

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10 am

October 10, 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

Voluntary - Thomas Weelkes

Welcome and Announcements

Seminarian Karen Mercer

Please stand as you are able.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

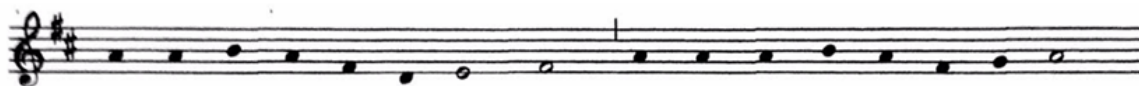
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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.**



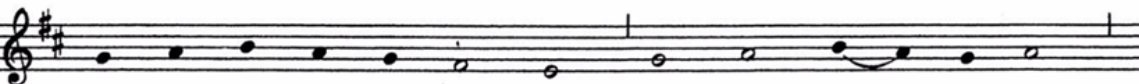
1. Glo- ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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



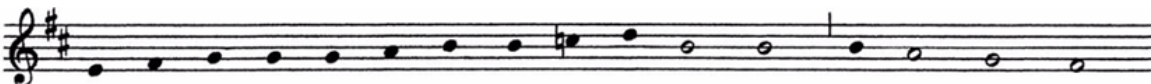
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



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



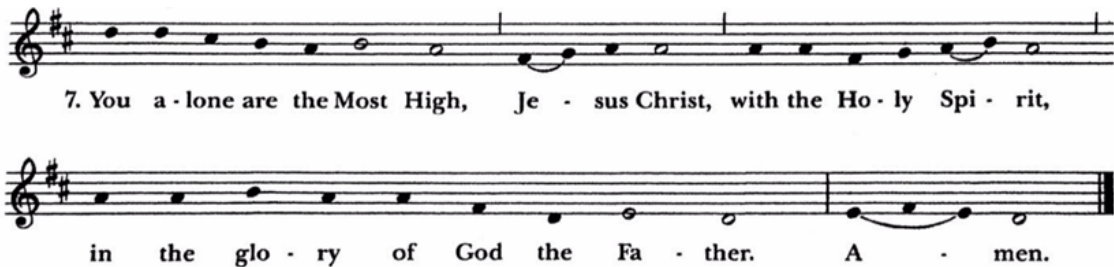
4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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,



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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.**
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.**
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.**
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father

or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Joanne Tetrault
Guest Celebrant

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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

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., John C., Betsey, and Kiernan & Colleen.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays, especially Sheila, Lauren, Don, Megan, and Bria, as well as anniversaries.

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

Turn thy face from my sins - Thomas Attwood

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

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

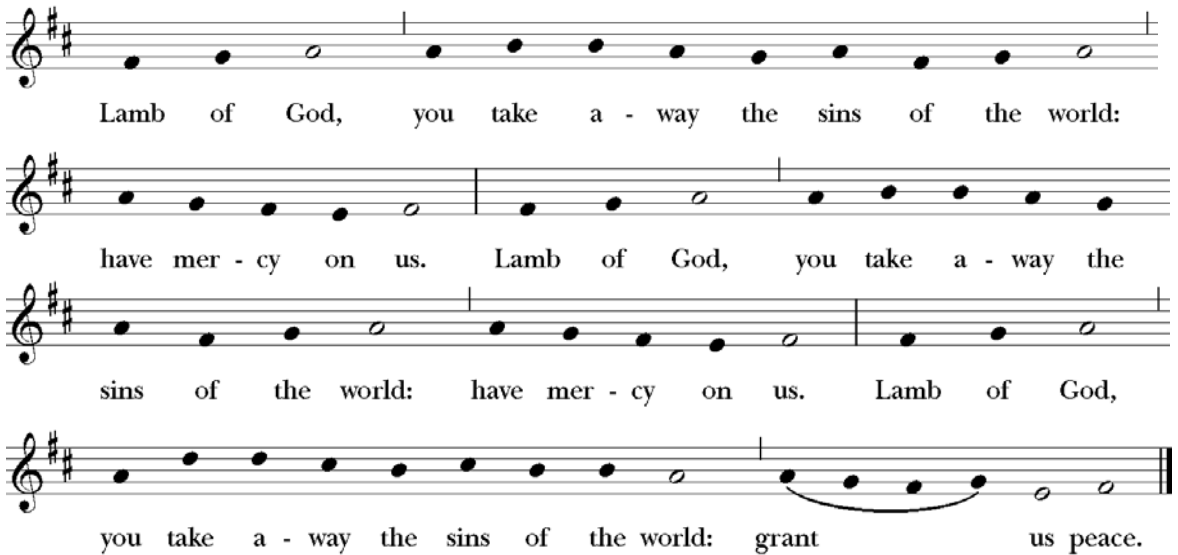
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

