

14th Sunday after Trinity

September 13, 2020



Church of the Redeemer

A Spiritual Harbor of Hospitality

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Holy Eucharist, Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer, Daily 7:00 a.m.

We welcome you to the Church of the Redeemer

We are delighted to have you visit. We hope you will come again and again to worship Our Lord Jesus at Redeemer. We are a constituent parish of the Anglican Church in North America and the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic.

The **Mission** of the Church of the Redeemer is to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to maintain the truths, values and beliefs of the historic and apostolic Christian faith, and to affirm the authority of the Bible as the rule for our lives. As a loving, caring congregation, we reach out to each other, to our community and to the world, boldly proclaiming the good news that salvation comes through Christ alone.

Our **Vision** and hope for our worship and ministry is that it will be thoroughly Biblical and Holy Spirit-filled. This means we strive for it to be **EPIC**:

- Evangelical – promoting salvation through Jesus Christ by the proclamation of the gospel of the Kingdom of God
- Pentecostal – experiencing the Holy Spirit and ministering to one another by the gifts he gives.
- Inspirational – blessed and inspired by God and His Word to engage in the Mission of God in the church and world.
- Catholic – participating in the “one holy catholic (universal) and apostolic Church” through sacramental liturgy.

Our **EPIC** elements are expressed in the areas of worship, mission, discipleship and fellowship.

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Holy Eucharist Service

Processional Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *Hymn 690*

The people standing; the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

People 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.

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The following is said at both services

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us;

People Christ, have mercy upon us,

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

A Time of silent prayer for the congregation

Celebrant Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis S—280

Said at 8:00 a.m. and Sung at 10:30 a.m.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you;

People **And with your spirit;**

Celebrant 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.

The First Lesson 2 Samuel 12:1-10

The first lesson is a reading from the book of 2 Samuel

12 And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.'

The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm Psalm 103:1-14

Let us read responsively by the whole verse from Psalm 103

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

The following is Said at the 8 a.m. service

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson Romans 14:5-12

The second lesson is a reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader The word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn “Lead Us, Heavenly Father” Hymn 559

The Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35*

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon: The Rev. Jessica Lee

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us declare our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

O Lord our Governor, whose glory fills all the world: We commend this Nation to your merciful care, that we may be guided by your providence, and dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of this Nation, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them continually mindful of their calling to serve this people in reverent obedience to you.

Reader Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Ministers, and especially to your servants Foley Beach—our Archbishop, to John—our Bishop, to Craig—our Rector and to all who minister at Church of the Redeemer, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission; making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, by your gift alone we come to wisdom and true understanding: Look with favor, we pray, on our universities, colleges, and schools that knowledge may be increased among us, and wholesome learning flourish and abound. Bless those who teach and learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look to you, the fountain of all wisdom.

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, persecution, or any other adversity. We especially lift up to you:

Reader Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

We remember before you all your servants who departed this life in your faith and fear; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good example of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord in your mercy

People Hear our prayer

Reader Your prayers, praises and prophetic words are invited at this time.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

The congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord at this time

The Offertory

Today's loose offering is designated by the Vestry for the Kenyan Christian Education Partnership.

If there is no anthem, the following may be sung:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Presentation of the Offering

The People stand while the offerings are presented. The following may be said.

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you. *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

At Holy Communion

All baptized Christians who have sincerely repented of their sins and are in love and peace with their neighbors are encouraged to receive Holy Communion standing or kneeling at the altar. Others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing that can be requested by folding your arms over your chest as the minister approaches.

Bread and wine may be received by eating the bread and drinking from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine and then eating it. If you do not want to receive the wine, you may take bread only by returning to your seat after receiving bread or by folding your arms as the cup is presented to you.

The sanctus (altar) bells are rung three times during the Communion prayers to make a joyful noise to the Lord in thanksgiving for the miraculous gift of the bread and the wine becoming for his faithful people the body and blood of Christ.

Private Confession and/or Pastoral Counseling with a priest are available by appointment. If you would like a home visit by Fr. Craig, please let him know. Our Associate Priest, Mother Jessica Lee has offered to make herself available for pastoral counseling and prayer ministry on Sundays between the services. For private time with her, you can contact her directly at (910) 358-1164.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

The Sanctus § 129

All say together at 8 a.m. and sing together at 10:30 a.m.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest

The Prayer of Consecration

The People stand or kneel as they are able. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."



After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray The Lord's Prayer

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 Fraction

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People together

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Said at the 8 a.m. service; Sung at the 10:30 a.m. service (3 times)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace. [Give us your peace.]

The Ministration of Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Song: “Come, Share the Lord” Please see page 16

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

Heavenly Father,

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 into the world 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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn “Just As I Am” Please see page 17

The Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

462 Come, Share the Lord

Is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:16

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The guitar line includes chord diagrams and chord names above the staff. The vocal line includes lyrics for three different parts (1, 2, and 3) and a final chorus.

