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**What's
Happening**

TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 26

9:30a Worship Service
10:30a Church Leadership Council (214)
10:00a "Open and Unafraid" (211)
9:30a Prayer Group
6:30p Choir Rehearsal
8:30p AA (211)
8:00a AA (FH)
9:30a AA (211)
11:00a Girl Scouts (SS)
9:30a Worship Service (S)

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
THURSDAY, JUNE 30
FRIDAY, JULY 1
SATURDAY, JULY 2

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3



June 26, 2022

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

PRELUDE

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(**Bold indicates congregational response.** *Those who are able, please stand)

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

The Spirit is here

Inviting us to worship.

The Spirit is here

In each of our lives.

The Spirit is here

In our gathered community.

The Spirit is here

Guiding us together in love, peace, and mercy.

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, you call and send us to ventures that cannot be foretold, to paths we do not know. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy and peace. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 415

“Take Up Thy Cross”

GERMANY

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:51-62

Pew Bible NT p. 66

Lay Reader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Men’s Choir



Conundrums of creation

God’s creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



You can hold but not touch this. _____

Before using this, you must break it. _____

This falls without getting hurt. _____

This gets bigger the more you take away. _____

This has an eye but cannot see. _____

“In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ____.

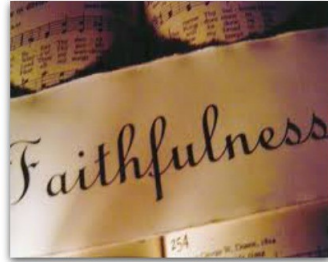
It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.”

PSALM 19 : 4 - 6 , NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun

LITURGIES FOR EVERYDAY LIFE



A Blessing for When you Want to be Faithful But Don't Know Where to Start

from the book *Good Enough* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

God, sometimes following You feels strict, confining, like You're trying to steal joy from my hands. I long for the sweetness of Your presence and to live like You ask. But it feels too hard. Like I'm being held back. Like You want me to change beyond what I'm capable of. Faith has been wielded as a weapon against me and people I love. And I don't measure up to those exacting standards.

But You say that Your yoke is gentle and easy. And if that is true, may I see these small habits are opening a space for transformation. That instead of building walls around me, You erase barriers I've built around who You are and how I should respond. You are not the judge on the sidelines, but You take me by the hand and guide me gently. And it is here that You promise rest.

Help me to see the gentleness with which You guide. Lead. Teach. God, make it sweet and doable. Amen.

SERMON

An Unexpected Journey:
All In

Rev. Jay Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN NO. 430

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Clothed with the mantle of baptism, and protected by God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we desire what is not your will. We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits. We are truly sorry and repent of what we have done, and what we have not done. Show us the path of your prophetic way. Open our eyes to new ventures. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and renew us, in the name of life abundant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer continues in silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we live by the Spirit, we will be guided by the Spirit. Guided by the Spirit, we are children of the Spirit, healed by God's love, forgiven and blessed by Christ's grace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY NO. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 402

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREE CLEAN UP FUND

Our older trees are beginning to show their age, and combined with the winter damage, are falling and/or showing broken and split branches. These problems need to be addressed as soon as possible. A special fund has been set up to cover these costs. If you would like to help out with the cost, please make your check payable to the church with the notation “Tree Clean Up Fund”.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

If you would like to host Fellowship Time, a sign up sheet is available at the back of the sanctuary.

AUGUST BOOK STUDY - August 2-23

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

“Church of the Wild” by Victoria Loorz

Once upon a time, humans lived in intimate relationship with nature. Whether disillusioned by the dominant church or unfulfilled by traditional expressions of faith, many of us long for a deeper spirituality. Victoria Loorz certainly did. Coping with an unraveling vocation, identity, and planet, Loorz turned to the wanderings of spiritual leaders and the sanctuary of the natural world, eventually cofounding the Wild Church Network and Seminary of the Wild. With an ecospiritual lens on biblical narratives and a fresh look at a community larger than our own species, Church of the Wild uncovers the wild roots of faith and helps us deepen our commitment to a suffering earth by falling in love with it--and calling it church. Through mystical encounters with wild deer, whispers from a scrubby oak tree, wordless conversation with a cougar, and more, Loorz helps us connect to a love that literally holds the world together--a love that calls us into communion with all creatures.

VOICE RECITAL

You are invited to Ave's Vocal Recital, **Saturday, July 9** at 2:00 in the sanctuary. A reception will follow the recital.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To ensure that every child in the school district is prepared for school, Fairfax County Public Schools and Educate Fairfax are once again leading the Collect for Kids effort, a consortium of not-for-profit, for-profit, and government entities providing school supplies to benefit FCPS students who otherwise might go without them. More than 56,000 (31%) FCPS students qualify for free or reduced-price meals and struggle to afford basic necessities. Your donation will help provide the school supplies these students need to be successful at school. Contributions can be made online through Educate Fairfax. Donations will be used to purchase bulk school supply kits at highly discounted pricing. For more information, visit the Educate Fairfax website: https://educatefairfax.org/our-impact/kids-in-need/?utm_campaign+=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



VIRGINIA FIVE-DAY ACADEMY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

“Pilgrimage with the Psalms”

August 14-19, 2022 at the Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond

Worship – Study – Rest – Renewal

Academy Faculty: Rabbi Rachel Barenblat and Rev. Dale Clem

For more information or to register visit: www.virginiafivedayacademy.org