



GOOD SAMARITAN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Followers of Jesus, with open minds
and hearts to serve*

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 2024 | Arbuckle Park | 10 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nanci Slagle

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

God of Freedom, God of Justice

Cwm Rhondda

*God of freedom, God of justice, you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison, you who knew the price of faith-- touch our world
of sad oppression with your spirit's healing breath.*

*Rid the earth of torture's terror, you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest, you who shed the tears and blood--
move in us the power of pity restless for the common good.*

*Make in us a captive conscience quick to hear, to act, to plead; make us truly sisters, brothers of
whatever race or creed-- teach us to be fully human, open to each other's need - open to each
other's need.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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 our Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
gin-ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
prom-ise is true, for I am Christ, the way.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Reader A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *(read responsively by full verse)*

Hallelujah! *

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, ***
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

For their hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; ***who keeps promises for ever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

food to those who hunger and sets the prisoners free.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind! ***The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down****and loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares for the stranger *

and sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, ***your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.****Hallelujah!****THE EPISTLE***James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17**Reader* Today's second lesson is taken from the Book of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Halle, Halle, Halle

Caribbean traditional

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

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

People **Glory to you, Jesus Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Jesus Christ.**

Repeat the Sequence Hymn - Halle, Halle, Halle

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Yvonne Brandenburg

Please stand as you are able.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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

Litanist Almighty God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Litanist Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Litanist We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Litanist We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Litanist Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Litanist Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Litanist Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Litanist We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Litanist Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's in Richmond, and The Rev. Barbara Anne Fisher. We also pray for Bishop-Elect Julia Whitworth as she embarks on her calling to be the next Bishop of Massachusetts. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The people may be asked to add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

The priest may add a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

***Presider & 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.**

Presider 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.

NEWCOMER WELCOMING

Presider Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

We invite our new members to come forward at this time as our Connections Team Ministry Leader, Nanci Slagle, calls your names. We invite our new members to join our clergy up front at the end of the service so that you may all welcome and congratulate them.

Presenter I present the following people to be welcomed as members of this community:

Linda Farley	Malcolm Peterson
Christen Peterson	Cheryl Paloma
Ben Peterson	

Presider Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as members of Good Samaritan Episcopal Church?

***New Members* We do.**

Presider Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

***New Members* We will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People* We will.**

Presider Let us pray.

***Presider & People* Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these four families to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.

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

SEPTEMBER MILESTONE BLESSINGS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Anyone who wishes to deepen or strengthen their relationship with Jesus is welcome to receive Holy Eucharist at this table. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself as an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Heaven Shall Not Wait

The people's offerings are collected to support the ongoing work and ministry of our community. If you wish to make a gift by text, simply send the dollar amount you wish to give to 73256 with the keyword GoodSams, followed by a space, and then a dollar amount. For example, "GoodSams 25"

Please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant God 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin and receive power to become your children.

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

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed 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 continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

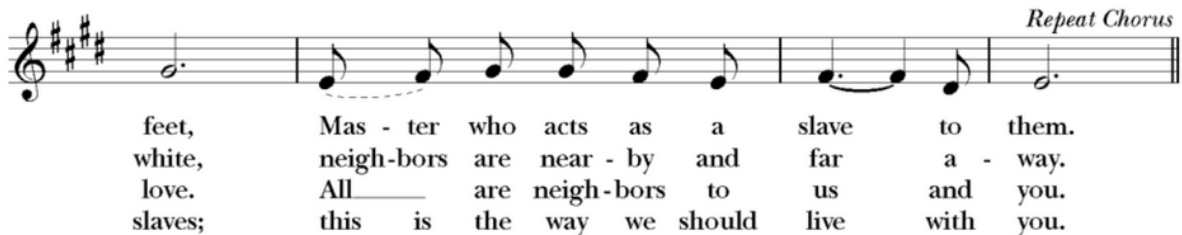
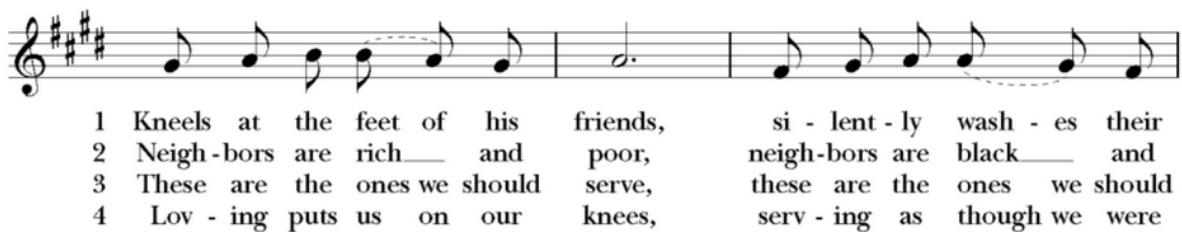
Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

All who are followers of Christ, regardless of your church background (or not!), are warmly welcome to receive the gifts of bread and (non-alcoholic) wine in Holy Communion. Come forward and the priest will place a piece of bread into your palm. Gluten-free bread is available; simply ask the minister. You may either drink from the cup or cross your arms over your chest to pass the wine. Receiving bread only is still considered full communion if you prefer not to receive the wine at this time. If you do not wish to receive bread and wine, we welcome you to come forward anyway and to cross your arms over your chest. The priest will say a prayer for God's blessing upon you.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

Jesu, Jesu

Ghanaian folk song



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Please stand as you are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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, 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 PRIESTLY BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God!

