



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

**June 29, 2025**

**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRIDE SUNDAY**

**WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**PRELUDE**

"Devotional Piece No. 7"

*Dom Paul Benoit*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN IN PROCESSION

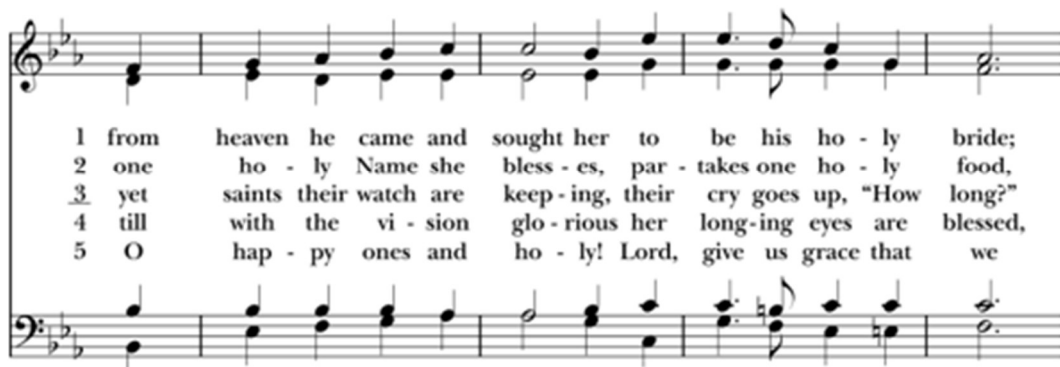
*The Hymnal, 525*



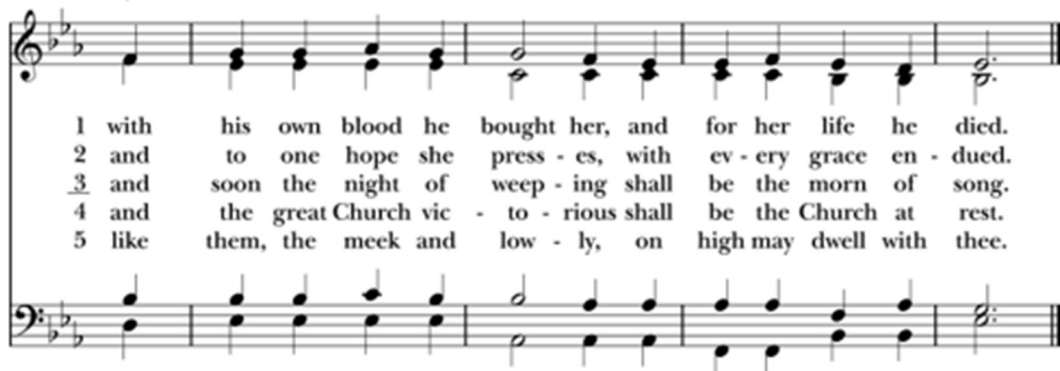
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

*Then, the Presider says:*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Harmony*

Ev' - ry time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev' - ry time I feel the  
spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. **Fine**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*(Usually one each from the Hebrew scriptures, the Psalms, and the Epistles.*

*NOTE: During July and August, the Epistle may be omitted.)*

## THE FIRST READING

*2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14*

*Following the Lesson...*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept for a few moments after the reading.*

THE PSALM 77: 1-2, 11-20

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; \*  
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; \*  
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;  
I refused to be comforted.
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, \*  
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts \*  
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; \*  
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders \*  
and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, \*  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;  
the waters saw you and trembled; \*  
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water;  
the skies thundered; \*  
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world; \*  
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea,  
and your paths in the great waters, \*  
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock \*  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

THE SECOND READING

*Galatians 5: 1, 13-25*

*Following the Lesson...*

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

THE GRADUAL HYMN

*From Songs for the Holy Other*

# God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE  
Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines having multiple staves for different vocal parts or harmonies. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as rests and dynamic markings.

