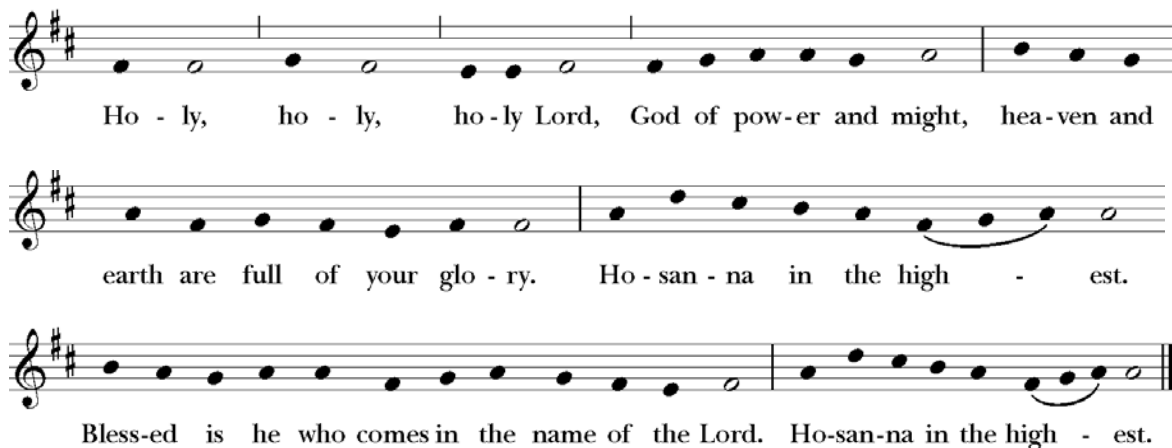
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*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**

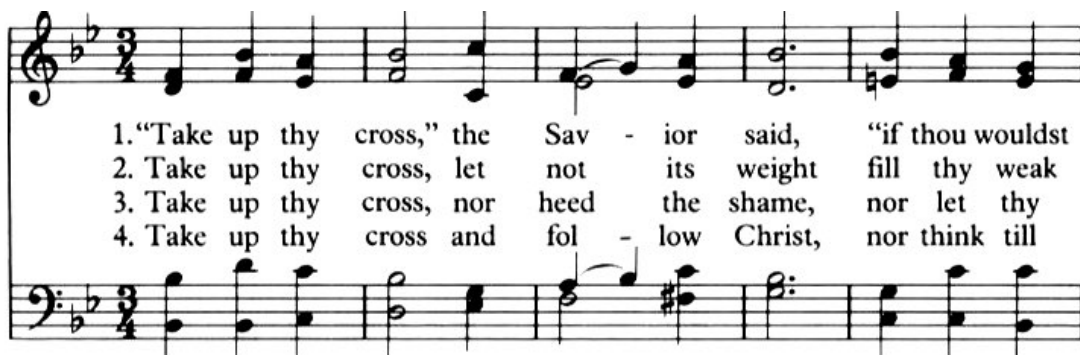
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

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

*Take up thy cross*



1. "Take up thy cross," the Sav - ior said, "if thou wouldst  
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak  
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy  
4. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the  
spir - it with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy  
fool - ish pride re - bel; thy Lord for thee the  
death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
spir - it up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.  
cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.  
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

WORDS: Charles W. Everest, 1833 (Mt. 16:24-25; Mk. 8:34-35; Lk. 9:23-24)  
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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## 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

*Fanfare* - Eric Thiman



## **Worship Participants**

Officiant: The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Seminarian: Karen Mercer

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Acolyte: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Hospitality: The Vestry

## **Lay Participants for Sunday, September 12**

Lector: Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong

Acolyte: Mason Strong

Usher: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Hospitality: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

*Please keep those with ongoing needs in your prayers: Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Danny, Joe C., Marisa, Bill P., and Dante.*

*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](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

## *This Week @ Sherwood*

### **Sunday**

Welcome Sunday  
Youth Formation via Zoom @ 12:30 pm

### **Monday**

Mother Nancy's day off  
Office closed

### **Wednesday**

Office hours 10 am-3 pm  
Bible Study @ Broadmead @ 2 pm

### **Caring for Each Other and Creation:**

We are living in an interesting time. At Sherwood, we are dealing with the ongoing issues of COVID-19 and wrestling with a water and erosion issue on our property. Despite these challenges, we have solutions at our fingertips. God is good!