System 1: Chords: C/D, D7, C/D, G, GM7, Am7 D7, C/D, D7, C/D, G, GM9 G. Lyrics: 1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name; His love is burn - ing in our; 2. He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is; 3. We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our

System 2: Chords: Bm, G/B, Bm7, G/B, D sus, D, D7, C/D, D7, C/G, G, Am/G, C/D, D7. Lyrics: hearts like liv - ing flame, For thro' the lov - ing Son, The Fa - ther; ris - en from the dead. The one we love the most Is now our; Lord and com - ing King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for

System 3: Chords: C/G, G, C, D/C, C, G/B, Bm7, G/B, Am7, C/E, D7, D7 sus, G. Lyrics: makes us one: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord. gra - cious host: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord. which we wait: Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

TEXT: Bryan Jeffery Leech
MUSIC: Bryan Jeffery Leech

DIVERNON (Abridged)
Irregular meter

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488 Just as I Am

Whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. John 6:37

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2. Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With many a
 4. Just as I am - Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,

blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can
 con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve. Be - cause Thy prom - ise

come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

TEXT: Charlotte Elliott

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Tom Fetteke

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BBQ/CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR

JORDYN LEE

Jordyn is a Camden County High School student battling Stage IV Renal Medullary Carcinoma

ALL proceeds will be donated to the Lee family



DATE: Friday, September 18, 2020

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Camden United Methodist Church
197 N Carolina Hwy 343 S
Camden, NC 27921

**\$10 DONATION PER
PLATE**

**DINNER INCLUDES:
BBQ, Chicken, Cole Slaw,
Baked Beans &
Hushpuppies**

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**Camden County High School Silent
Auction Benefit for Jordyn Lee**

Today's Lay Ministers

8:00 Service Lay Minister: Judy Hummer
10:30 Service Lay Ministers: Kay Moncla/Wanda Halstead
Altar Guild: Susan Witwer
CEO: Suzanne Stonikinis

Upcoming Events

- **Middle & High School Discipleship:** Sundays 6:15-7:30 p.m. at church.
- **Morning Prayer Service:** 7 a.m. Monday–Saturday
- **Monday Prayer Group:** 9:30–11:30 a.m. Parish Hall
- **Men's Prayer Group:** 7:00-8:00 a.m. at Grouper's Restaurant
- **Men's Discipleship Groups:** Thursdays 7:15-8:15 a.m. at church.
- **Lectio Divina** (reading and reflection on Scripture) Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. except the 1st Wednesday of the month due to SOULS Feeding.
- **Prayer for Revival and Renewal:** Saturdays 12:30-1:30 p.m.

This week Archbishop Foley Beach sent out a letter and reflection exercise to Anglican clergy. The letter is titled: "Moving Forward: Forward. Always Forward. Everywhere Forward!" The reflection will lead us to explore how to have the "most influence for Christ" while generating "an explosive impact in our ministries," even during this season. At our next Learning the Practices of Ministry monthly session on Tuesday September 15th at 6pm, we will work through this together for Church of the Redeemer. Please plan to join us. We will be sending out the link to the letter and reflection this week.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are sponsored by David & Kate Seavey in celebration of Susanna's birthday.

Attendance

8:00 Service: 19
10:30 Service: 36

Tithes & Offerings

Contributions: \$ 5,065.00
Budgeted need each week: \$ 4,261.00
2020 Pledged Receipts: \$ 146,925.00 of \$ 178,825.00
Mortgage Balance (Matures 11/2021): \$ 86,196.15

Renewed Strength

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Bless the Lord... who satisfies you with good (Psalm 103:1, 5, ESV)

Read: Psalm 103:1-5

Psychiatrist Robert Coles once noticed a pattern in those who burn out while serving others. The first warning sign is weariness. Next comes cynicism about things ever improving, then bitterness, despair, depression, and finally burnout.

After writing a book about recovering from broken dreams, I once entered a busy season of conference speaking. Helping people find hope after disappointment was richly rewarding, but came at a cost. One day, about to step on stage, I thought I was going to faint. I hadn't slept well, a vacation hadn't fixed my weariness, and the thought of hearing another person's problems afterward filled me with dread. I was following Coles' pattern.

Scripture gives two strategies for beating burnout. In Isaiah 40, the weary soul is renewed when it hopes in the Lord (vv. 29-31). I needed to rest in God, trusting Him to work, rather than pushing on in my own dwindling strength. And Psalm 103 says God renews us by satisfying our desires with good things (v. 5). While this includes forgiveness and redemption (vv. 3-4), provisions of joy and play come from Him too. When I reworked my schedule to include more prayer, rest, and hobbies like photography, I began to feel healthy again.

Burnout begins with weariness. Let's stop it from going further. We serve others best when our lives include both worship and rest.

What burdens do you need to offload to God right now? How are you renewing your strength through prayer, Scripture, and healthy play?

Loving Father, I want to rise in strength like the eagle today. I trust You to work in my exhausting situation, and receive Your soul-filling gifts with gladness.