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,  
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,  
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show  
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.  
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,  
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.  
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,  
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,  
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word  
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.  
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed wth jade.  
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.  
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

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*Preceding the Gospel...*

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 9: 51-62*

*Following the Gospel...*

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

## REFLECTION

*Silence is kept following the sermon.*

*The Reverend John Linscheid*

### 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**

*A form for the intercessions is announced.*

*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**

*All stand to sing*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*The Hymnal, 458 (v. 1-5)*

1. My song is love un - known, My  
 2. He came from his blest throne, Sal -  
 3. Some - times they strew his way And  
 4. Why, what has my Lord done? What  
 5. They rise and needs will have My  
 6. In life, no house, no home My  
 7. Here might I stay and sing, No

Sav - ior's love for me, Love to the love - less  
 va - tion to be - stow, But all made strange, and  
 his sweet prais - es sing, Re - sound - ing all the  
 makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to  
 dear Lord made a - way; A mur - der - er they  
 Lord on earth might have; In death, no friend - ly  
 sto - ry so di - vine; Nev - er was love, dear

shown That they might love - ly be. O  
 none The longed - for Christ would know. But  
 day Ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 save: The prince of life they slay. Yet  
 tomb But what a stran - ger gave. What  
 King, Nev - er was grief like thine. This

who am I That for my sake My  
 O my friend, My friend in - deed, Who  
 "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all they breathe, And  
 in - jur - ies! Yet they at these Them -  
 cheer - ful he To suf - f'ring goes, That  
 may I say? Heav'n was his home; But  
 is my friend, In whose sweet praise I

Lord shall take Frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need His life did spend.  
 for his death They thirst and cry.  
 selves dis - please, And 'gainst him rise.  
 he his foes, From thence might free.  
 mine the tomb Where - in he lay.  
 all my days Could glad - ly spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c.1624-1683  
 Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, 6 6 6 6 4 4 4; John Ireland, 1879-1962, © John Ireland Trust

## 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,***

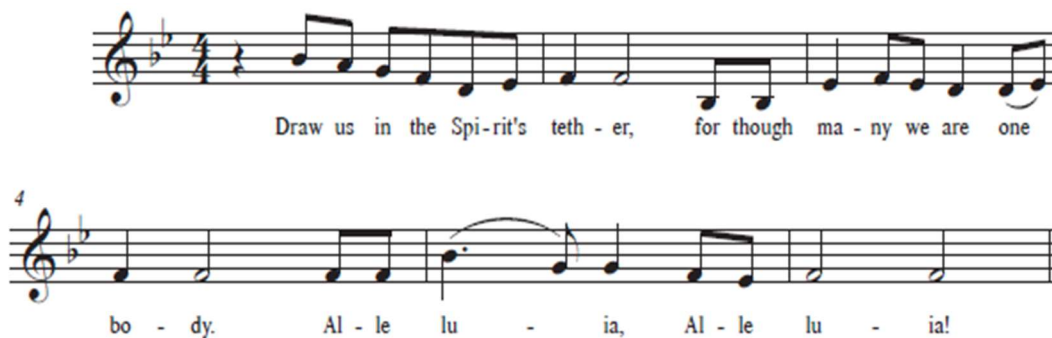
*Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*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, 655*



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:  
2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,

be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;  
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.  
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt. Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).  
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## DISMISSAL

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

## PARTICIPANTS

*10: 15 The Reverend John Linscheid*, guest speaker; *Reverend Thad Bennett*, celebrant; *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Alex O'Pray*, lay assistant; *Andy Burrows* and *Elizabeth Fisher*, readers and element bearers; *Brian Morgan*, intercessor; *Ricky Davidson* and *Alli Ackerman-Hovis*, chalice bearers; *Chris Dubis* and *Jeremy Geragotelis*, ushers; *Leo Storm* and *Abbie Haineswood*, acolytes; *Carolyn Taylor-Olson*, healing minister; *Jane Sbardella* and *Sherry Stimmel*, Altar Guild; *Michael and Whitney Hightower*, coffee hour hosts.

