



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

June 15, 2025
Trinity Sunday

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

"Devotional Piece No. 6 "

Dom Paul Benoit

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Hymnal, 362

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 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

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 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
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SONG OF PRAISE

Harmony

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And also with you.

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Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
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Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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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**

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

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The prayers conclude with a form of “General Confession” said by the community, with the Deacon or Presider saying:

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

After a period of silence, all say together:

God of all mercy, we confess that

we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

ANTHEM

"Irish Blessing"

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CELEBRATING AND BLESSING OUR GRADUATES

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All stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal, 398

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow-ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

OFFERING

During the hymn ushers pass the offering plates. An offering to God and for the work of the church is taken. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food for the hungry, bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer II

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says,

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, the Presider proceeds:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. And so this day we join with the Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Then the Presider, continuing on behalf of and with the community, recalls God's work in Creation; people's failure to see it; God's love shown in Jesus and the Last Supper; and our calling on the Spirit to be with us:... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be the honor, glory, and praise for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

(ICET text ecumenical translation)

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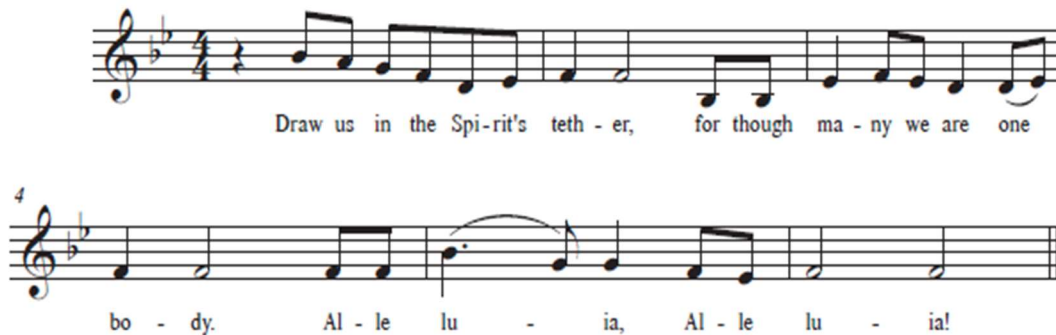
*Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.*

*With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, then we sing a Fraction Anthem.



Invitation to Receive Holy Communion

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. In our celebration of the Eucharist, there is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the table of a loving God set for all creation through the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. If you would like either, please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister. Receive the Bread in your open palm followed by the Common Cup, taking the cup by its base and guiding it to your lips. You may also receive the Bread only, with arms folded over your chest afterwards. Or if you wish to come to the Altar for

a blessing only, please fold your arms over your chest.

No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited to come forward to share in communion or a blessing.

After all have received Communion there is a period of silence. Then the Presider says ...

WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

THE BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal, 368

*Holy Father, great Creator, Source of mercy, love, and peace,
Look upon the Mediator, Clothe us with his righteousness;
Heavenly Father, heavenly Father, Through the Savior hear and bless.*

*Holy Jesus, Lord of glory, Whom angelic hosts proclaim,
While we hear thy wondrous story, Meet and worship in thy name,
Dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer, In our hearts thy peace proclaim.*

*Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, Come with unction from above,
Touch our hearts with sacred fire, Fill them with the Savior's love.
Source of comfort, source of comfort, Cheer us with the Savior's love.*

*God the Lord, through every nation Let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation Every tongue and race combine.
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah, Form our hearts and make them thine.*

DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God. (Alleluia, Alleluia!)**

PARTICIPANTS

10: 15 *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, preacher; *The Reverend Thad Bennett*, celebrant; *Alli Ackerman-Hovis*, lay assistant; *Michael Hightower* and *Ann Ely*, readers and element bearers; *Cary Gaunt* intercessor; *Miranda Smith and Ricky Davidson*, chalice bearers; *Elizabeth Freese* and *Brian Morgan*, ushers; *Anne Black*, healing minister; *Craig Newbert* and *Jane Sbardella*, Altar Guild; *The Davenport Family*, coffee hour host.

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- **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.
- **TO RECEIVE THE RITE OF HEALING:** Trained lay healing ministers are available in the chapel to pray with you individually before or after you receive communion. A healing minister will say prayers, lay her or his hands upon you, and anoint you with consecrated oil. You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need or for a thanksgiving. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.
- **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.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday, on Zoom, Tuesday-Thursday in-person the Chapel
 Bible Study, 8:30-10 am, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays at 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

FLOWERS today are given by Carol Hesselbach in memory of Bruce Hesselbach.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Aldrich Wright*, today; *Jean Jersey*, Tuesday; *Jared Rediske* Friday; *Yoojin Lee*, Saturday.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS TODAY:

