

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Masks are optional for vaccinated worshippers. We will continue to sing masked.

We encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Prelude on *Ubi caritas et amor*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 447

The Christ who died but rose again

1 The Christ who died but rose again
triumphant from the grave,
now pleads our cause at God's right hand
all-powerful to save.

2 What now can separate us from
the love of Christ our Lord?
Can persecution, nakedness,
or peril, or the sword?

3 The troubles that are ours to bear
are trials we cannot flee;
yet he who loved us from the first
ensures our victory.

4 Thus nothing in the heights or depths,
no power earth can afford,
will separate us from the love
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

BCP pg. 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

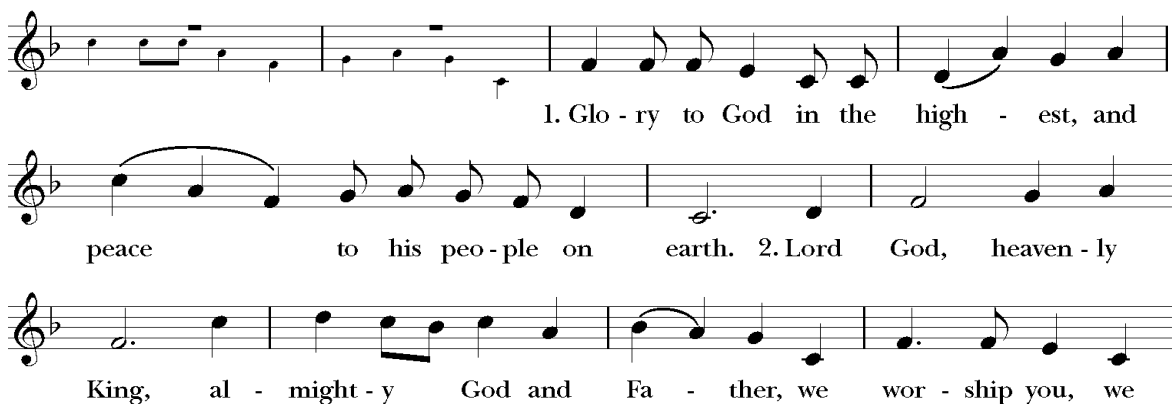
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 - S280

Glory to God in the highest



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly

follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN - 296 (v. 1 & 2)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN – 296 (v. 3 & 4) *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

3. The God of splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit’s fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three-in-One. Alleluia!

4. A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God’s holy word.

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 - Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We especially pray for those on our parish prayer list: Virginia, Louis, Shannon T., Marisa, Casey, Wayne L., Kaylay, Lorraine, Kathy, Kyle, Irene, Charlotte, the Brown family, Brad, David H., Rich, Joe C., Jay, Janelle, the Suarez family, Frances T., Cheryl K., Robert A., Nancy D., Guy, Angie, the people of Ukraine, and those impacted by COVID-19.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, including for those celebrating birthdays, as well as anniversaries, especially Charles & Lee and Ralph & Anne.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence follows after which the Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP pg. 360

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 (sherwoodcockeyville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeyville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All persons, including children, are invited to receive the real and living presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar rail at the invitation of the ushers. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. If you wish to also receive the wine indicate this to Mother Nancy and she will intinct the bread into the wine and put it in your hands. Those who prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world.

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Call - Ralph Vaughan Williams

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own we have given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D - BCP pg. 372

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

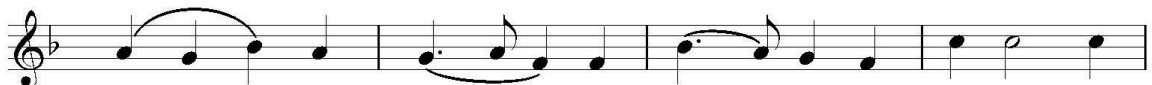
It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever ...

... Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI - S161

Lamb of God

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.

Facing the people, the Celebrant offers an invitation to Holy Communion. For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while communion is distributed.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

One bread, one body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And

we, though man-y, through-out the earth,

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

D.C.

wom - an or man no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

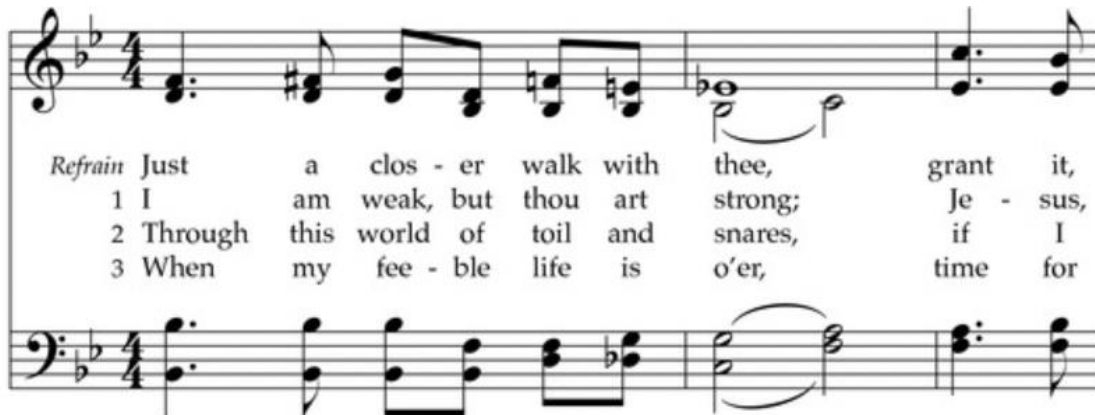
**Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now,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

