

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

a Christ-centered community of practice awakening to the abiding presence of God

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Blessed be God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Celebrant Lord have mercy.
People **Christ have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Romans 13:8-14

Paul summarizes the heart of the law and urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Following the Lesson...

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

PSALM 149

1 Hallelujah!

**Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

**2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**

**3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.**

**4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.**

**5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.**

**6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

**7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;**

**8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;**

**9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18: 15-20

Teaching about how to deal with sin and grievances within the Christian community.

Preceding the Gospel...

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Following the Gospel...

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Phillip D. Wilson

After the sermon a period of silence is kept

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers are offered for the world, the church, the sick, etc. followed by a period of silence. Congregation members are invited to offer intercessions during the silence, either aloud or silently.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Participants Today

Steve Guerriero, Reader and *Jay Pomponio*, Prayer Leader

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP ON LINE OR BY TELEPHONE

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday

Evening Prayer, 5-5:30 pm, Every Day

Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Ricky Davidson*, Today; *Sarah Benton*, Wednesday; *Grace Xinqi Willingham*, Friday; *Margit Lilly*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Kate & Andrew LeBlanc*, Thursday; *Julie & Richard Cogliano*, Friday.

ADULT FORUM TODAY, 9 – 10 AM

- **September 6 -- “Sacred Humming: Good for You; Good for the Community”** — Everything you need to know about the healing and bonding powers of humming, which we will use in September 13 services. An interactive session led by parishioner Karen Guthrie, former director of music at Northfield-Mt. Hermon School and St. John’s Episcopal in Northampton, and now luckily a member of St. Michael’s!
- **September 13** – No Forum as there are 8, 9 and 10:15 services at Christ Church.

[Click this Link](#) to enter the meeting on Sunday mornings, Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516

Password: theology

Call by phone: +1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516, Password: 679508

GATHERING & BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACK FOR KIDS, TEACHERS AND FAMILIES; TODAY, 4-5 PM; THE RECTORY LAWN, 18 BRADLEY AVENUE

- Please bring a blanket to sit on with your family; blankets will be spaced 10 feet apart to be safe & everyone with masks (except young children).
- We will have a brief service on the lawn, followed by some physically distant games and individually wrapped ice cream cones.
- This is our chance to see each other and offer blessings for children and youth as they begin their new school year!

SUNDAY REUNION AT CHRIST CHURCH; NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13; 8, 9 & 10:15 AM: September is usually the time when we “kick off” our education programs and start our program year. This year is different. We cannot gather in the church. Instead, we are inviting you to gather outside *safely* so that we may see one another and worship together in one place. SO, on Sunday September 13, we will offer three worship services on the lawn of Christ Church, Guilford. We will have chairs for sitting, but if you are in a family unit, you might want to bring a picnic blanket to sit on the lawn together.

Although we are not allowed to sing, there will be music at the 9 and 10:15 services and we will try humming (yes HUMMING!) some hymns. Please note that there are no bathrooms at Christ Church.

Please contact the Church office at jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org or call 254-6048 ext 104 and let Jeanie know which service you would like to attend so we can monitor numbers at each service.

If it happens to rain on September 13, we will postpone to September 20.

KEEPING UP WITH YOUR PLEDGE – Summer can be a slow time for pledges coming in and this year is no different. Please don't forget to send in your pledges or make online payments to support St. Michael's ministry and mission. Thank you for your generosity!

GENTLE YOGA OUTSIDE: On the grass at Christ Church on Wednesday mornings, 9-10 AM. Please bring a yoga mat and wear a mask. Led by parishioner Jean Brodie. You can contact Jean at jmbrodie59@gmail.com with any questions.

NEW WEBSITE: St. Michael's now has a new website at www.stmichaelsvermont.org Check it out and let us know what you think!

BIN LEAVES THE BENCH ON SEPTEMBER 7: Please leave your donations of toiletries, magazines and paperbacks in the bin on the bench on or before September 7. Thank you!

TRUDI CRITES MEMORIAL SERVICE ON ZOOM, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2 PM – 3:30 PM EASTERN TIME All are invited to attend the memorial service for long-time St. Michael's parishioner Trudi Crites, who died on April 20. You can read the obituary for Trudi at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/middletownpress/obituary.aspx?n=gertrude-crites&pid=196085113>

The service will be on Saturday September 19 at St John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Milwaukie, Oregon. You can attend on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5752534782>. The Meeting ID is 575 253 4782.

To attend by phone, call 1 929 436 2866 Meeting ID: 575 253 4782

ST. MICHAEL'S VIMEO CHANNEL - St. Michael's now has a Vimeo channel where you can watch or listen to past sermons, services or adult forums. Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/channels/1603817>. If you "subscribe," you will receive news in your email inbox when new content is available.

