



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Christ-Centered Community of Practice Awaking to the Abiding Presence of God

PRIDE SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

HYMN

The Hymnal 408



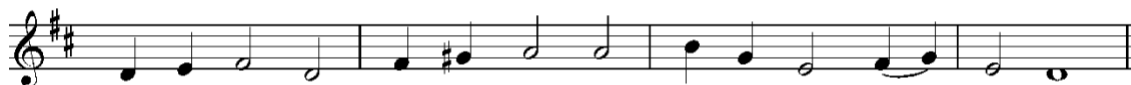
1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



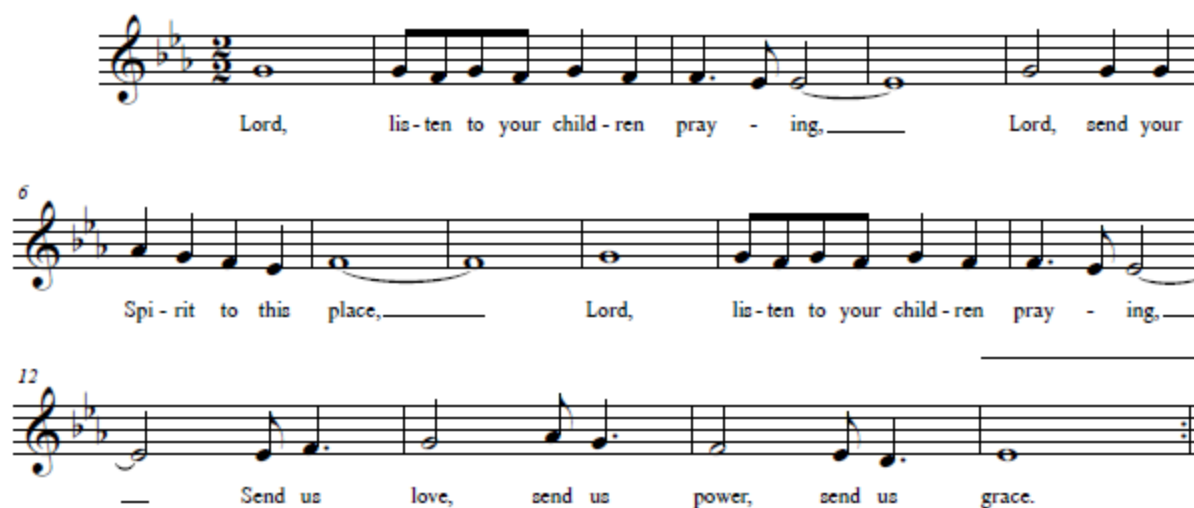
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.).

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

SONG OF PRAISE



COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12: 1-9

Following the lesson...

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33: 1-12

1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

4 For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4: 13-25

Following the lesson...

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

HYMN “SING A NEW WORLD...”

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Sing a New World into Being

Mary Louise Bringle

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1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry

Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream;
brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;

dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.

Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

Preceding the Gospel...

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

Following the Gospel...

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

SERMON

After the sermon a period of silence is kept

The Reverend John Michael Longworth

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S CREATION, FOR THE WORLD, AND FOR THE CHURCH

The Leader bids us to pray for the sick and suffering, for those who have asked for our prayer, for those who rejoice in life events and for those who have died.

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

The Priest says a concluding Collect

CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart.
We have not loved others
as our Savior Christ loves us.
We are truly sorry.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The Celebrant bids

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Following the Peace, the Celebrant recites a sentence from Holy Scripture; all prepare for the Holy Eucharist.

