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SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER

*Pentecost*

Episcopal Church *of the Ascension*

July 7, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

## Welcome to Church of the Ascension!

Whether you're a guest or a long-time member, you'll find a warm community emanating love for the uniqueness God has sown within each one of us. We hope the notes below will help guide and connect you to this community.

Connect cards are in the pews, at the Welcome Center, and can be accessed through our website. Most weeks, we send two emails which include announcements, events, and information about worship. If you are a guest, please complete the Connect card, drop it in the collection plate on your way out, leave it with a greeter at the Welcome Center, or press "Send" if you fill it out online. We'd appreciate the opportunity to follow up with you. Members can use these cards to update information, as well.

A few notes to help you prepare for worship:

- Sit and breathe. The world around us is often in a hurry, so take a moment as you arrive to be present to the space and others who are here to worship God. It may also help to silence cell phones or other devices that can be distracting.
- Prepare to pray. This bulletin is your guide: review it. We hope you will join us in prayer and song, but simply being present to the worship is always an option.
- Children are an important part of our community, and they are always welcome in worship. We offer Children's Chapel at the 10:30 a.m. service as a space just for young people (ages 3-9) to engage in worship at their own pace. To join in, simply follow the Children's Chapel processional cross during the singing of the opening hymn. We will return to the Nave at the Passing of the Peace!
- Weekly materials for creative worship are available for children of all ages in the Narthex; ask an usher or greeter if you need help. It's our hope that you will return the materials to the Welcome Desk when you leave so that children can enjoy them week-to-week.
- The sacraments are important to us. In the Episcopal Church, Christ is present in the consecrated bread and wine. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. First, you will receive the host (gluten free is available upon request). You can consume this then sip from the chalice, or you may leave the host in your hand, and our lay eucharistic minister will intinct (dip) the host and place it back in your hand. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing (please cross your arms over your chest), or remain in your pew.
- As the service ends, some may remain where they are to pray; others will move to the Narthex - the open area just outside our sanctuary - to greet one another and visit. A tour of the church facilities is offered the first Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. worship, as well.
- For those with hearing aids or Cochlear Implants, our Nave has a hearing loop. You can access the loop by activating the telecoil function in your device, if you would like more information or need assistance connecting, please let us know.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand to sing the hymn*

HYMN 657: Blue Hymnal

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

*Hyfrydol*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

HYMN S280: Blue Hymnal

*Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell

**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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please read together in unison*

PSALM 48

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; \*  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.**
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.**

- 3 **God is in her citadels; \***  
    **he is known to be her sure refuge.**
- 4 **Behold, the kings of the earth assembled \***  
    **and marched forward together.**
- 5 **They looked and were astounded; \***  
    **they retreated and fled in terror.**
- 6 **Trembling seized them there; \***  
    **they writhed like a woman in childbirth,**  
    **like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**
- 7 **As we have heard, so have we seen,**  
    **in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; \***  
    **God has established her for ever.**
- 8 **We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, \***  
    **in the midst of your temple.**
- 9 **Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; \***  
    **your right hand is full of justice.**
- 10 **Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, \***  
    **because of your judgments.**
- 11 **Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \***  
    **count the number of her towers.**
- 12 **Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \***  
    **that you may tell those who come after.**
- 13 **This God is our God for ever and ever; \***  
    **he shall be our guide for evermore.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God

knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord. be to God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able*

HYMN 636: Blue Hymnal

*How firm a foundation*

*Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
To you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”

*Please stand if able*

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Klitzke

*Please be seated*

*Please stand*

THE NICENE CREED

The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 358

**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.**

*Please remain standing*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Leader For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for George and Wayne our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**All Lord, have mercy.**



Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those we name (*silently or aloud*)....., we pray to you, O Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**All Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.  
**All To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 360  
Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

*Please stand*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

**Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them  
wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when  
discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy  
peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

**O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is  
represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore  
your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and  
cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,  
that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. Amen.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Offertory is a time for us to offer ourselves, souls and bodies, and gifts of money, bread, wine, music and meditation to the Lord. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the clergy. The people stand while the offerings are presented.*

HYMN 756: Green Hymnal      *Lead me, guide me, along the way*      Doris M. Akers

*Refrain* Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and power  
To help me over my weakest hour;  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress;  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me;  
I am blind without thy Light to see;  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

*Please stand if able*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 369

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

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*

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:

HYMN S129: Blue Hymnal

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)*

Robert Powell

***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 Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me." 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.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. 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.**

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

The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN S155: Blue Hymnal *Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover*

Gerald R. Near

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. First, you will receive the host. (Gluten free is available upon request.) You can consume this then sip from the chalice, or you may leave the host in your*

