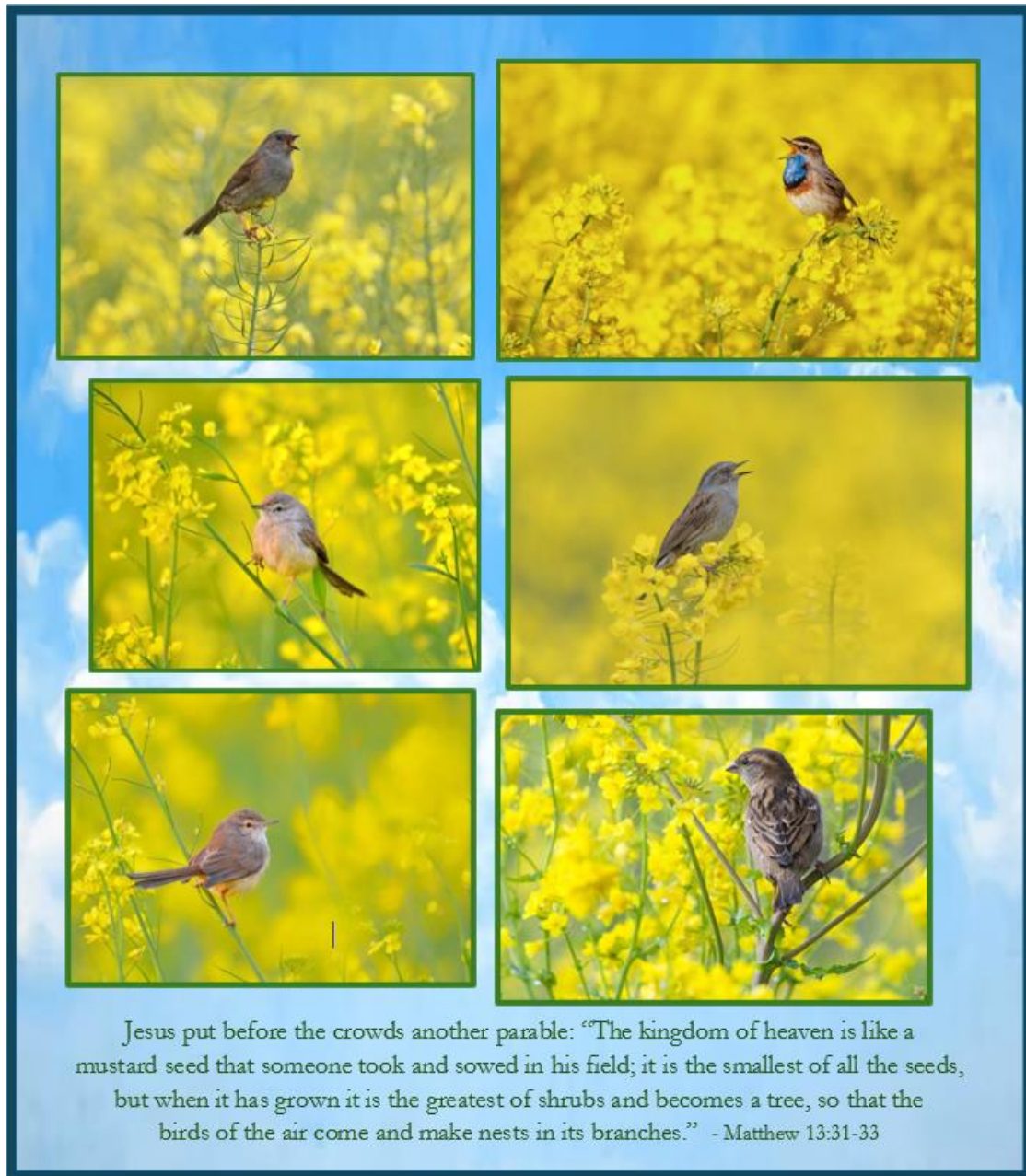




Emmanuel Church

The Episcopal Church on Mercer Island



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

WITH A RITE AND PRAYERS FOR LEAVE-TAKING FROM A MINISTRY

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026 + 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS



We are grateful that you have joined us!

Some notes that may be of help in getting to know us may be found on the inside back cover of this worship leaflet. All that you will need to take part in worship may be found here in this worship leaflet and in the blue Hymnal 1982.

Please let us know how we may better welcome you.

NOTES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today is the last worship service at Emmanuel for Rev. Patrick Raymond, our interim rector since August 2024, and the last worship service for his wife Brooke as spousal interim and participant in the life and ministries of Emmanuel. Following the Creed and in lieu of the normal Prayers of the People, we will share a 'Rite and Prayers for Leave-Taking from a Ministry' (pp. 6-7), adapted from the Episcopal Church's 'Book of Occasional Services 2022.' The usual intercessions and thanksgivings offered in conjunction with the Prayers of the People will be prayed by Rev. Patrick at the altar as we prepare to share in the Eucharist.