**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.**

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to *Vince Johnson*, today; *Zadie Olmstead*, Monday; *Meaghan Landin*, *William Stearns*, and *Patrick Ackerman-Hovis*, Tuesday; *Beth Houder*, Wednesday; *Rosie Wojcik*, Thursday; *Matthew Wojcik*, Friday; *Thea Porter* and *Rebecca Porter*, Saturday.

**TODAY WE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER** Rev. John Linscheid, who, along with his late partner, Ken M. White, has been a writer, speaker, and activist in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition, Evangelical Christian faith, and in queer spiritualities. Now in retirement, he continues to explore the art of creating nurturing space for queer and progressive individuals on a journey toward liberation for the world, the flesh, and the spirit.

John has been influential in moving gay biblical interpretation beyond apologetics to queer-experience-centered investigation of the texts. John and Ken challenged their own Mennonite and other denominations' official hostility toward LGBTQ people, and helped prepare the ground for their congregation to become the first North American Mennonite congregation to ordain an openly gay man (David Weaver in 2001).

John has been attending Saint Michael's since 2022. Many of his writings and articles may be found at [www.gayoldsouls.com](http://www.gayoldsouls.com). Come to **coffee hour** to greet John!

### **FESTIVE COFFEE HOUR**

Please join us in the undercroft for a colorful time, meet and chat with John, and enjoy a safe space to embrace our diversity. Thanks to the Hightowers (Michael, Whitney, and Olive), who are hosting coffee hour with help from many others.

### **SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS BEGINS TODAY**

Thanks to Judith Reichsman, who is providing Summer Fun - helping our children enter into creative joy as part of their church experience – during the first part of the service. If you'd like to help in the coming weeks, please let Susan Heimer know at [heimer.susan@gmail.com](mailto:heimer.susan@gmail.com) or contact Susie in the church office.

### **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

The Responding in Faith group will meet today at 12:30 in the Meeting Room after the special coffee hour. Newcomers are always welcome.

### **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.

### **URGENT REFUGEE MINISTRIES UPDATE**

1. A few items are still needed for the new home of our co-sponsored refugee family. Please take a look at the bulletin board outside the office and add your name if there is something you might be able to contribute.
2. Two young-adult Congolese brothers are desperately searching for a **one bedroom apartment**. They are the last two people at the Wheeler house and need to move out quite urgently. Please contact Elizabeth Fisher (860) 597-2900 if you have a space to offer or any leads for them.

### **skyberry HOUSE UPDATE:**

**GATHERING July 4th, 5:30-7:30pm-** Fourth of July fun...food, song, sparklers, friends!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** As increasing referrals are navigated at skyberry, it's clear that we need volunteers to help with a few tasks in order to support the needs of our unhoused community. You can help:

1. providing a simple vegetarian meal (2x week) and clean up
2. house cleaning

Join our local ACTION! Thank you!

RSVP or volunteer: [houseskyberry@gmail.com](mailto:houseskyberry@gmail.com)

### **CHRIST CHURCH EXHIBIT**

While Christ Church Guilford is closed for safety reasons, you can still experience it in the St. Michael's Undercroft! "Christ Church Guilford Past and Future: An Exhibit" will showcase historic documents, artifacts, the Board of Directors' "wish list" for building improvements, a list of grants the Christ Church Guilford Society has received, and photos. Wolf Kahn prints, Robert R. Anderson's 2016 booklet, Christ Church Guilford, greeting card sets, and Guilford slate from the roof will also be available for modest donations to help with essential repairs. **Hours:** Sunday, July 6, Noon-4:00 pm; Monday – Saturday, July 7-12, 1:00-5:00 pm; and Sunday, July 13, Noon-4:00 pm. Thanks for your support!

### **SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR THIS SUMMER!**

We have many open slots for Coffee Hour hosts beginning with **next week**. The sign-up sheet is in the Common Room. If you've never done it before, we can help orient you or find someone to assist you.

Please contact Rosie with any questions at [rosie@wojnet.org](mailto:rosie@wojnet.org)