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Good Samaritan News

Featured Ministry Minute - Mental Health & Wellness Ministry

The role of the Mental Health & Wellness Ministry is development and provision of mental health education, resources and support to our congregation. Our mission aligns with the church's mission to love, include and serve all through our efforts to destigmatize mental health and promote awareness of its pervasive nature in society.

Team members are volunteers who actively engage in the development and formation of the committee, as well as assisting with planning meetings and community events. Team members do not need any special training in mental health services.

The ministry meets at least quarterly. We have provided 4 or 5 events yearly and create educational content monthly. Reach out to Lisa Kennedy (lshaffer450@gmail.com) if you are interested in being a part of this important ministry!

Care Kits for Those Experiencing Homelessness - Sept. 15

Join Good Samaritans after the service on **September 15th** to help assemble care kits for those in our community experiencing homelessness. The kits will include essential items like first aid, toothbrushes, and energy bars. We will then distribute the kits downtown in early October. There will also be an option to take kits with you to hand out to someone in need as you encounter them. Contact Zach Hunt (Hunt.Zachary.M@gmail.com) with questions.

Register Now! - New Fall Series: Awakening our Heart: a Wisdom Circle

Join Good Sam's Mental Health & Wellness Ministry for a few short hours, as we turn our attention toward Love.

These classes can be taken as a series or alone. Each 3-hour class will be a combination of learning participation, and silence. We will draw from the mystics and science how to deepen and be more present, moment to moment. Together, we will sit in the Vastness, the Silence, the Living Christ. Don't miss this opportunity to know your place in the field of Love. We will meet at the Brownsburg Public Library from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please contact Jan Byars with questions and to register. PeaceIsJLB@gmail.com

Series Dates: Saturday, September 21, Saturday, October 19, & Saturday, November 16.

Good Sam's Foodies September Dinner - Sept. 21

Join the Good Sam's Foodies group on Saturday, **September 21st** as they head to Sal's Italian Restaurant to enjoy fellowship and delicious food together! The group will meet at 5 p.m. You can sign up at the Welcome Table or reach out to Rita O'Connor (roconnor235@gmail.com). This group is always looking to welcome new members, so reach out to Rita if you are interested!

Book & Fellowship Group - Sept. 24

Book & Fellowship Group will meet on Tuesday, **September 24th** at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "*The Book of Longings*" by Sue Monk Kidd. Part meticulously researched historical fiction and part imaginative retelling of Jesus' humanity and fictitious marriage to Ana, "The Book of Long-

ings” is a story about a woman’s struggle to find her voice and destiny in a time and place that was designed to silence her. Contact Christa Nierzwick (christanierz@gmail.com) if you would like to attend this event.

Bow Wow Bash - Sept. 29th

Join us at the Bow Wow Bash on **September 29th** from 12 - 5 p.m. at Washington Township Park in Avon. Rev. Jim will do a community pet blessing at 1 p.m. Revs Jim and Amy will also be available for blessings throughout the afternoon. Bring your pets and stop by Good Sam’s booth! For more info, see bowwowbash.net

Family Promise Volunteers Needed - October 1

Family Promise has a shelter for families experiencing homelessness in Hendricks County. We are looking for volunteers to make an entree, side dish, or dessert for their residents on Tuesday, **October 1st**. The meals are for 20-24 people. Dishes need to be brought to the home in Plainfield around 5:30. You can sign up at the Welcome Table, or reach out to Angela Reynolds (areynolds0204@gmail.com) or Pam Stachler (pstac001@aol.com) with any questions.

With thanks to those who serve today!

<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Yvonne Brandenburg
<i>Presider</i>	The Rev. James T. Said
<i>Readers</i>	Natalie Rodriguez & Beth Hannon-Penny
<i>Litanist</i>	Dean Cantwell
<i>Chalice</i>	Karen Farmer & Becca Allen
<i>Altar Guild & Prep</i>	Pat Harris & Angela Reynolds
<i>Acolyte</i>	Gabe Reynolds
<i>Greeters</i>	John & Anita Morrison
<i>Set-Up Team</i>	The Farmers, The Saims, & The Schofields
<i>Director of Music</i>	Kendall Ludwig
<i>Musician in Residence</i>	Ann Lovko
<i>Director of Hospitality</i>	Susan Davis
<i>Tech Team</i>	Brian Weidner & Bryon Russell
<i>Bishop’s Committee Member on Duty</i>	Mike Kennedy
<i>Dir. of Children’s, Youth, & Family Ministries</i>	Barbie Russell
<i>Nursery</i>	Audrey Davis
<i>Parish Administrator</i>	Brianna Bleiler



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