



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

July 06, 2025

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

"Melody"

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

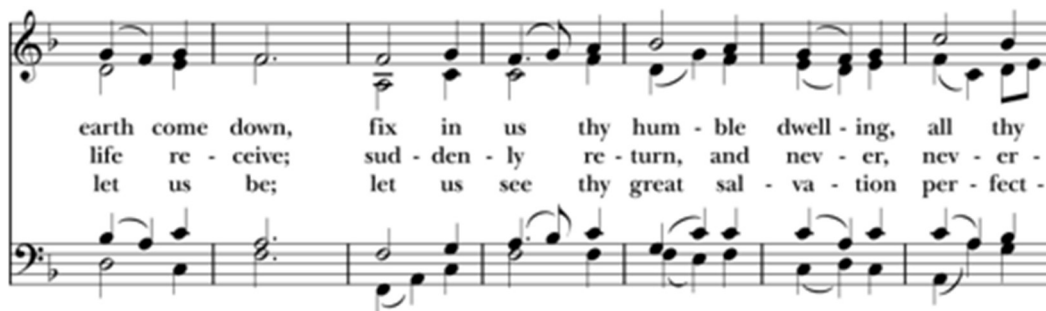
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN IN PROCESSION

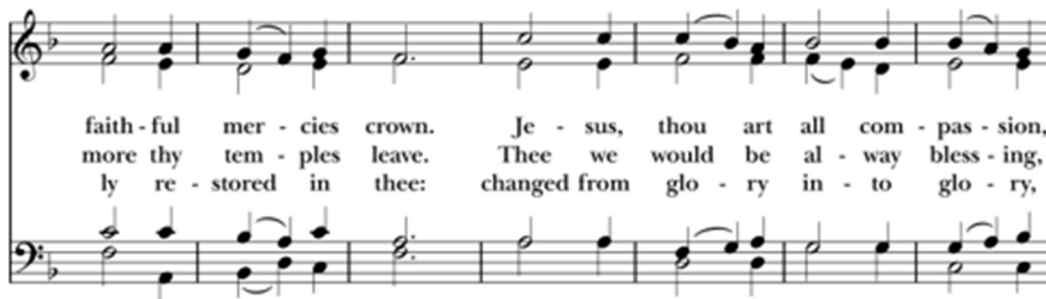
The Hymnal, 657



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 5: 1-14

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

Psalm 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O LORD; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; *
O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

The Hymnal, 424

For the Fruits of This Creation

1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to
 God;
 done;
 God;
 For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,
 In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 For the good we all in - her - it,
 Thanks be to God; For the plow - ing,
 God's will is done; In our world - wide
 Thanks be to God; For the won - ders
 sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 that a - stound us, For the truths that still con - found us,
 Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000, © 1970, Hope Publishing Co.
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Preceding the Gospel...

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

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, 321

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalms in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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,***

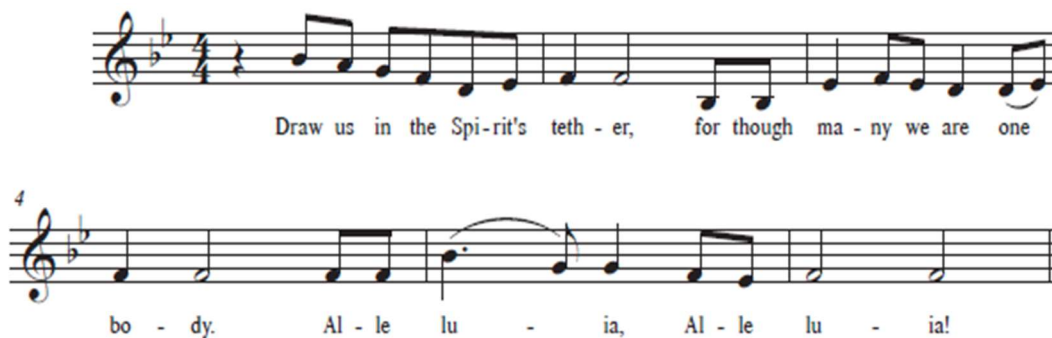
*Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:*