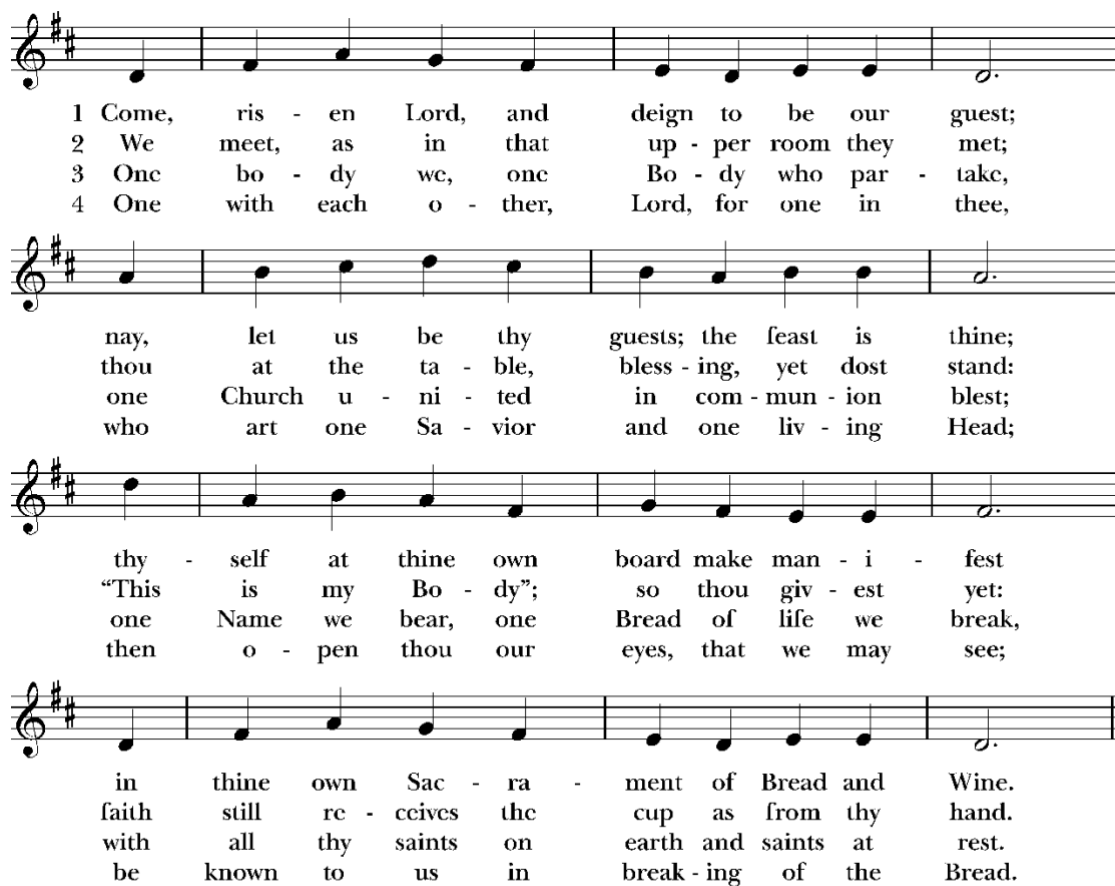
WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

ANTHEM

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal 306

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1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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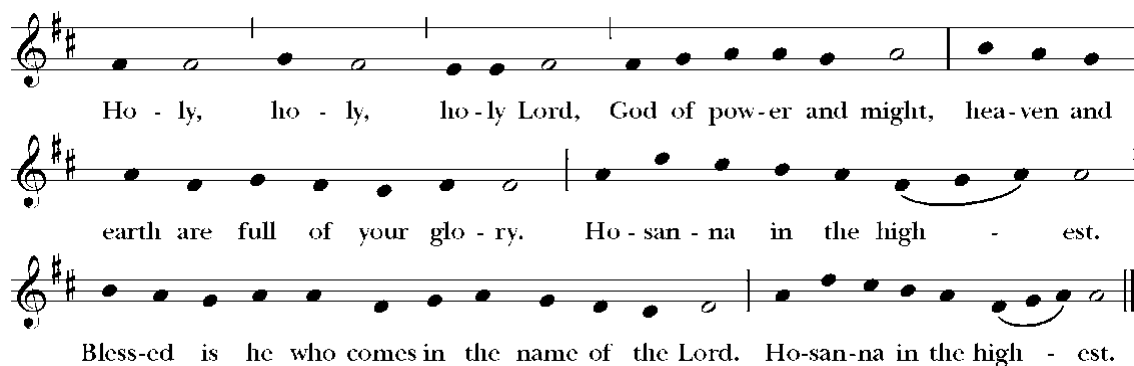
OFFERING

During the hymn, ushers pass the offering plates. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar. You may also make a donation online at www.stmichaelsvermont.org under "Give" & "Give Online." Our ministry at St. Michael's depends on your generosity. Thank you!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 praises God for God's creation and love. Then all sing the Sanctus together:



The Presider recalls and makes present for all Jesus' life and last supper.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider asks the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and the wine to be God's holy food.

