

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10 am

October 3, 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

The Birds of Aristophanes - C.H.H. Parry

Welcome and Announcements

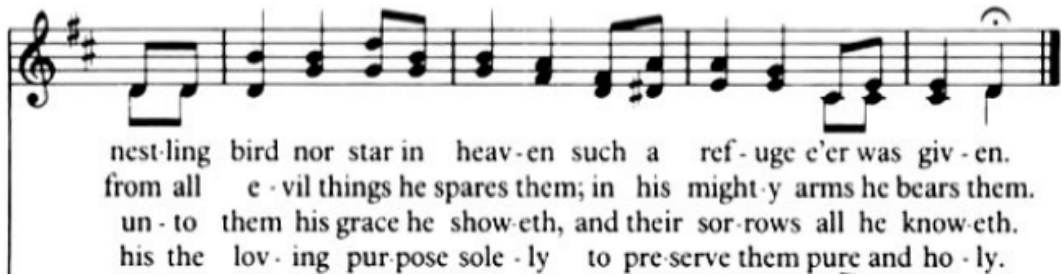
The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Introit

Children of the heavenly father

A musical score for the Introit, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a staff with various note values and rests.

1. Chil-dren of the heav-en-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;
2. God his own doth tend and nour-ish; in his ho-ly courts they flour-ish;
3. Nei-ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;
4. Though he giv-eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for-sak-eth;



Please stand as you are able.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

BCP pg. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

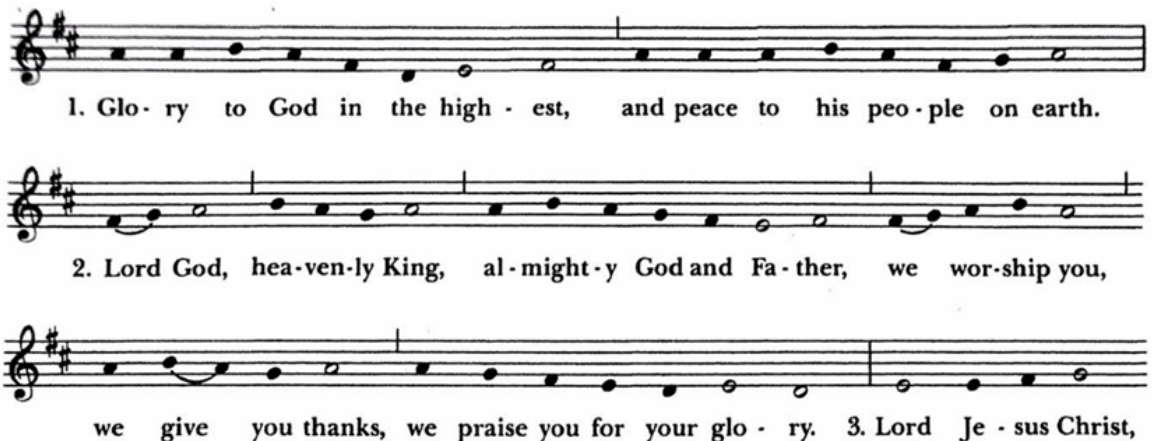
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