*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, 539

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

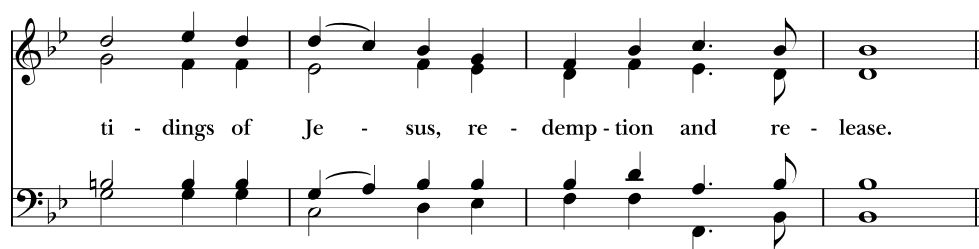
to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,



Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901).

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

PARTICIPANTS

10:15 *The Reverend Thad Bennett*, preacher & celebrant; *The Reverend Lars Hunter*, Deacon; *Ricky Davidson*, lay assistant; *Annamarie Pluhar* and *David Treadwell*, readers and element bearers; *Jenny Karstad*, intercessor; *Miranda Smith*, chalice; *Liz Vick* and *Craig Hammond*, ushers; *MJ Woodburn*, healing minister; *John Byrnes* and *Kiersten McKenney*, Altar Guild; *TBA*, coffee hour hosts.

Flowers on the altar are given by Joan Pinilla with a grateful heart for the birth of her great-grandson, Elliot Sawyer Pinilla.

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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 *Duncan Hilton*, today; *Lori Palmer* and *Joanne Patalano*, Monday; *Judy McGee*, Tuesday; *Anita Crosson* and *Irene Burtis*, Wednesday; *David Treadwell*, Friday; *Ann Switzer*, Saturday.

SUMMER FUN!

Thanks to our childcare providers Blue and Kaitlin, who are making Summer Fun happen this morning - 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 or contact Susie in the church office.

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.

CHRIST CHURCH EXHIBIT BEGINS 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:** 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!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: THE ALTAR GUILD

Thad writes: "The ministry of the Altar Guild is one of "mystery." I 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 Thad or Jane Sbardella. The commitment, once trained, is to serving monthly or thereabouts.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES OF ASYLUM SEEKERS: A FILM AND TALK-BACK SESSION

Braiding a New Life: From Ghana to the Green Mountains

Details: Latchis Theater, July 12 @ 4:30 PM * Admission: \$20 and up

"Braiding A New Life" is a love letter to Brattleboro, Vermont, and a passionate portrait of reciprocity, mutual aid, and the value of cross-cultural friendships and diverse community. This 36-minute documentary follows Sarah, a Ghanaian asylum seeker, as she navigates life in Southern Vermont. We are with Sarah as she learns to drive with the help of a local volunteer, braids her friend Dora's hair, chats on

the local radio station, listens to a Congolese refugee band at a house concert, shops at an African grocery in Springfield MA, and prepares for her asylum case hearing with the support the Community Asylum Seekers Project (CASP). Above all, this is a portrait of four women — who together weave a shining net of support, advocacy, humor, ferocity, tenderness, and care — in their relationship to one another and in commitment to a world in which immigrants are welcomed, valued and respected. CASP is a locally-founded organization that works to assist asylum seekers in sourcing basic needs, along with applying for work permits and navigating the asylum process.

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, works extensively with individuals and groups navigating grief. He 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.

SIGNPOSTS

Interested in sharing a spiritual moment when, in retrospect, you realized that God was in the midst of a situation? Thad has been nudging us about sharing such moments. We now have 3 people willing to speak on a Sunday (July 13, 20, 27) and potential folk to write and submit an audio file for the website. Most are male. We hope there will be some SignPosts with a female perspective coming forward. Contact Thad or Susie about your willingness to do that ASAP. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC:

AUGUST 24 AFTER CHURCH

What: St. Michael's Parish Picnic - food, swimming, fun

When: Sunday, August 24, 12-4pm - come and leave anytime!

Where: At the beautiful home of Parry and Jerry Lins, 11 Welcome Hill Rd., West Chesterfield. NH (about 10 minute drive from St. Michael's, across Rt. 9 from the Chesterfield Inn).

More details will follow as the date approaches, but in the meantime, put this on your calendar so you can join us!

SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR THIS SUMMER!

We have many open slots for Coffee Hour hosts 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