



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

July 13, 2025

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

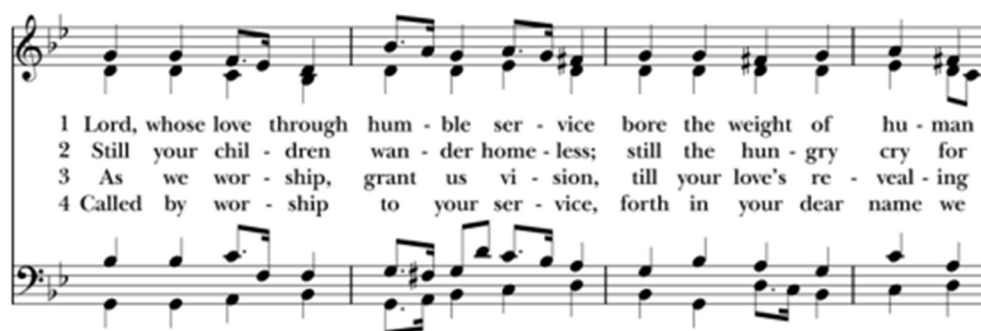
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Gordon Young

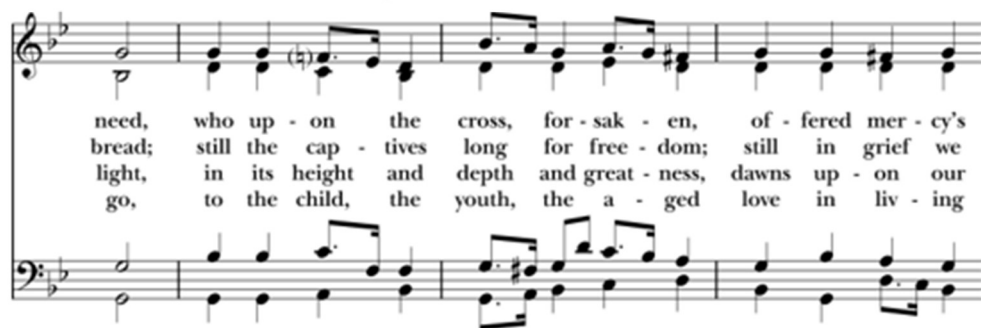
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The Hymnal, 610



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we



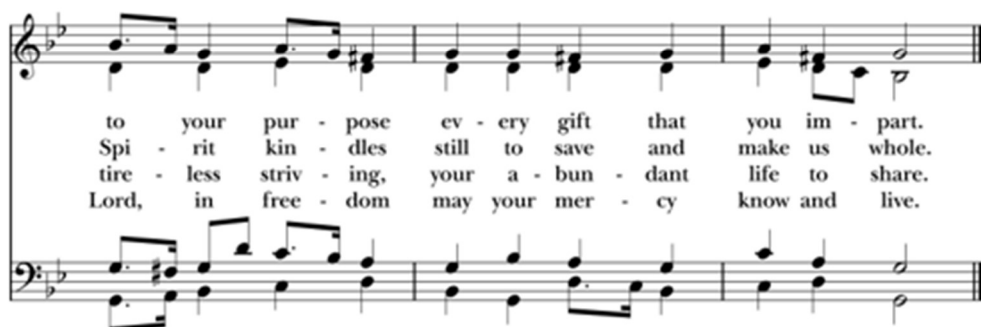
need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing



per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,



not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,



to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 Music: *Blaenhafren*, Welsh melody.

