



# ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

June 8, 2025  
The Day of Pentecost

## WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

"Élévation"

*Léon Boëllmann*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN IN PROCESSION

*The Hymnal, 20*

1 Now Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er One with God the  
2 Let mouth and tongue, mind, sense, and strength God's might - y  
\*3 Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus

Fa - ther and the Son, pour forth in - to our  
ac - tions tell at length; let love in flames of  
Christ, our Lord Most High, whom with the Spi - rit

hearts, we pray, the full - ness of your grace to - day.  
liv - ing fire the hearts of all the world in - spire.  
we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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*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.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

*Acts 2: 1-21*

*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

*Psalms 104: 25-35, 37*

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND READING

*Romans 8: 14-17*

*Following the Lesson...*

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

## THE GRADUAL HYMN

*The Hymnal, 511*

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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*Preceding the Gospel...*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14: 8-17, 25-27*

*Following the Gospel...*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*The Reverend Thad Bennett*

*Silence is kept following the sermon.*

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

#### ANTHEM

"Draw us in the Spirit's Tether"

*Harold Friedell*

*All stand to sing*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

*LEVAS, 120*



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
(2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ Till you  
(3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ Now you're

Piano accompaniment for the first system of lyrics, continuing the harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

1. know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
2. know Him in His full - ness, and be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can

Piano accompaniment for the second system of lyrics, maintaining the musical texture with chords and melodic fragments.

1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, \_\_\_\_\_ And I  
2. one to pro - fit when you say, \_\_\_\_\_ "I am  
3. make it right if you will yield; \_\_\_\_\_ You'll en -

Piano accompaniment for the third system of lyrics, concluding the piece with sustained chords and a final melodic phrase.

1. know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
2. going to walk with Je - sus all the way."  
3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.

And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in



praise; With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re-vived when we shall leave this place. 1.-2. There are 3. If you place.

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## 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.*

*Note: St. Michael's now has a **Text to Give** option for donations and pledges. Simply key in **73256** and text*

***GiveStMichaels\$100** (or whatever dollar amount you are donating). You will then enter card or bank information and receive an acknowledgement of your donation. Easy!*

## 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

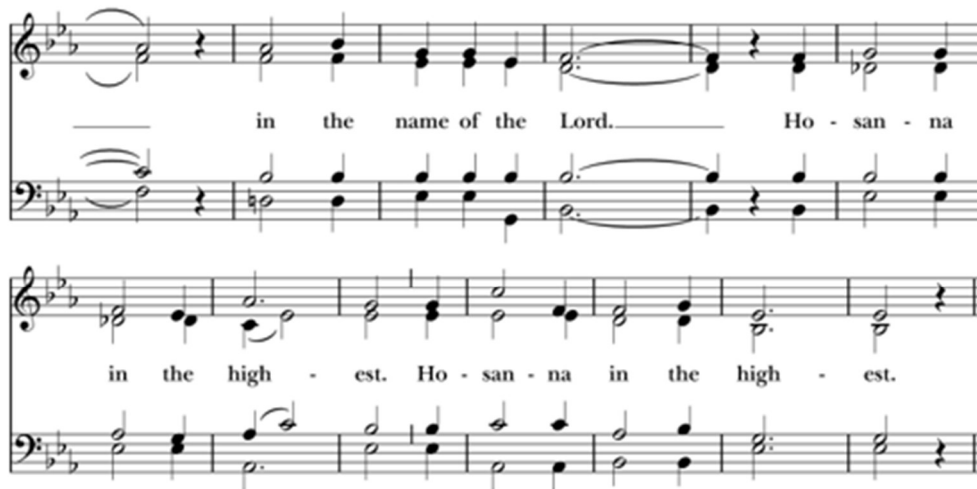
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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



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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.***

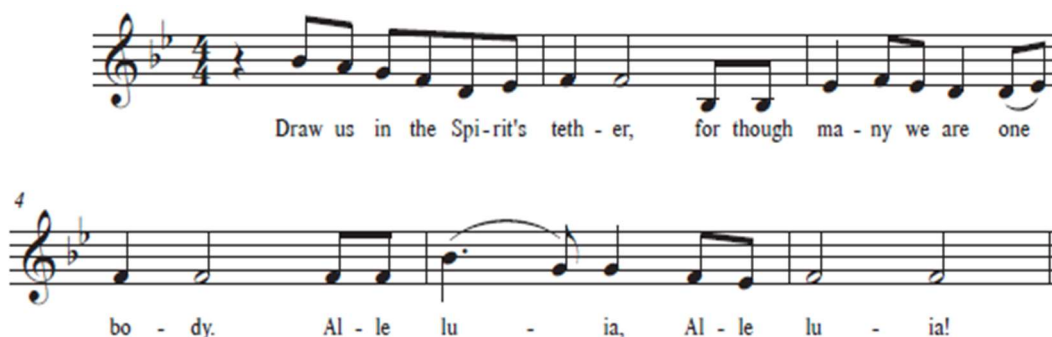
***With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.***