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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.

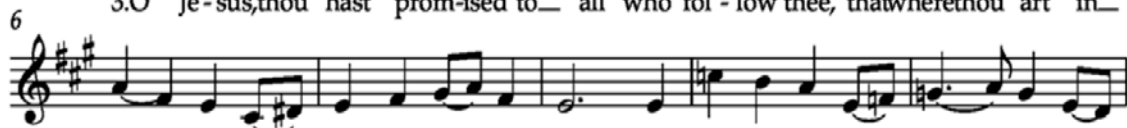
The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

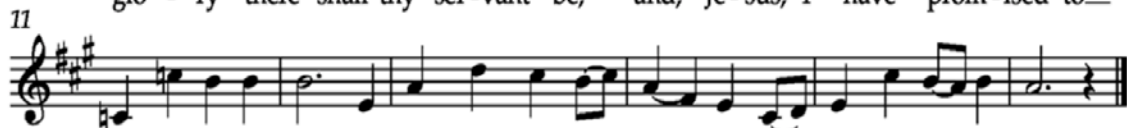
O Jesus, I have promised



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised, to serv - ee thee to the end; be thou for - ev - er
2. O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a - bove the storms of
3. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee, that where thou art in



near me, my mast - er and my friend; I shall not fear the bat - tle, if
pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will; O speak to re - as - sure me, to
glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be; and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to



thou art by my side, nor wan - der from the path way, if thou wilt be my guide.
has - ten or con - trol; O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
serv - ee thee to the end; O give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

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

Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott - Andreas Armsdorf

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Bria Arnold's birthday by Bernice Denbow.

Worship Participants

Guest Celebrant: The Reverend Joanne Tetrault

Music Director: Greg Seseck

Seminarian: Karen Mercer

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Sheila Fitzgerald

Acolyte: Anne Wismer

Usher: Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Hospitality: Sandy Thompson

Lay Participants for Sunday, October 17

Lector: Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong

Acolyte: Dylan Strong

Usher: Kevin Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

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.

This Week @ Sherwood

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

Vestry Meeting via Zoom @ 6 pm

Thursday

Book of Esther Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am

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

A Warm Welcome!

We welcome the Rev. Joanne Tetrault today as our celebrant and preacher. Rev. Joanne is no stranger to Sherwood, and we are happy she is with us today while Mother Nancy and Kevin attend their nephew's wedding.

While Mother Nancy is Away:

The Rev. Joanne Tetrault will be the priest on call in the event you encounter a pastoral emergency. If you need assistance please reach out to Senior Warden, BerNee Arnold at 443-255-9599. BerNee will work with Carey, Karen, and Joanne+ to determine how best to support your needs.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed ...

for October 17 & 24. Or, if you'd like to volunteer at any other time, please email [Karyn Galetto \(galettobk@verizon.net\)](mailto:galettobk@verizon.net) or call 410-557-9013 to sign up. Thank you!

Caring for Our Congregation, Our Community, and God's Creation:

As we enter the cooler months and the vestry begins to look towards fiscal year 2022, we once again begin our annual stewardship campaign. It is interesting that this week's gospel lesson from Mark is about a man who has been faithful and true to following all of God's commandments only to be told by Jesus, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Upon hearing this, the man was shocked and grieved because he had many possessions.