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

(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

Amos 7: 7-17

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

Psalm 82

**1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**

**2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?**

**3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;**

**4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

**5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

**6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;**

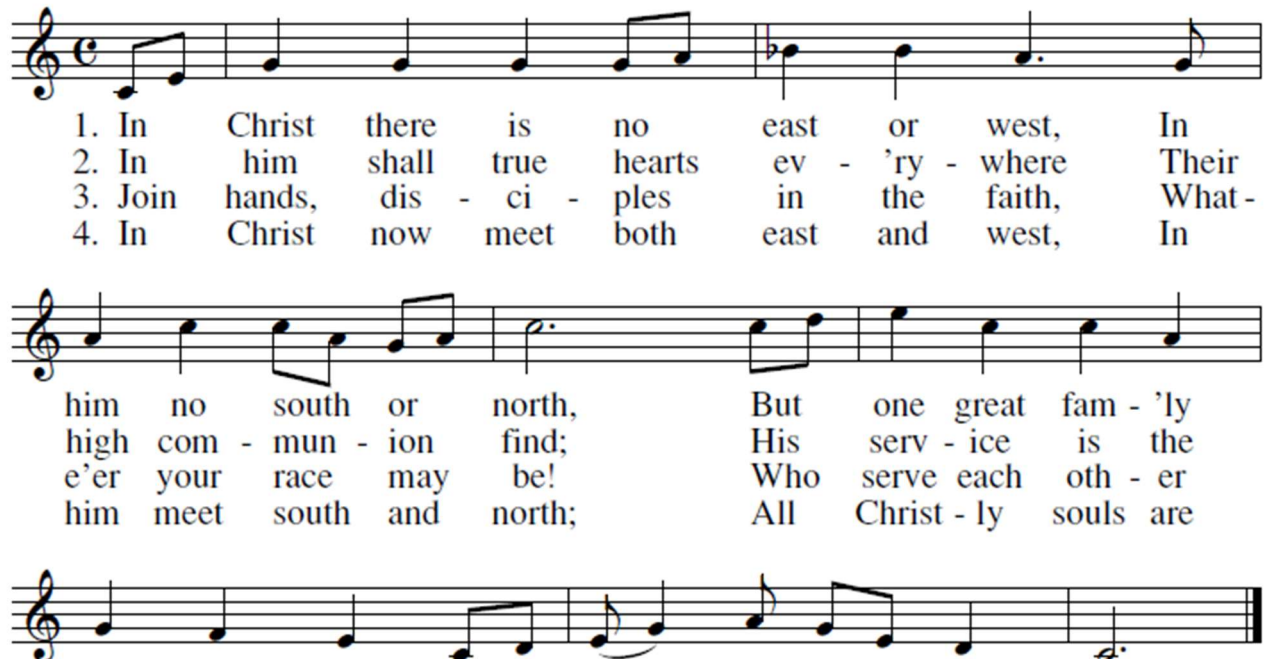
**7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"**

**8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

The Hymnal, 529

In Christ There Is No East or West



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
 2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
 3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

him no south or north, But one great fam - 'ly
 high com - mun - ion find; His serv - ice is the
 e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
 him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord Close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: Galatians 3:23; William A. Dunkerley, 1852–1941, alt.
 Tune: McKEE, CM; African American; adapt. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Preceding the Gospel...

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10: 25-37

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

All stand to sing

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Hymnal, 304

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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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.

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.

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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,***

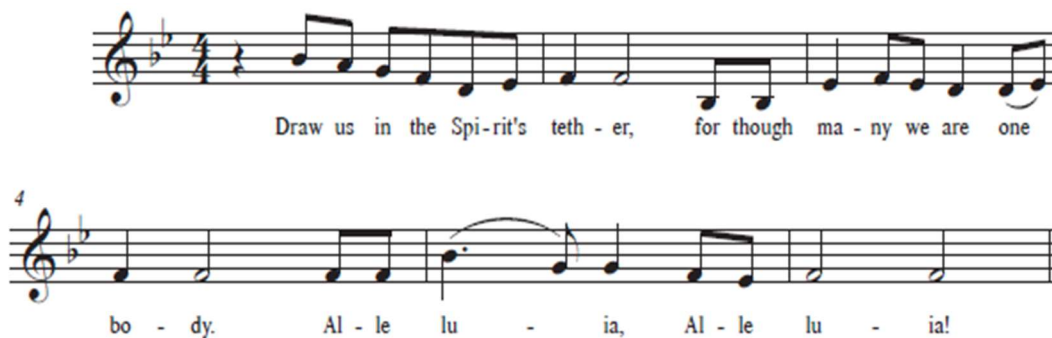
*Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*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**

SENDING FORTH FOR PRISON MINISTRY

THE BLESSING

HYMN

The Hymnal, 603

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"March"

John Marsh

PARTICIPANTS

10:15 The Reverend Thad Bennett, preacher & celebrant; **The Reverend Lars Hunter**, Deacon; **Alex O'Pray**, lay assistant; **Susan Daigneault** and **Carol Hesselbach**, readers and element bearers; **Carol Hesselbach**, intercessor; **Craig Irvine** and **Allie Ackerman-Hovis**, chalice bearers; **Betsy Bates** and **Ricky Davdison**, ushers; **Sher Wilson**, healing minister; **Judy Walker**, **Carol Hesselbach**, and **Lindsey Boss**, Altar Guild; **Judy Davidson**, **Beve Bakke**, and **Vangie Holvino**, coffee hour hosts.