The votive candle sandbox always available at the back of the nave has been placed at the front of the aisle this morning, for any who wish to light a candle to symbolize prayers or thanksgivings for Emmanuel, especially at this time of looking back and looking forward.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

At the church entry, the Celebrant bids the People to stand as able.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said by all*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSION – Hymnal 1982, #1 – “Father, we praise thee”

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us Pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Kings 3:5-12 *Sit.*

Lector A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:129-136

Read Responsively

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, *
**as you always do to those who
love your Name.**

Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES — Romans 8:26-39

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL – Hymnal 1982, #615 – “Thy Kingdom come!”

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

All standing, the clergy appointed says to the People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

After the Gospel the Reader says

The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON Rev. Patrick Raymond

THE NICENE CREED *Enriching Our Worship*

All stand, as able, and say together

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,
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.



RITE AND PRAYERS FOR LEAVE-TAKING FROM A MINISTRY *Please sit.*

Patrick is joined by Rev. Marilyn Cornwell, representing Bishop LaBelle, and Patrick's wife Brooke, and Polly Ogden, senior warden when Patrick was called as interim rector, and Michael Spencer, present senior warden.

The Interim Rector begins

In June of 2024 I accepted a call from the Emmanuel Church Vestry, with the blessing of Bishop Melissa Skelton, to serve as your Interim Rector — to be priest and pastor, to question, pray, seek, and serve with you through a season of change and reflection, and to prepare for new chapters ahead and the call of a new priest.

Throughout my two years with you, my wife Brooke has also shared her gifts and been blessed by your fellowship and support. We thank God for you, and for all that we can rightly celebrate and fondly remember.

I also acknowledge my shortcomings, including things left undone, in my leading and serving. I ask your forgiveness for ways that I have failed you.

Your Vestry has now called a new priest to lead and serve among you, a call approved by Bishop LaBelle and enthusiastically accepted by Rev. Ted Renaud. As part of making way for his new ministry, and for our common good, I now ask for your leave, after today, from my pastoral and priestly responsibilities and privileges relative to Emmanuel and its members and ministries.

Rev. Cornwell, representing Bishop +LaBelle, asks the congregation to stand, as able, and asks

Do you, the people of Emmanuel Church, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People We do.

Rev. Cornwell: Together, let us pray.

All: O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to worship, seek and serve you in this place: We offer our thanks for the interim ministry we have shared. *Silence*

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. ***We*** thank you for your forgiveness and mercy when we have failed. *Silence*

We thank you for your never-failing presence with us, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other. *Silence*

We thank you for those who have been joined to Christ's family here through baptism. ***We*** thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. *Silence*

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may ever be knit together in the communion of your saints.

Rev. Cornwell adds this prayer.

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servants Patrick and Brooke, who have enriched and brought faith and gladness to this community; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of the gifts you have given them. Provide for their needs. Give them friends to cheer their way and a clear vision of new ministries to which you may call them. By your Holy Spirit, be present in their pilgrimage and life together, that they may travel with the One who, in all things, at all times, is our Way, our Truth, and our Life, Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share the Peace of Christ with others.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Our spiritual practice as Christians includes support of the church through financial giving. You may give in the offering plate or online using PayPal.

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Information on receiving Communion may be found on page 15.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN – Hymnal 1982, #488 – “Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart!”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship (1997)

The people remain standing, as able. The Celebrant begins

God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift our hearts to the Lord.**