This type of scripture reading goes against all our capitalistic sensibilities. Give up our things? That isn't being responsible and a good steward of our resources. So, let's step away from our initial interpretation of the reading and look at what Jesus is really trying to tell this man. He is asking him to lean into and focus on God even more than following the commandments. He is not asking him to do another thing but instead let go of things that hold him back from truly understanding and living into the dream God has for him and all of us. To let go of his tight grip on his wealth and status and give it up; to enlarge his image of being a follower of God to something bigger, more comprehensive than a set of commandments. We tend to put our human hands around the sheer magnitude of God's world, God's creation, God's redeeming love but it is not possible. As I reflect on the theme of our stewardship campaign, *To Care for Our Congregation, Our Community, and God's Creation*, I see us living into a more expansive role as followers of Jesus.

This year despite COVID-19, we have adapted to new ways to increase our faith as a congregation, we have delved deeper into understanding the real needs of our ever-changing community, and have taken a hard look at our property recognizing the need for us to care for God's creation through our water erosion initiative. Yes, the Sherwood community has been living out God's dream right

here in Cockeysville. It is my hope that we will continue to commit ourselves as we look towards 2022.

Pantry-on-the-Go:

Greg Davis, Sandy Thompson, and Mother Nancy participated in Pantry-on-the-Go at St. Francis Episcopal Parish. They gave out fresh vegetables and fruits, canned goods, and meat to many families in the Baltimore County area. It is inspiring to see people coming together to serve the needs of our community. We will be exploring the possibility of entering a more formal relationship with St. Francis regarding their food ministry.

Did You Know?

Did you know that Eucharistic Prayer C is a prayer that isn't often used but has beautiful and expansive imagery? This prayer was added with the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and is sometimes referred to as the Star Wars Eucharistic Prayer because of its reference to, "vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home." We will continue to use the prayer up until Advent and I hope you will enjoy the prayer and its reflection of all of God's creation.

A Gifted Writer in Our Midst:

I hope you have been reading Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong's essays on Sherwood's Water Management Initiative. She has a true gift of the word and we have been blessed by her educational, factual, and sometimes humorous series of writings. Please make sure you read them as they serve as an excellent primer for the water erosion issue we hope to tackle on our property. Thank you, Bronwyn!

Protecting God's Creation, Part 7

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

Since a watershed cannot turn its head and cough, scientists test the water in streams, lakes, or bays to determine overall watershed health. Maybe you have heard, or have even said, you are going to wait until it looks like rain to fertilize

your grass so it soaks in. Unfortunately, instead of soaking in, that fertilizer is carried away into streams where it impacts water quality by supercharging the growth and reproduction of naturally occurring algae in the water. When the balance is disrupted, the system is overwhelmed and breaks. Water, we know doesn't like to sit still. Water also is very friendly, picking up passengers wherever it flows. These passengers may be some pieces of soil, a leaf, a twig, a car or even a house—as we have seen with the recent flooding in the northeast due to heavy rains associated with Hurricane Ida. Water also picks up trash, oil, fertilizer, dog poop, and anything else that happens to be on the ground in its path.

TURBIDITY AND TOXICITY

Turbidity is the fancy way of describing water clarity. If given the choice, I would rather swim in and drink clear water. Turns out, I am not much different than many aquatic species. That's not to say there are some who actually prefer cloudy or turbid water. In nature, every available niche is exploited. But that is story for another time.

TEMPERATURE

There are several main water quality indicators that are measured and assessed to determine watershed health including water temperature, water clarity or turbidity, dissolved oxygen, pH, as well as levels of nutrients (phosphorous and nitrogen) and toxins.

Our watersheds have been beaten and robbed. The choice is ours. We can avert our eyes, shake our heads and cross on the other side of the road, or we can lend a hand, spend some time and invest some resources to facilitate healing.

Each year, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation reports on the health of the Chesapeake Bay—which indicates the health of the watershed. For 2020, the score was a D+. [Read more here.](https://www.cbf.org/about-the-bay/state-of-the-bay-report/) <https://www.cbf.org/about-the-bay/state-of-the-bay-report/>

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