- **CELEBRATING GRADUATING SENIORS** A few of our congregation's young adults are on the cusp of new beginnings, which we will honor with special prayers during the 10:15am service on June 15 as well as a celebratory Coffee Hour. **Allison** Ackermann-Hovis, **Blue** Berenguel and **Ori** Johnson will be graduating from Brattleboro Union High School on June 20. Alli plans to attend Fitchburg State University to study Elementary Education, Blue plans to attend Massachusetts College of Art & Design to study Communication Design and Ori plans to attend New York University to study Biology/Pre-med. In addition to these BUHS graduates-to-be, **Grace** Khartoum, whom we'll celebrate next week, will be heading for her first year at Bard College
- **GIVING THANKS FOR THE CHOIR'S MINISTRY**
We will give thanks for the music ministry of the choir, who will start their summer break after this service.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 - SUNDAE SUNDAY CELEBRATION FOR KIDS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES! FOLLOWING THE 10:15 AM SERVICE, 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, bouncy house and food. We especially want to honor our Godly Play, Upper El and Youth teachers by showering them with our thanks for their dedication and love for St. Michael's children and youth.

PRIDE SUNDAY PREVIEW: JUNE 29 IS THE DAY!

God Loves You. No Exceptions! **Pride stickers** are available on the back table in the sanctuary. Wear them or put them on your water bottle/coffee mug between now and **June 29th**. Then, when people notice, invite them to come to Pride Sunday at St. Michael's. Share the love!

On the 29th itself, we'll be joined in worship by special guest speaker John Linscheid, who will share his remarkable story. You won't want to miss it!

SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS BEGINS ON JUNE 29

Yay Summer! Once St. Michael's formal Sunday School comes to an end on June 22, we want to keep building community with our children and youth by offering summer activities during the first part of Sunday church. Summer Fun will take place the Undercroft and depending on the ages of the group and the weather, we will have a story, simple snack, crafts, outside time and/or games. Volunteers will rotate planning an activity and supervising the kids and will have the additional support of the nursery attendants, Blue and Kaitlin. The kids will join the congregation at the Peace so that they can participate in Holy Communion and the Blessing.

We need volunteers to help with this ministry! If each parent could sign up for one Sunday this summer, we could have the summer covered! Please email Susie in the office or sign up in the Common Room.

PRAYERS LIST FOR SUNDAYS

Each Sunday, we read the names of people who have asked for the community's prayers. Prayers for specific people or concerns will remain on the list for 4 Sundays unless you indicate that the need is ongoing beyond that. Prayer needs can be communicated directly to Thad via phone, email, or in person, or by contacting Susie in the office; she will pass your messages to Thad.

ACKNOWLEDGING JUNETEENTH THROUGH ART

As part of Brattleboro's 2025 Juneteenth celebrations, artwork by Candice Taylor-Diallo, a member of our church family, will be on display at the Brattleboro Town Office throughout the week of June 16 - 21,

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 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

OFFERING

During the hymn ushers pass the offering plates. An offering to God and for the work of the church is taken. Representatives from the parish bring the people's offerings of food for the hungry, bread and wine for the Eucharist, and money for mission and ministry to the Altar.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer II

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says,

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, the Presider proceeds:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. And so this day we join with the Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Then the Presider, continuing on behalf of and with the community, recalls God's work in Creation; people's failure to see it; God's love shown in Jesus and the Last Supper; and our calling on the Spirit to be with us:... Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be the honor, glory, and praise for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

(ICET text ecumenical translation)

OR:

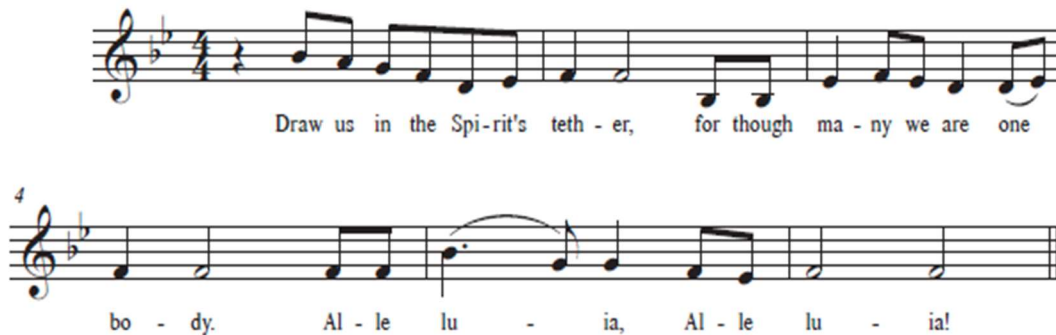
*Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.*

*With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept, then we sing a Fraction Anthem.



Invitation to Receive Holy Communion

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. In our celebration of the Eucharist, there is no one here who is ineligible or unwelcome; no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. This is the table of a loving God set for all creation through the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are welcome.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. If you would like either, please indicate that preference to the liturgical minister. Receive the Bread in your open palm followed by the Common Cup, taking the cup by its base and guiding it to your lips. You may also receive the Bread only, with arms folded over your chest afterwards. Or if you wish to come to the Altar for

a blessing only, please fold your arms over your chest.

No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, you are invited to come forward to share in communion or a blessing.

After all have received Communion there is a period of silence. Then the Presider says ...