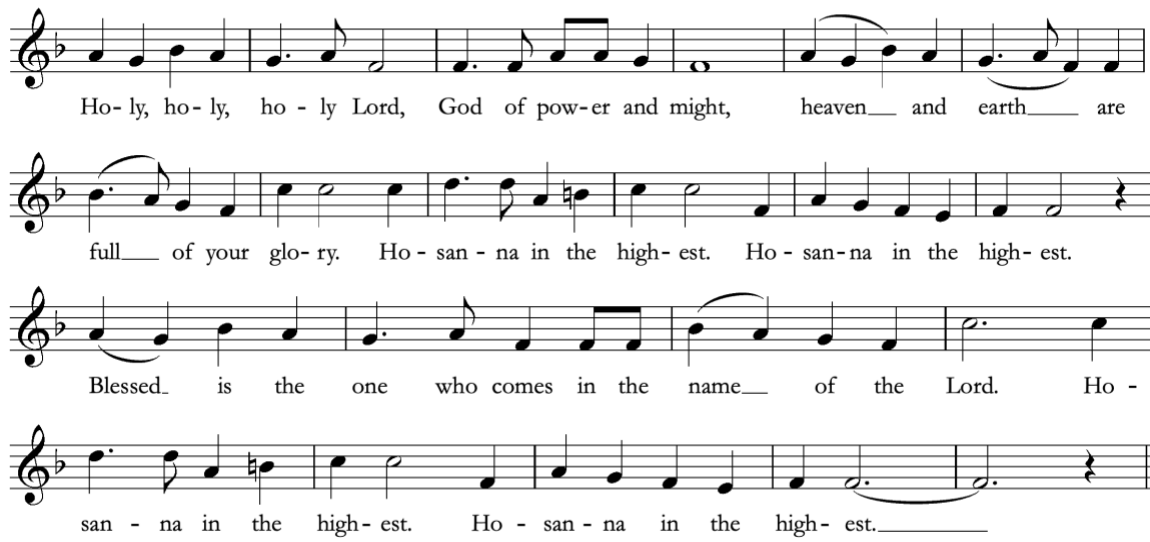
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us + your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<i>All</i> 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept after which the Celebrant says

We break this bread and share this cup to share in the Body and Blood of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we share in one bread, one cup.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to participate in communion at Emmanuel. Primarily our communion takes place at the altar rail. You can stand or kneel. If you want to abstain from the bread or wine, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. If the steps to the altar rail present a challenge for you, you may stand at the bottom of the stairs, or ask an usher to have communion brought to you in your seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER. *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 in word and deed,
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND GENERAL THANKSGIVINGS

Whether recently, today or in days to come, whether members of this parish or guests: Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are welcomed to come forward. Led by the Celebrant, all pray:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People, using the following or another form

May our merciful and gracious God ever strengthen you in faith, hope and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in ways of truth, justice and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide within you, be known among you, and go forth with you into the world, now and always. **Amen**

PROCESSION – Hymnal 1982, #490 – “I want to walk as a child of the light”

THE DISMISSAL *All respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Please remain after our worship today to share in
a festive coffee hour and an opportunity
to continue our goodbyes to Patrick and Brooke.



Set on Fire: A Blessing

The Rev. Brian Baker

The world now
is too dangerous
and too beautiful
for anything but love.

I bless your eyes so you see God in everyone.

I bless your ears so you hear the cry of the poor. or.

I bless your lips so you speak nothing but the truth with love.

I bless your hands so that everything you give

and everything you receive,

is a sacrament,

I bless your feet so you run to those who need you.

And may your heart be so opened,

so set on fire
that your love,

YOUR LOVE,

changes...

Everything.

A Kind of Tune

Malcolm Guite

A kind of tune, a music everywhere
And nowhere. Love's long lovely undersong,
A trace in time, a grace-note in the air,
Borne to us from the place where we belong
On every passing breeze and in the breath
Of every creature. *All things hear and fear,*
For faintly, through our fall, we too may hear
The strong song of the Son that undoes death.
And one day we will hear it unimpaired:
The joy of all the sorrowful, the song
Of all the saints who cry "how long,"
The hidden hope of all who have despaired.
He sang it to his mother in the womb
And now it echoes from his empty tomb.



Covenant for Our Common Life and Witness

We, the members, staff, and clergy of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, aspire to personally and collectively demonstrate and advocate the following principles in all of our relationships.

1. **We Demonstrate Christ's Command to Love One Another**, treating all with generosity, kindness, and empathy. *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."* John 15:12
2. **We Respect the Dignity of Every Person**, listening to one another and honoring differences.
Jesus said, "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12
3. **We Speak Truth in Love**, sharing our hopes, concerns, and perspectives in a spirit of collaboration.
"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body." Ephesians 4:25
4. **We Promptly Address Conflicts and Pursue Reconciliation**, whenever and with whomever it is needed, seeking to heal and restore broken relationships.
"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32
5. **We Promote Unity**, acknowledging that we share a love for this community and its future.
"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3
6. **We Practice Humility**, recognizing the needs, concerns and interests of others alongside our own.
"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit." Philippians 2:3a. *"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* Micah 6:8
7. **We Pray For Each Other, the Church, Our Community, and Our World.**
"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people." 1 Timothy 2:1

*By way of this covenant, we seek to share in a parish community
that reflects Christ's love and peace to all, where every person is valued and respected,
and where we work together for the common good of the church, our community and our world.*

Clergy and Staff: The Rev. Patrick Raymond, Interim Rector; The Rev. Marilyn Cornwell, Assisting Priest;
Fred McIlroy, Director of Music; Julene Levin, Parish Administrator; John Pritchard, Bookkeeper

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