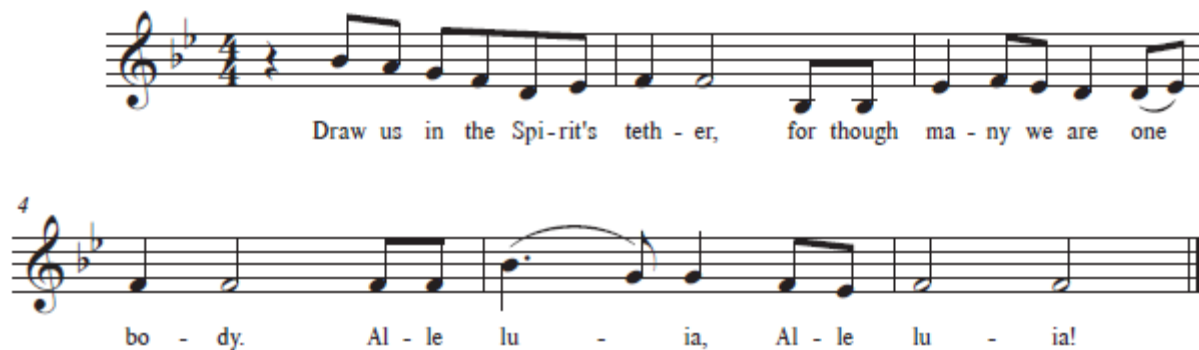
And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.



Celebrant: Behold what you are.

People: **May we become what we receive.**

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, Loving God, 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.

BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal 376

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

DISMISSAL

Participants Today

Annie Landenberger, lay assistant; **Maida McKenna** and **Ann Ely**, readers and element bearers;
Imogene Drakes, intercessor; **Alex O'Pray** and **Greg Lesch**, chalice bearers; **Maida McKenna**, **Elizabeth Freese** and **Ricky Davidson**, ushers; **Judy Walker** and **Carol Hesselbach**, Altar Guild.

At St. Michael's we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God.

- **WELCOME TO VISITORS!** All are welcome at this table. If you have any questions about the liturgy, location of the bathrooms, or anything else, please ask one of the ushers or greeters. Thank you for joining us today.
- **GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AND GRAPE JUICE** are available for Communion at both 8:00 am and 10:15 services. Please make yourselves known to the priest when you come up for Communion.
- **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!** There are clipboards with paper and crayons, as well as activity bags with coloring books at the back of the Sanctuary for children who are interested in coloring or drawing during the service. Feel free to come in and out of the worship area as needed with your children! Please ask an usher if you need assistance.
- **NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE** for young children during the service. Please ask the ushers for directions.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday, on Zoom and in-person Tues and Wed in the Chapel

Breakfast with the Psalms, 8:30 – 10 am, The Works, Main St., Brattleboro

Centering Prayer, 11:30-11:55 am, Wednesday in the Chapel

Eucharist with the Saints, 12 noon-12:30, Wednesday in the Chapel

Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday in the Chapel, in-person and on Zoom

Centering Prayer, 8 am, Saturday in the Chapel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: *Martha Moravec* and *Susan Gantt*, Today; *Betsy Bates*, Monday; *John Byrnes*, Tuesday; *Austin Wright*, Thursday; *Jake Mattson*, Friday; *Jean Jersey*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: *Peter & Jean Smith*, Thursday.

TODAY IS PRIDE SUNDAY: St. Michael's is celebrating Pride Sunday this morning. The Reverend John Michael Longworth, a member of our "Church in the Cloud," is preaching at 8 and 10:15 am today. John Michael is a Methodist Minister and a member of the Order of Ecumenical Franciscans and a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. They are a trained spiritual director and counselor living in Rutland.

ADULT FORUM THIS MORNING: "What Do All Those Letters Mean? LGBTQ+" --Are you unsure about what the acronym LGBTQ+ stands for? Do you mix up the letters and understanding? Do you wonder why other letters keep getting added to it? These are all valid questions, especially as the LGBTQ+ community continues to become more visible and recognized. The Forum on Pride Sunday, June 11, will explain the acronym, give different perspectives on its meaning and use, and answer your questions. The Rev. Lars Hunter and the Rev. John Michael Longworth will lead in the Meeting Room.

TODAY IS THE "SUNDAE SUNDAY" CELEBRATION FOR KIDS, TEACHERS AND FAMILIES FOLLOWING THE 10:15 AM SERVICE, IN THE RECTORY YARD: Come and celebrate the end of school with an ice cream celebration in the Rectory Yard! All kids, parents, families and teachers are invited to join in a time of fellowship, play and food. We especially want to honor our Godly Play and Holy Mayhem teachers by showering them with our thanks for their dedication and love for St. Michael's children and youth.

JOHN LENT WILL BE OUR GUEST PREACHER ON JUNE 18: John Lent, a new parishioner at St. Michael's, served as Executive Director of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) for seven years. We are honored to have John share his ministry in the Middle East with us on June 18, both as our preacher and as the leader of the Adult Forum.

John retired from AFEDJ at the end of 2022 and now works as a special assistant to Archbishop Hosam Naoum, the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem. AFEDJ is an independent non-profit that supports the 25 humanitarian ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem – schools, hospitals and rehabilitation centers in Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Israel.

