

Happy Mother's Day!

For those who don't know me, my name is Logan Hughes. I have been going to Christ Church Detroit ever since I was two years old. Shortly after I began attending with my family, I was baptized here. A few years later, I had my first communion here, and when I was 16, I was confirmed here. So, after spending many Sunday mornings at Christ Church, I am proud to say that this place has become a part of who I am, because of the people I have met and the experiences I have had here. Some of these experiences are ones I would like to share with you all today.

Especially when I was younger, I really didn't like coming to church. Just the concept of having to sit still and be quiet for over an hour was hard to wrap my head around. But, then I began to have Sunday school classes with Mr. Lamar. He would tell the class the stories of the Bible as if he knew them like the back of his hand. His voice and body were both so animated during these stories that I could probably be entertained for hours. His voice would sometimes get so loud that it would bellow through the Sunday School Classrooms! He really got me to appreciate coming to church and learning about religion.

When I started high school, I was moved to a different class in the Sunday School program called J2A, or Junior to Adulthood. One the first day of class, I was quite familiar with the other people there, or at least I thought I was. I truly had no idea how much we would bond over the next few years. We learned to work together as a team and to be open and comfortable with one another. Our pilgrimage to Italy truly changed my life. The entire experience was different and new for me. I think each of us on the pilgrimage bonded on a deeper level just because we were living together and relying upon one another. I did learn something on the trip that I will never forget from the people near Assisi in the Bose community, and that is the importance of silence, in the sense of silence in the mind and the environment around me. I would like to thank all of you that helped support the J2A program, and I would especially like to thank Susan, Laura, and Lamar for being strong leaders from the beginning to the end of the program.

This fall, I will be going to school at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor to study Performing Arts Technology at the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance. I'm sure I won't be able to come here every Sunday at while I'm in Ann Arbor, but I'll come as often as I can because this place is so important to me.

Before I finish my speech, I would like to recognize a few people. First, I would like to thank Edward Maki-Shram for taking time out of his weekends, and sometimes weekdays, over the past year to help me advance in piano. He has really helped me grow my passion and interest in music, and I can't thank him enough for that. I don't know if I would be going to study music at U of M this fall if it weren't for his help.

Lastly, I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for supporting me through my entire life so far. They, and the rest of my family, have really worked hard to get me to where I am now, and they will continue to support me until the end. Thank you Mom and Dad, I love you.

And Happy Mother's Day!