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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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Marian Wojcik* and *David Carr*, Monday; *Olivia Capponcelli* Wednesday.

CHRIST CHURCH EXHIBIT: Officially ends today!

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:** July 13, Noon-4:00 pm. Thanks for your support! (Note: the display will not be staffed after today, but will remain in place for a bit longer.)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHIONERS: REGISTER BY JULY 16

This year, the St. Michael's community has mourned the loss of nine beloved members, in addition to many personal losses of family and friends. When grief accumulates, it can become overwhelming—making it difficult to know where or how to begin healing.

The Reverend Deacon Lars Hunter, Bereavement Program Coordinator at the Center for Solace, will be offering a **six-week grief support group** for parishioners of St. Michael's who are grieving the death of a loved one. For more info on the group, which will meet Weds July 16-August 20, 4-5:30 PM in the Meeting Room, read the notice in Thursday's eNews or speak directly with Rev. Lars. Register with Lars by July 16: lars@stmichaelsvermont.org / 802-579-9288.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: THE ALTAR GUILD

"The ministry of the Altar Guild is one of 'mystery.' Clergy arrive and everything needed for worship is prepared. Their ministry is quiet, unique and almost peaceful." As with many things at this church, volunteers are needed. If you think you'd enjoy being part of the "mystery," speak with Jane Sbardella. The commitment, once trained, is to serve monthly or thereabouts.

WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?: AN OPPORTUNITY

In this week's eNews, we shared how St Michael's can be a neighbor to our beloved Grace Khartoum, who is working to meet the financial / educational needs of her sisters who remain in a refugee camp. Please see the eNews for more details; the Go Fund Me campaign link is <https://gofund.me/abb5d3f6>

PRAYER LIST FOR SUNDAYS

Each Sunday, we read the names of people who have asked for the community's prayers. Prayers 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 or email, or by contacting Susie in the office.

LOVES & FISHES FUNDRAISER: CRÊPE NIGHT JUL 16

On July 16th enjoy an evening of crêpes and music (provided by Barred Owl ~ our own Annie Landenberger and T. Breeze Verdant!) at Scott Farm in Dummerston that will benefit Loaves & Fishes. Tickets are \$20 (adult)/\$10 (under 12) at the Scott Farm website. (See more details in eNews.)

SIGNPOSTS: SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE OF THE SPIRIT

This Sunday John Daly will be our first person to share his SignPost story. For each of the next 3 Sundays, people will speak briefly at the start of the "sermon time" about an experience of the Spirit in their lives. The preacher will then give a sermon, trying to incorporate the SignPost story in some way – guided by the Spirit?.

The church website will also have a SignPost link where each Sunday's clip of the person's SignPost will be online. As well, there will be some other written SignPost stories; audio SignPost stories, etc.

WHY? Christian community is rooted in the story of Jesus – the big God Story. But God's interaction with humans did not stop with Jesus. God's promise is to be with us. If we pay attention, usually in retrospect, we often find that the Spirit was at work. Now, it is our chance to tell a "God Story." If you are interested in sharing a story, let Thad know at thadinwma@gmail.com.

REQUIEM FOR ANIMALS RECORDING

The Brattleboro Concert Choir's May production of "Requiem for Animals" by our own Music Director, Keane Southard, was a deeply moving experience for the singers and audience. George Moore, who sung in the choir, says "I have successively described it as gut-wrenching, bold, beautiful, and brilliant. In the end, I find it a towering composition...Musically, it is in a class all its own—fresh and new and timeless, undefinable. In its message, it is a work of purity, which invites us to assume responsibility for our treatment of animals, to acknowledge the implications of our own unconscious contributions to the suffering of others and the degradation of the planet, and ultimately, what it means to love our neighbors as ourselves. Requiem for Animals is for us human animals, too."

Keane and the BCC are happy to share the recording from the premiere with you. The whole piece is 50-minutes, so here's a 5-minute "highlight reel" of excerpts if you aren't ready to spend an hour listening yet: <https://youtu.be/gDa3aNYONwM>

And here is a link to the complete 50-minute work: <https://youtu.be/2xKj5nmeNJE>

NEEDED: SUMMER SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS!

We have many open slots for hosts for our after-church fellowship time this summer. 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