ADULT FORUM, JUNE 18 – “Faith Under Occupation: The Plight of Indigenous Christians in the Holy Land”: Parishioner John Lent will talk about his years of working with the Palestinian Christian community. This community lives and works in the place where Jesus taught and ministered, now a region of conflict, brokenness and distrust. Today, Christians are only 1% of the population of Palestine – The West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem – and 2% of the population of the state of Israel. Yet, through their faith, resilience and humanitarian outreach to people of all religions, ethnicities and economic circumstances, they have outsized influence in advancing peace and reconciliation in this volatile part of the world. He will share videos, photos and stories from his travel and work in this volatile part of the world.

FOYER GROUPS ARE BACK! Many among us have wonderful memories of experiences, laughter, support, inquiry, and caring shared over St. Michael's Foyer Group meals in the past. A great way to get to know each other outside of regular Sunday activities, Foyer Groups will thus be forming again as a means of deepening fellowship within our parish family.

Here's how it works: Let us know you're interested and what your preferences are. We'll then form the groups of 6-10--unless you'd like to form your own. Over a period of 6-8 months, each participant will host their group for a meal. Meals can be simple, grand, or potluck, and can be hosted at home or at an agreed upon location.

We are aiming for a late summer start. So if you'd like to join in, please write Annie Landenberger at verbatimvt@gmail.com by July 1 with the following information:

- *name(s), email (s), phone(s)*

And do you prefer to gather with...

- *any configuration of a group*
- *families with kids*
- *couples*
- *singles*
- *LGBT+*
- *a group of your own making*

Other special requests? Any group size limitations?

Groups will be formed, a point person named, and contact info shared by August 1.

From there groups are encouraged to begin gathering. After six months, we'll take a month or so off and then re-group. Though some groups might choose to carry on.

A LETTER FROM OUR NEWLY HIRED MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I invited Keane Southard to share a few words of introduction to you about himself and his family. Keane will begin his post as Music Director at St. Michael's in the beginning of August.

Mary

Dear congregation of St. Michael's,

I'm Keane Southard and I'm excited to be the new Director of Music at St. Michael's! I'm a native New Englander and grew up in central Massachusetts, but I was familiar with northern New England as a child as my parents frequently took me and my siblings up on hiking and camping trips in New Hampshire and Vermont. I left New England to go to college at Baldwin Wallace University in Ohio where I studied piano, sang in the college's Bach festival, and learned to play the organ. I also met my wife Diane there when we were freshman both singing in the choir together! My major was composition, and composing has been my main passion and primary pursuit as a musician. I later completed my masters in composition at the University of Colorado-Boulder and then my PhD last year from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. In between those, I spent a year in Brazil as a Fulbright Scholar studying music education, two years in Bennington, VT teaching at Bennington College, a year as the organist at a church in Thetford, VT, and then a year as music director at a church in Walpole, NH. Diane and I loved living in Walpole (we only left because I was accepted at Eastman), and so we already know Brattleboro and the area pretty well and are excited to be moving back, although this time we have our beautiful 1-year-old son, Theron, who will be coming with us. While we have been living in Ohio this past year close to Diane's family, we are happy that we will be close to my parents who live in Enfield, NH (in the Lebanon/Hanover area).

In addition to working at St. Michael's, I plan to continue teaching composition lessons online and growing my composition career, raising Theron, and hiking and getting out in the New England woods again (I've hiked the entire Long Trail and also the New England portion of the Appalachian Trail which inspired my first symphony: <https://youtu.be/96edE4TMhE8>). Diane has been working as a social worker for the past 12 years, but is currently in divinity school online and wants to become a chaplain and is particularly interested in hospice and end-of-life work. She also has a beautiful voice and loves singing. Theron is 15 months old now, running around the house everywhere, and learning more and more each day. He keeps us busy (and exhausted) but we think he is the cutest thing we could ever imagine. We all look forward to meeting you all and becoming active members of the St. Michael's community!

GROUNDWORKS DRIVE TO PURCHASE TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS: Groundworks will be making a large purchase of equipment. They will welcome **donations** for this (please identify online donations or checks as "for camping equipment").

- **Online Donations:** <https://groundworksvt.org/donate/> or
- **Checks:** Groundworks Collaborative, PO Box 370, Brattleboro, VT 05302
- **Used sleeping bags** are welcome too, if in good condition with straps intact and can be dropped off at 54 South Main Street (back door) during the hours of 9–12 or 2–6.
- **Please, No Used Tents.**
- **Questions?** Call 802-257-5415 or [email KSchrade@GroundworksVT.org](mailto:KSchrade@GroundworksVT.org)

Thank you SO MUCH!