Regarding COVID-19, the number one priority is that everyone who can be vaccinated, should be vaccinated. This is the first and best line of defense against the COVID-19 virus and variants. Bishop Sutton and Bishop Ihloff have issued a statement expecting everyone within the Diocese of Maryland to do their duty to curb infections. They stated:

**Effective immediately, we are directing that the following groups be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 coronavirus by October 18 unless they have been advised by their primary care provider not to do so: all clergy serving in any capacity in the Diocese of Maryland, members of diocesan staff, church and ministry staffs, parochial preschool and school staffs, as well as volunteers whose ministries involve continuous in-person contact with others.**

We at Sherwood will be adhering to this and there will be an opportunity for everyone to whom this applies to speak with the vestry leadership and me in the upcoming weeks. So please, get vaccinated! It is the best guarantee for us to resume gathering with one another for worship and fellowship without masks and other restrictions.

As Christians, we are called to care not only for ourselves but for our neighbor, loving them as we love ourselves. It is a part of who we are, and we all are better when we work as one body, not as separate individuals. I don't know anyone who likes wearing a mask, but it is one of the best ways—outside of vaccinations—to mitigate the virus. Why wouldn't we do this for ourselves and our neighbor?

We also have an obligation to our environment as the shareholders of God's creation. Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong, Sherwood Hill Green Team Representative, has written several informative articles on our environment, especially water. See her article below for more interesting facts about water and how we all can do our part in conserving this natural resource. The work we plan to do on our property will not only mitigate our flooding issue but clean the water as it flows into Baltimore's water system.

As the body of Christ, we are one community caring for others and the world around us. Taking care of God's creation, getting vaccinated, wearing masks, washing our hands, and staying home when sick are measures we can take to protect everyone, not a select few. God has big dreams for Sherwood, and we simply need to use the tools we have been given to live into that dream. Won't you join me? – *Mother Nancy*

### **Welcome Sunday this Week:**

Join us in person or virtually as we "kick off" the fall with Welcome Sunday. We will honor those who have joined Sherwood this past year and just enjoy being together. We will gather outside for fellowship following the service. See you Sunday!

**Fall Book Study Offering:**

Everyone is welcome to join our book study on the book *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving. This is an excellent book to begin the difficult conversation on racism. You may find yourself relating to what Debby experiences. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the conversation. Anne Wismer will be the facilitator and the day/time will be determined by those who enroll. Enrollment deadline is September 19. Email Carey Mednick [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Remembering 9/11 - Words from Presiding Bishop Curry:**

As followers of Jesus, and with our siblings in other faith traditions, we place great value on the act of remembrance. As we reflect on the solemn anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember many loved ones lost and first responders who put their lives at risk, modeling the sacrificial love of Jesus, who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." While 20 years have passed, I also want us to pause and remember the days that followed these tragic events. There was a moment in the aftermath when people came together. We were praying, grieving, and also working together. Because in that moment, however fleeting it was, we knew with immediacy and vulnerability that we need God, and we need each other. Memories of that tender cooperation – of love for each other as neighbors – serve as guiding lights for the present. Amidst the ongoing pandemic and natural disasters that have taken so many lives and pushed first responders to their limits, and amidst a worldwide reckoning with the sin of racism, we are called to become the Beloved Community whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love.

**Hospitality Volunteers Needed for 9/12, 9/26, and 10/3:**

Simple is our motto! Please email Karyn Galetto [galettobk@verizon.net](mailto:galettobk@verizon.net) or call 410-557-9013 to sign up. Thank you!