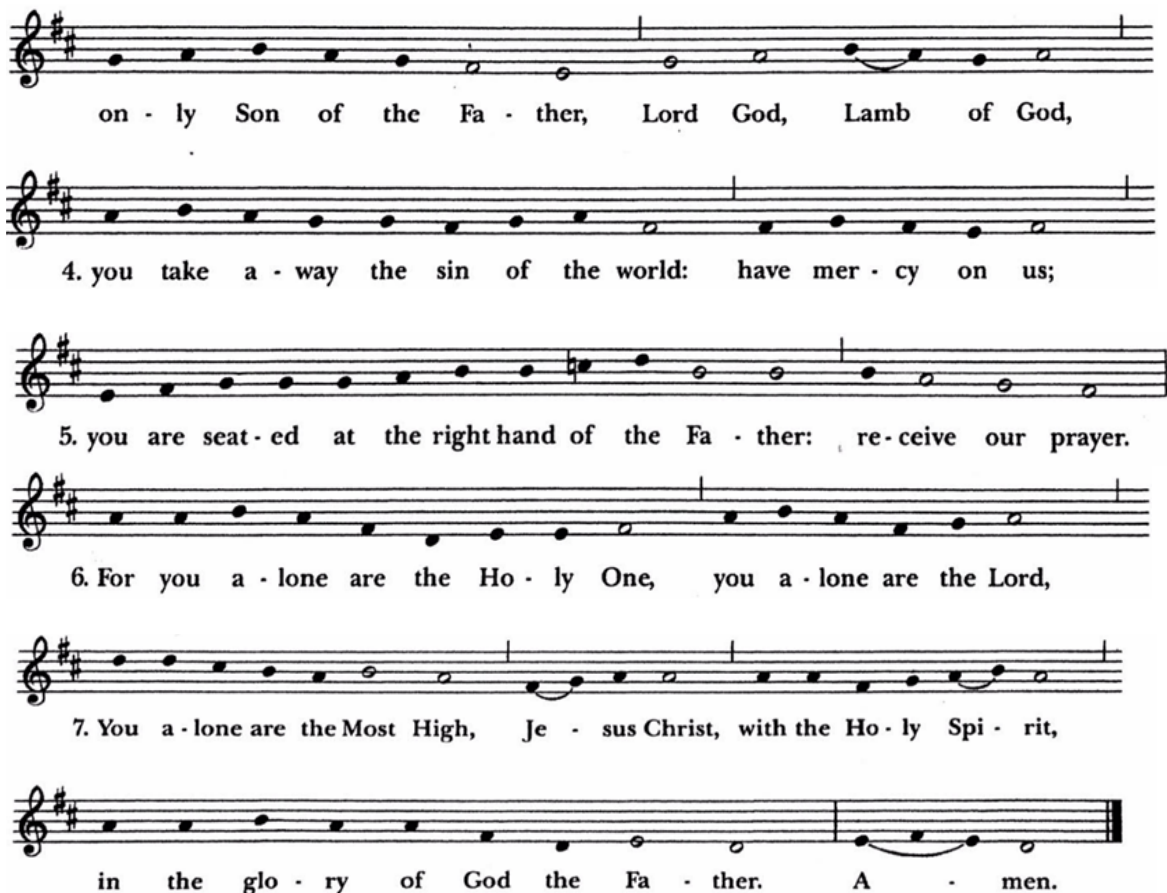
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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





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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except

through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26

Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 **Test me, O LORD, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 **I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 **Whose hands are full of evil plots, ***
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 **My foot stands on level ground; ***
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

BCP pg. 358

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. 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., John C., and Betsey.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays especially Bill G. as well as anniversaries, especially Christina & Bronwyn.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 worshiping 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 (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 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

Ave verum corpus - W.A. Mozart

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C – BCP pg. 370

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

Celebrant:

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: Let us now say together the prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi:

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Make me a channel of your peace



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



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.

Join us outside after the service for Hospitality Hour and a special blessing of your pets.

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Laure Covert

Acolyte: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

Hospitality: Susan Boucher

Lay Participants for Sunday, October 10

Lector: Sheila Fitzgerald

Acolyte: Anne Wismer

Usher: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Hospitality: Sandy Thompson

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.

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday

Youth Formation via Zoom @ 12:30 pm

Monday

Mother Nancy's day off

Office closed

Tuesday

Pantry on the Go @ St. Francis Parish & Community Center

3:30-6 pm

Wednesday

Office hours 10 am-3 pm

Bible Study @ Broadmead @ 2 pm

Thursday

Book of Esther Bible Study @ 11 am, via Zoom

Waking Up White Book Study @ 6:30 pm via Zoom

Don't Forget October 15: More than 50% of Baltimore County Public School students are living in poverty. Through SSN's *A Night for the Network* on Friday,

October 15, you will help provide food, school supplies, and other basic necessities to students in 14 Baltimore County public schools, including Cockeysville Middle School. (For the in-person event, proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours of the event is required for admission.) Sherwood is one of the sponsors of this fundraiser, and we hope you will join us in supporting this extremely important cause!