*hand, and our lay eucharistic minister will intinct (dip) the host and place it back in your hand. Our tradition teaches that receiving either (bread or wine) is to receive in full.*

HYMN 325: Blue Hymnal      *Let us break bread together*      *Let Us Break Bread*

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain* When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

*Please kneel if able*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 that 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.**

#### BLESSING

*Please stand if able*

HYMN 718: Blue Hymnal      *God of our fathers*      *National Hymn*

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,

Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.  
From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

## *July Birthdays*

Evan Kasper	7/1	Brian Kasper	7/23
Katherine Marmion	7/2	Craig Wheeler	7/23
Kendall Wendling	7/2	Emma Raine	7/23
Spencer Bolding	7/3	Janet Calhoun	7/24
Tom Dwyer	7/3	Caroline Honeycutt	7/24
Victoria Ayitey-Adjin	7/5	Alison Stansel	7/24
Robert Orton	7/12	Lynda Edwards	7/25
June Chandler	7/12	Daniel Husman	7/25
Suzanne Fogarty	7/13	Cristian Hinojosa	7/27
Emma Klitzke	7/16	Alice Bogie	7/28
Suzan Bruce	7/17	Kerry Johnson	7/29
Betty Fish	7/19	Pat Turnbull	7/29
Marilee Massey	7/19	Matthew Pruett	7/30
Harry Breda	7/22		



## *Our Prayer List*

Steve, Bobbie; Diane; Sara; Barbara; Phil and Sandy; Roger; George; Glen and Dusty; Jane and Don; George and Nancy; Joe; Jerry; Ginny; The Heffner family; Terry and Jan; Trish; Rosemary and John; Gloria; the Coney family; the Bryant family; Titus & Theresa; Lani; Sterling and Kay; Alice; Mark and Jill; Elliott and Suzanne; Judy; Suzan; Kenn; Adrian; Maureen; Janie; Marlene and Steve; Jeff and Deborah; David; Marla; Quinta; Eva Maria; Lynda; Nancy; Rosabella; Taylon; Fred; Kelli; Linda; Janice; Greg; Janet and Bruce; Jennifer; Jack & Karen; Lupita Pryor and family; Jimmy; Clifton; Hoover; Mary.

For the homeless and those in need; for migrants and refugees at our border and around the world; for the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza and those who seek help from war; for those affected by natural disasters, and those who face threats of violence, particularly those at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Awaken us to our common humanity, our common human needs no matter the walls we build.

Diocese of Dallas Cycle of Prayer: Trustees of the Corporation of the Diocese: The Rt. Rev. George R. Sumner, Mr. Will Beecherl, Ms. Pat Bostian, Mr. Tim Boswell, Mr. Tom Graves, Ms. Chizoma Ihekere, Mr. Dudley Murrey, Mr. Al Nix; Chancellors: Mr. Cory Floyd, Mr. Christopher Ayres, Mr. Robert Chadwick, Mrs. Ellen Williamson, Mr. M. Chad Trammell, Mr. Michael Johnson, Ms. Sarah Toraasom, Mr. Tracy Pounders



## *Upcoming Events & Notices*

### **SUMMER ADULT FORMATION: THE BIBLE PROJECT**

**Sundays | June 30th - August 4th | 9:15 a.m. | Conference Room**

Our adult formation class will work through The Bible Project's Royal Priesthood series this summer. What is God's ideal calling for humans? God calls all humans to be royal priests, representing his character and presence to the world. Check out our video series on the theme of the Royal Priest in the Bible on our website. Please join us for this engaging series beginning June 30th at 9:15 a.m. All adults are welcome!

### **ADULT PODCAST GROUP**

**Saturday, July 13th | 10:00 a.m. | Civil Pour | 8061 Walnut Hill Lane**

Join us for our next podcast group meeting on Saturday, July 13th, from 10-11 a.m., at Civil Pour for our first summer Podcast Group gathering. Over a cup of coffee, we'll explore an episode from The Bible for Normal People. For more information, July's podcasts are linked on our Adult Formation page. Please plan to listen to the assigned podcast or read the script before we meet. Come when you're available, and bring a friend!

### **ANNUAL BACKPACK FUNDS DRIVE**

**Now through July 31st**

Time to start planning for Back-to-School! We will hold our annual Backpack Funds Drive to benefit students at KidsU and clients of our Food Pantry. Because the director of KidsU is able to order appropriate backpacks for much less than we are able, we are asking for monetary donations only to fund this drive. Please make cash, check, or online donations with "Backpack" notation by August 1st.

We are concurrently holding a Supply Drive to stuff the backpacks for our Pantry clients. Collection boxes will be available at church throughout July. Thanks for your support!



**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**OF THE**  
**ASCENSION**

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