

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feast of St. Francis: The Blessing of the Animals returns today! This year, the festivities are located in the Jefferson Avenue parking lot and Sperry-Mackey Park (the adjacent triangular lawn), and are open from 9:00am-1:00pm! Prayers for creation will be said outdoors at 9:30am, and pet blessings will be offered 9:15-10:15am and 12:00-1:00pm! Community partners including the Detroit Police Equine Unit and a cat shelter will be present from 12:00-1:00pm as well.

Let's Take It Outside! Need a snack or a pick-me-up after services today? Come out to Sperry-Mackey Park, where there are coffee, cider, and sweet treats to share. Just look for the signs (or the sheep) ...

Harvest Blessings: Come out to Jon Miller's farm in Detroit for a Service of Rogation this Saturday, October 8th, at 2:00 p.m. The idea of rogation has its roots in the Latin word *rogare*, which means "to ask". At this gathering, we ask for blessings of the remaining harvest for all the growers and gardeners in the parish, for all small farms and those who tend them, and for the courage to be faithful, constant stewards of all Creation. For directions to the farm, contact Jon or the office (officestaff@christcd.org).

Floral Offerings: *All things come of thee, O God, and of thine own have we given thee ...* During the growing season, any gardeners who have floral material to share are encouraged to do so by contacting Richard Thomas or the church office (officestaff@christcd.org) at least five days in advance.

Last Week's Floral Dedication: We apologize for the error in last week's floral dedication. The correct dedication should have read, "The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard & Esther Plotzke, Tony & Mary Moses, Adle Moses, and Toni & Rebecca Kelly, given by Margo Plotzke." We regret the error and appreciate Margo's grace.

Interment of Matthew Abdo: Next Sunday, October 9th, directly following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, a service of committal will be held for Matthew Sherman Abdo, son of Cy & Karen Abdo, in the columbarium. Matthew's family will also host Coffee Hour that day in his memory. Matthew—utterly beloved son, brother, and friend; talented lawyer; and intrepid traveler—died on July 24th at age 37.

Evensong & Festive Tea: On Saturday, October 15th, Evensong will be held at 6:00 p.m., with an organ voluntary beginning at 5:45 p.m. Music will be provided by a quartet under the direction of Dr. Ed Maki-Schramm, with selections by Hogan, Moore, and Byrd. A festive reception will follow!

It's Tea Time! Let's polish that silver, set those tables, and make a ton of teeny sandwiches, for the first "Marathon" Evensong Tea since 2019. To help, please sign up in the Atrium or via the eNews.

No Services on Sunday, October 16th: The Detroit Free Press Marathon route on Sunday morning, October 16th, prevents access to our buildings. On that day, no services will be held at Christ Church. We encourage you to visit another Episcopal parish in the city, including All Saints', the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Grace, or St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's.

Shelter Week is Coming! Each day from Saturday, October 29th to Friday, November 3rd, under the leadership of Genet Barthwell, Seth Lloyd, and the Outreach Committee, we'll prepare in the Ledyard Kitchen dinner for 50 and bag lunches for the same number, to be delivered to residents at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Atrium or via the eNews.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from Form IV, BCP 385

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

Reader Grant, Triune 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. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the congregations of Holy Family, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Holy Faith, Saline; and St. Aidan's, Ann Arbor.

Holy One, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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. We pray for the end of violence in all forms, especially gun violence.

Holy One, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that, following the witness of St. Francis, we may use its resources rightly in the service of all creatures and to your honor and glory. We rejoice in the companionship of beloved pets, including those we have loved and lost, who live on in our memory. We pray for people and communities suffering in the wake of Hurricane Ian. We pray for boldness in addressing climate change.