**Magazines Wanted:**

The Baltimore International Seafarers' Center is asking for donations of current magazines to help these individuals who spend months at sea pass the long hours, practice their English, and feel less isolated. In particular, if you have any

recent issues of *Time*, *People*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Reader's Digest*, *National Geographic*, *Consumer Reports*, or car magazines, they are especially appreciated. Please leave your magazines in the blue bin on the parish office porch by 9/12 and Suzie Merryman will deliver them. Thank you!

### **Morning Prayer, September 19:**

Please note that Mother Nancy will be away Sunday, September 19. Seminarian Karen Mercer will lead us in Morning Prayer.

## **Protecting God's Creation Part 3**

*A Series About Sherwood's Water Management Initiative  
by Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong, Sherwood Hill Green Team Leader*

Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink. That adage certainly nails it. The earth is a water planet. 71% of the surface is covered with water, but, as we learned last week, 97% of the water on earth is salty – that means that only 2.6% of the water on earth is fresh water, the kind we can drink. But all fresh water isn't created equal: 69% is frozen in glaciers, 30% is underground, and less than 1% is in lakes, rivers, and swamps. And it isn't all distributed equally throughout the world either. The Great Lakes of the United States account for a whopping 20% of the total fresh surface water on earth. They aren't named "Great" for nothing.

So, we have a fixed amount of water. It is always moving from one form to another, one place to another through the water cycle, used and reused. There is a lot of it, but most of it is not drinkable. Yet, every living thing needs it to live, but availability varies considerably. God certainly has a sense of humor. We are given enough – more than enough actually – to satisfy our collective needs, but it is up to us to make sure that those needs are indeed met. Therein lies the rub.

According to the World Health Organization, 1 in 3 people worldwide do not

have access to safe drinking water. Unsurprisingly, 80% of all diseases in the developing world are water related. 3 billion people lack basic handwashing facilities with soap and water at home and every year, 297 000 children under 5 years die due to diarrhea linked to inadequate washing.

More ominous still is the specter of scarcity. By 2025, the United Nations estimates that 30% of the world's population residing in 50 countries will face water shortage. Right now, we are almost 8 billion souls sharing the earth's water. By 2100, that number will rise to 11 billion. This isn't relegated to faraway lands. Just last week, the U.S. began rationing of water supplies up and down the Colorado River which services a population of 40 million people.

On average, every person in the U.S. uses about 150 gallons of water per day. In France, that number is 77 gallons, India 38 gallons, and Mali 3 gallons. Folks in Arizona and throughout the American West are being forced to cut their usage. We can voluntarily do the same to show thanks to God for the gift of water and love for our neighbors near and far.

### **1. Check your toilet for leaks.**

Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the coloring begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that may be wasting more than 100 gallons of water a day.

### **2. Put a plastic bottle in your toilet tank or buy a new efficient toilet.**

Put an inch or two of sand or pebbles in the bottom of a one-liter bottle to weigh it down. Fill the rest of the bottle with water and put it in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanism. In an average home, the bottle may save five gallons or more of water every day without harming the efficiency of the toilet. If your tank is big enough, you may even be able to put in two bottles.

### **3. Take shorter showers.**

A typical shower uses five to ten gallons of water a minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off.

**4. Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.**

Your hardware or plumbing supply store stocks inexpensive shower heads or flow restrictors that will cut your shower flow to about three gallons a minute instead of five to ten. They are easy to install, and your showers will still be cleansing and refreshing.

**5. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and shaving.**

**6. Check faucets and pipes for leaks.**

Even a small drip can waste 50 or more gallons of water a day.

**7. Use your automatic dishwasher and washing machine for full loads only.**

Every time you run your dishwasher, you use about 25 gallons of water. Your automatic washing machine uses 30 to 35 gallons per cycle.

**8. Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables.**

Rinse your vegetables instead in a bowl or sink full of clean water.

**9. Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.**

Many beautiful trees and plants thrive without irrigation.

**10. Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks, and steps.**

Using a hose wastes hundreds and hundreds of gallons of water.

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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## Sunday Worship at 10 am

*Services are recorded and/or photographed*

## Parish Office Hours:

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