<https://studentsupportnetwork.org/events/night/>

Did You Know? Did you know the psalm and prayers that we recite every Sunday often are experienced as poetry? So, when we recite together the Psalm, Nicene Creed, the Confession, and the Lord's Prayer, let us slowly soak in the words as they are prayed. You may discover some new meaning or word that you have recited for decades but have heard for the first time.

A Special Thank You ... To Bill & Karyn Galetto and their son, Timothy for gifting us with the beautiful zinnias from Timothy's garden that grace our altar every fall.

Pantry on the Go: Mother Nancy and others from Sherwood will help St. Francis Parish & Community Center distribute food to those in need on Tuesday, October 5 from 4-6 pm. If you want to be a part of the Sherwood team, contact Carey Mednick to sign up. Volunteers are needed **starting at 3:30** to:

- Set up tables, signs, check in other volunteers
- Welcome and count the families who attend the event
- Direct traffic
- Load boxes into trunks of cars
- Put away tables, signs at the end of the event, general clean-up

All volunteers are encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and to wear masks and practice social distancing at the event. If you are interested in volunteering this month, please let us know. We would love to have you.

Join Mother Nancy & Learn: Becoming Beloved Community: Witnessing and Sharing Sacred Stories and Histories of Race takes place on October 30 from 9:30 am to 2 pm as part of the John L. Rabb Lectures in Contemporary Theology at St.

John's, Ellicott City. The featured speaker is Katrina Browne, director/producer of *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North* (PBS: 2008). Ms. Browne will share excerpts from her film as a window into the power of delving into one's personal family history in relation to issues of racism and whiteness. \$35/person includes light breakfast and lunch. Register here: (<https://www.stjohnsec.org/parish-events>) and let Mother Nancy know that you'll be attending.

Last Call for Sherwood's Book Study: There is a group of people ready for the book study, *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. This group will meet beginning October 7 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom. It will run for four weeks. Interested? Contact Carey Mednick (sherwoodparish@gmail.com) and order the book.

Quarterly Statements Coming Soon: The last statement in 2021 will be emailed to you next week. If a printed paper copy of your last statement was mailed to you, you will receive your latest statement the same way. If you would prefer your statement to be printed out and mailed to you instead of emailed, please email Carey (sherwoodparish@gmail.com) or call 410-666-2180.

Online Giving Update: Earlier this week, you may have received an email from Vanco/GivePlus notifying you that the GivePlus mobile app will no longer be supported after 9/30/21. To ensure that you'll be ready for the change, please follow the instructions in the email to download Vanco Mobile. Your login credentials will be the ones you already use. Thank you!

Protecting God's Creation, Part 6

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

If environmental scientists wrote the Declaration of Independence, it may have read, We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all watersheds are created healthy**, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are geological (land), hydrological (water) and biological (life) integrity relative to natural potential conditions.

What this means is that all watersheds are “born” healthy, meaning they are able to function at their fullest potential in all three categories, land, water, and life. However, just as we humans may all be born equal, there are external factors that impact the one’s ability to realize this inherent potential, so too can external forces influence the functionality of watersheds and thereby diminish or increase its overall health.

They input disorder into the system. Simply stated, they upset the applecart. Can you think of some examples? Tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquake, tsunami, fire. All of these “disasters” have been impacting our watersheds since the very beginning, well before we entered the garden. But they weren’t really disasters because the most important characteristic of a healthy watershed is a high resiliency capacity.

Order needs disorder. Disorder in a system stresses it, forces it to innovate and change while trying to maintain its functionality. Disorder builds a better order.

Bad things happen to good watersheds. Good watersheds have the resiliency capacity to absorb the blows, recover to a better position, and continue to function efficiently and effectively. Conversely, unhealthy watersheds have a very low resiliency capacity. When an external force appears, it is not strong enough to withstand the changes and may suffer irreparable damage. Even the healthiest of watersheds can, over time, be degraded, its resiliency capacity drained.

People are a lot like watersheds, born equal yet exposed to different external forces that improve or degrade our functionality and resiliency capacity. For some a passing shower is an inconvenience, to others, already trying to keep their heads above water, it could be a matter of life or death.

People are also one of the external forces, perhaps the biggest of all, acting on the health and well-being of watersheds – and by extension other people. More about that next week.