Just a closer walk with thee



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,
1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for



Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to
keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as
fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den
me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

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

March from *Athalie* - Felix Mendelssohn

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Deacon: The Rev. Karen H. Mercer

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Jack & Jane Turnbull

Acolyte: Anne Wismer

Ushers: Jack & Jane Turnbull

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Hospitality: The Sherwood Community

Lay Participants for Sunday, May 22

Lectors: Loretta Cunninghame, Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Ushers: Suzie Merryman, Sandy Thompson

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Hospitality: Sandy Thompson

The flowers today are given in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Karen Mercer who has served beside us this past year. We wish her Godspeed!

Love, the Sherwood Community

Please remember those on our list with ongoing needs: Virginia, Louis, Shannon T., Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Danny, Marisa, Dante, David D., Sandy & Jack, Alice, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Tommy C., and Butch.

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday-Tuesday

Mother Nancy attending

Diocesan Clergy Conference, Claggett Center

Monday

Office Closed

Wednesday

Office Hours 10 am-3 pm

We Will Bid Karen+ Godspeed Today!

Join us Sunday to give thanks to Karen+ for serving beside us at Sherwood. We will have time to say goodbye during the hospitality hour following the service.

Thank You for Supporting the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal:

Your contribution ensures that:

- Our youth will be loved unconditionally and given a safe place to grow and flourish.
- Our Sutton Scholars will sharpen the soft skills needed to become leaders in our community.
- Seafarers far from home will feel cared for and loved when they arrive in our harbor.
- Immigrants and refugees will get dedicated support to transition to life in a new country.
- Our young adults are cared for and supported through our college campus ministries.
- Patients, faculty, and medical staff at Johns Hopkins Hospital will be cared for and loved.
- Latino families will find a home in The Episcopal Church.
- The history of our churches and diocese will be preserved for generations to come.
- We are challenging violence and injustice of every kind through Truth and Reconciliation.
- Our Claggett Center will provide spiritual renewal and rest for our faith community.
- Our children will become confident readers through reading camps at our churches.

If you have not made a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time! Gifts can be made online at: <https://episcopalmaryland.org/give> Or you can send a check to: The Bishop's Appeal, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Prayer List Updates:

Please take a moment to look at our prayer list and see if any updates on the names you have contributed are needed. You may email any changes to [Carey Mednick sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:CareyMednick_sherwoodparish@gmail.com) or call 410-666-2180.

Education for Ministry (EfM):

"The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ...through the ministry of all its members...according to the gifts given them." (1979 BCP). Do you wonder how to use your gifts? Are you curious about how the

Church came to be where it is today in the world? Then you are a perfect candidate for the EfM program, a four-year educational program that will increase your understanding of the Bible (although it's not a Bible study), the history of the Church and build upon your theology and vocation. **Classes meet Thursdays via Zoom.** Contact Stephanie Hull (stephaniehull@comcast.net or 410-227-6892) or Trisha Leach (sewingbee1956@gmail.com or 410-375-5669) for more details.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed:

A sign-up sheet for Sunday hospitality is back and volunteers are needed for May 29 and the month of June. Suggestions for treats are listed and hopefully will not put the responsibility on one person to handle everything. SIMPLE TREATS are the order of the day. Email [Karyn Galetto](mailto:Karyn_Galetto@verizon.net) galettobk@verizon.net or call her at 410-557-9013 if you have any questions.

Want to Get an Inside View of the Episcopal Church?

The General Convention is coming to Baltimore in July and volunteers are needed to help with logistics and the thousands of attendees. *Mother Nancy will be volunteering in the House of Deputies and you can sign up to serve there too!* [Visit here](#) for more information. <https://episcopalmaryland.org/diocesan-governance/general-convention/> If you'd like to volunteer to work with babies, toddlers, and young children and see the convention through their eyes by going on daily adventures, [learn more here.](#)

<http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/general-convention-childrens-program.html>

"Signs That It's Time" Free Seminar:

Our neighbor, Commonwealth Senior Living, is holding a free seminar, "Signs That It's Time" on Wednesday, May 18 from 1 to 2 pm. This is an educational session and not a sales pitch about planning for retirement and when to start thinking about senior living. RSVP by calling 443-866-4170 or go to <https://www.commonwealthsl.com/community/commonwealth-senior-living-at-cockeyville/>