*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, 48*



1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and  
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most  
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ  
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through  
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and  
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -  
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -  
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,  
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and  
 liev - ing, re - newed with heav - en - ly might, from  
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the



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## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

"Entrée"

*Léon Boëllmann*

## PARTICIPANTS

**10: 15 The Reverend Thad Bennett**, preacher and celebrant **The Reverend Lars Hunter**, Deacon; **tba**, lay assistant; **Joyce Vining Morgan** and **Chris Chapman**, readers and element bearers; **Laura Frey**, intercessor; **Alex O'Pray** and **Miranda Smith**, chalice; **Leo Storm**, Acolyte; **Ricky Davidson**, **Kachina Autenrieth-Lee**, and **Ron Autenrieth**, ushers; **Margit Lilly**, healing minister; **Judy Walker**, **Carol Hesselbach**, and **Lindsey Boss**, Altar Guild; **Cary Storm**, 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, 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  
Centering Prayer, 4-5 pm, 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 *Larry Earle*, Monday; *Jon Davis* and *Ed McCatty*, Tuesday; *Martha Moravec* and *Susan Gantt Kubert*, Wednesday; *Betsy Bates*, Thursday; *John Byrnes*, Friday.

**FLOWERS** Some of the flowers on our altar today were given by Sherry & Jonathan Stimmel in memory of their husband and father, Phil.

### **ADULT FORUM TODAY**

The Forum meets on Sunday mornings from 9-10 in the Meeting Room. All are welcome to join in the learning opportunity. (This is the final Forum before our summer break. See you in autumn!)

- **This Sunday, June 8: Holy Spirit: Who, What, When and Where**

Join Thad for this adult forum where he'll talk a little about the role of the Spirit and how she ended up in the Creeds. However, most of the session will be spent talking about the role of the Spirit in our SIGNPOST MOMENTS: times when we realized God came to us or we discovered God was with us. Never dull, that Spirit!

### ***EXPLORING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH*** with Thad Bennett

This Summer Session begins June 5, Thursdays 4:15PM TO 5:30PM in the Meeting Room. *Exploring the Episcopal Church* is a great class for those who are new to St. Michael's, new to church or not new, but want to brush up on the basics of theology, church history, scripture, prayer and worship in the Anglican tradition. Also, why do we do some of the things we do? Should I stand or kneel? What's a fraction? Summer is a great time to study for those who have a lighter work schedule during this season (educators, for example). We started on June 5, but it's not too late to join! We will meet in person on Thursdays (June 12, 19, 26, July 3 and 10). If you cannot attend in person, but would like to participate via Zoom, this might be possible. **Please let the office know if you would like to participate at [parishadmin@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmichaelsvermont.org)**

### **JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> RALLY/GATHERING**

The "No Kings/Let Freedom Fly" gathering on the afternoon of June 14 will include reflection on the recent statement from the Episcopal Church on refugee resettlement. The gathering begins at 3 PM at Centre Congregational Church. More details will follow in upcoming eNews.

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **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 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 next Sunday.

- **45 YEARS AGO**

We will acknowledge and give thanks for the ordination of Tom Ely and Thad Bennett to the deaconate on June 14, 1980.

## **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.

***EXPLORING THE AFTERLIFE 5-SESSION PROGRAM*** Diane Southard and Valerie Abrahamsen are offering a free series, "Exploring the Afterlife: Learning from Experts and Personal Experiences," at Brooks Memorial Library, Tuesday evenings 6:00-7:15 pm, June 17-July 15. Participants will read books and be invited to share personal experiences. Let Valerie know by June 10 if you're interested! [valabrah@gmail.com](mailto:valabrah@gmail.com)

## **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.

**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.

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

The group meets in the Meeting Room today at noon to strategize and learn about spiritual and political responses to the crises that face our nation of late.