WE ARE SENT AND GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

THE BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal, 368

*Holy Father, great Creator, Source of mercy, love, and peace,
Look upon the Mediator, Clothe us with his righteousness;
Heavenly Father, heavenly Father, Through the Savior hear and bless.*

*Holy Jesus, Lord of glory, Whom angelic hosts proclaim,
While we hear thy wondrous story, Meet and worship in thy name,
Dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer, In our hearts thy peace proclaim.*

*Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, Come with unction from above,
Touch our hearts with sacred fire, Fill them with the Savior's love.
Source of comfort, source of comfort, Cheer us with the Savior's love.*

*God the Lord, through every nation Let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation Every tongue and race combine.
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah, Form our hearts and make them thine.*

DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God. (Alleluia, Alleluia!)**

PARTICIPANTS

10: 15 *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, preacher; *The Reverend Thad Bennett*, celebrant; *Alli Ackerman-Hovis*, lay assistant; *Michael Hightower* and *Ann Ely*, readers and element bearers; *Cary Gaunt* intercessor; *Miranda Smith and Ricky Davidson*, chalice bearers; *Elizabeth Freese* and *Brian Morgan*, ushers; *Anne Black*, healing minister; *Craig Newbert* and *Jane Sbardella*, Altar Guild; *The Davenport Family*, coffee hour host.

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All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

- **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.
- **TO RECEIVE THE RITE OF HEALING:** Trained lay healing ministers are available in the chapel to pray with you individually before or after you receive communion. A healing minister will say prayers, lay her or his hands upon you, and anoint you with consecrated oil. You can come for yourself, for another person, for a need or for a thanksgiving. Please ask ushers for assistance if you have questions.
- **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.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday, on Zoom, Tuesday-Thursday in-person the Chapel
 Bible Study, 8:30-10 am, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays at 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

FLOWERS today are given by Carol Hesselbach in memory of Bruce Hesselbach.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Aldrich Wright*, today; *Jean Jersey*, Tuesday; *Jared Rediske* Friday; *Yoojin Lee*, Saturday.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS TODAY:

- **CELEBRATING GRADUATING SENIORS** A few of our congregation's young adults are on the cusp of new beginnings, which we will honor with special prayers during the 10:15am service on June 15 as well as a celebratory Coffee Hour. **Allison** Ackermann-Hovis, **Blue** Berenguel and **Ori** Johnson will be graduating from Brattleboro Union High School on June 20. Alli plans to attend Fitchburg State University to study Elementary Education, Blue plans to attend Massachusetts College of Art & Design to study Communication Design and Ori plans to attend New York University to study Biology/Pre-med. In addition to these BUHS graduates-to-be, **Grace** Khartoum, whom we'll celebrate next week, will be heading for her first year at Bard College
- **GIVING THANKS FOR THE CHOIR'S MINISTRY**
We will give thanks for the music ministry of the choir, who will start their summer break after this service.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 - SUNDAE SUNDAY CELEBRATION FOR KIDS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES! FOLLOWING THE 10:15 AM SERVICE, 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, bouncy house and food. We especially want to honor our Godly Play, Upper El and Youth teachers by showering them with our thanks for their dedication and love for St. Michael's children and youth.

PRIDE SUNDAY PREVIEW: JUNE 29 IS THE DAY!

God Loves You. No Exceptions! **Pride stickers** are available on the back table in the sanctuary. Wear them or put them on your water bottle/coffee mug between now and **June 29th**. Then, when people notice, invite them to come to Pride Sunday at St. Michael's. Share the love!

On the 29th itself, we'll be joined in worship by special guest speaker John Linscheid, who will share his remarkable story. You won't want to miss it!

SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS BEGINS ON JUNE 29

Yay Summer! Once St. Michael's formal Sunday School comes to an end on June 22, we want to keep building community with our children and youth by offering summer activities during the first part of Sunday church. Summer Fun will take place the Undercroft and depending on the ages of the group and the weather, we will have a story, simple snack, crafts, outside time and/or games. Volunteers will rotate planning an activity and supervising the kids and will have the additional support of the nursery attendants, Blue and Kaitlin. The kids will join the congregation at the Peace so that they can participate in Holy Communion and the Blessing.

We need volunteers to help with this ministry! If each parent could sign up for one Sunday this summer, we could have the summer covered! Please email Susie in the office or sign up in the Common Room.

PRAYERS LIST FOR SUNDAYS

Each Sunday, we read the names of people who have asked for the community's prayers. Prayers for specific people or concerns will remain on the list for 4 Sundays unless you indicate that the need is ongoing beyond that. Prayer needs can be communicated directly to Thad via phone, email, or in person, or by contacting Susie in the office; she will pass your messages to Thad.

ACKNOWLEDGING JUNETEENTH THROUGH ART

As part of Brattleboro's 2025 Juneteenth celebrations, artwork by Candice Taylor-Diallo, a member of our church family, will be on display at the Brattleboro Town Office throughout the week of June 16 - 21,

2025. This special exhibit invites the community to reflect on freedom and history through the lens of contemporary Black art. Stop by to experience this display.