Holy One, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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. We rejoice with Katherine Baker and Danny Reyes, who were married at Christ Church yesterday. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, including *Terry Lloyd, Bill Peck, Jim Treece, Gary MacDonald, Kate Driscoll, Sheila Sweeny, Julie Lenhard*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Holy One, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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 pray especially for *Katherine Baker, Ismat Begum, Katie Brown, Maura Campbell, Dorothy Coleman, Miriam Costandi, Susan K. Devereux, David Dieter, Debbie Faust, Carol Gove, Margaret Houseman, John Keils, Lauren Keils, Nan Keils, Kelly, Matthew Klein, Roger Langston, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Edna Lock, Ruby Mays, Tom Nyqvist, Sue Ann Parkinson, Tom Solomon, John T., Mimi Van Scoter, Bob Vitolins, Lydia Z.*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Holy One, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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. We pray especially for those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Holy One, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for these persons:

Pat Ald, Genet Barthwell, Stacey Becker, Ed Beverly, Cordelia Brown, Donna Cillette, Margie Deeb, Asha Dhanarajan, Kate Latham Driscoll, Christine Franklin, Ronald Griffin, Hope Hoffman, Judith, Lucinda Keils, Mark Klein, Julia Lenhard, Arnold Matthews, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Jane McFeely, Pat, Lori Rikken, Parker Roberts, Irene Ryke, Atticus Schoonover, Sue Urbanski

To add yourself or someone you know to the prayer lists, or to inform of a recovery, please contact Rev. Emily (emily@christcd.org) or the office (officestaff@christcd.org).

The Sustaining Prayer list, intended for long-term support, is prayed on weekdays including at Thursday Centering Prayer. The Prayers of the People, for critical needs, is prayed aloud on Sundays. Thank you for lifting one another up in prayer and love.

THE 2022 VESTRY

John Leney	Sr. Warden ('24)	Ruth Boeder	Jr. Warden ('24)
Howard Matthew	Treasurer ('23)	Stephanie Wren	Secretary ('25)
Claire Brown	Class of 2025	Carolyn Maher	Class of 2023
Mary Brown	Class of 2023	Anthony Mitchell	Class of 2024
Denise Crenshaw	Class of 2023	Caroline Widak	Class of 2025
M. David Jackson	Class of 2025		

ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGICAL ART

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

The woodcut artwork on the bulletin cover evokes both today's Gospel reading, in which Jesus commends faith even as small as a mustard seed, and St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181—3 October 1226) whom we remember today and who was known, in his reverence for all creation, to preach even to the birds. The woodcut is called *A Parable: The Mustard Seed* (2019) by the Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter, who writes:

"The kingdom (or 'kin-dom') of God, the realm of God, God's vision for justice and peace—is profuse. Jesus surprises his hearers by using a mustard seed as a metaphor. Everyone knew that mustard was invasive and one would never plant it in a garden. Perhaps Jesus is telling them that a tiny packet of God's yearning for peace has the potential to grow like a tree and even upset an order of oppression! If we nurture its growth, Jesus says that birds from many nations will long to come and build nests in its branches. For something even as small as a seed of love, can have transforming power and create an environment where others long to reside..."

The Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter is a United Church of Christ (UCC) minister. She received her Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in Minnesota, where she studied the intersections of art, theology and justice. *A Parable: The Mustard Seed* is reprinted here with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Organist</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Choral Quartet</i>	Katrina Van Maanen, <i>soprano</i> ; Calebria Webb, <i>mezzo soprano</i> X. Alexander Durden, <i>tenor</i> ; Greg Williams, <i>bass</i>
<i>Seminarian</i>	Sandy Flaningan Zull
<i>Crucifer</i>	10:30 Stella Hughes
<i>Gospel Server</i>	10:30 Brenna Ald
<i>Lector & Intercessor</i>	8:15 Clarke Mason; 10:30 Sandy Flaningan Zull
<i>Vestry Representative</i>	8:15 Caroline Widak
<i>Livestream Team</i>	10:30 Chuck Atwater, Sonia Charron-Jones, Desmond Jones, Taylor Matthew
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Bobbi Gaspar, Sally Wheeler
<i>Floral Minister</i>	Hope Hoffman
<i>Hospitality</i>	Claire & Bob Brown, Beth Ann Tesluk, Danielle Wright
