



The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 17, 2019
8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Welcome to Ascension!

For more information about our community, fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from a member of the Welcome Team or the table by the Church Office door.

Please silence your audible devices.

Beginning ten minutes before the service, please help us create a contemplative space by refraining from cell phone use or loud conversation.

*Within the service, the people read the parts in **bold print**.*

The Entrance Rite

(10:00 Service only - the 8:00 service begins with the Opening Acclamation)

Opening Voluntary (Piano)

"Meditation de Thaïs"

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

Introit

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Down Ampney

The people stand and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.

Processional Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by all.

"Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

1982 Hymnal # 440

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Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest and People

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.**

Kyrie eleison 8:00 a.m.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Glory to God

Sung at 10:00 a.m.

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) # 243

Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

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Glo-ry, Glo-ry, Hal - le - lu -

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- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

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praise your Ho - ly name. 1.Glo-ry to God _ in the high - est and

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peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2.Lord God heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God _and

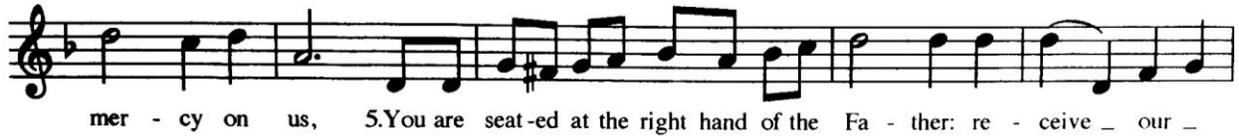
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Fa-ther, We wor-ship you, _ we give you thanks, _ we praise you for _ your glo-ry.

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3.Lord Je -sus Christ, on -ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo - ry.

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Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, _ Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu -



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The Collect for the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Priest Let us pray.

Priest and People

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse--
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Psalm 1 8:00 *a.m. service*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of
the wicked,

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not
wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

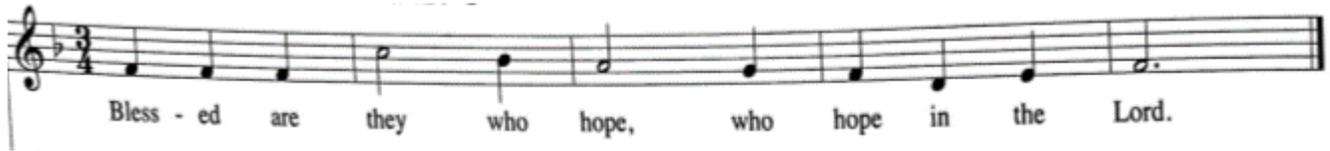
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Verses chanted by the cantor; refrain sung by the people.

Refrain



The Second Reading (10:00 a.m.)

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader A reading from the First Letter of the Apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

People **Thanks be to God.** 🛎

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by all.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun"

1982 Hymnal # 544

Duke Street

Verses 1-3 before the Gospel, verses 4-5 following the Gospel.

The Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Eugene Wright

The people stand.

The Affirmation of Faith

Priest and People

You, O God, are supreme and holy,
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You have revealed and proved
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
Good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord! So lift up the prayers of your heart, saying, "Test our minds; search our hearts; hear our prayer."

Litanist: Lord our God, bless your Church. Bless us with the boldness of the prophets. Give us the courage to proclaim your kingdom. Give us the courage to proclaim our allegiance to Christ alone. May we love each other as Jesus loved us.

Silence

Test our minds; search our hearts;
Hear our prayer.

Litanist: Lord our God, bless the people of this and every nation. Bless us with compassion for the poor, the hungry, and those who weep. Bless all the caregivers, advocates and politicians who are working to restore the children separated from their parents at our southern border. Today we pray especially for the work of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services for their dedication in reuniting families.

Silence

Test our minds; search our hearts;

Hear our prayer.

Litanist: Lord our God, bless this planet, your very footstool. Bless this planet with growth and health. Give food enough that the hungry might be filled. We give thanks for the staff, volunteers and donors of the Montgomery County Food Bank and the Manna Food Center.

Silence

Test our minds; search our hearts;

Hear our prayer.

Litanist: Lord our God, bless our city. Bless us with health. Heal our land and our water. Deliver us from violence and sorrow. We pray for the 154 dead in the Brumadinho, Brazil mining disaster. We pray for those whose homes and lands were destroyed by the wave of toxic mud. We pray for accountability and reform for those responsible, so that other vulnerable dams are secured to prevent further loss of life.

Silence

Test our minds; search our hearts;

Hear our prayer.

Litanist: Lord our God, bless the sick and the struggling. Send forth your healing power. Cause laughter to once again flow from the hearts of those who now weep.

We now invite your thanksgivings and petitions to the Lord, either silently or aloud.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for **Sciou Broderick, Harriette Eleanor Cooper, Fredy Diaz, Peggy Donnellon, The Rev. Jorge Garcia, Tana Hight, Elise Weade Johnson, Ron Lubet, Marcia Nobel, Daniel Pagan, Jerry Pfadenhauer, Eduardo Rincon, Olive Rivera, Fran Spina, Ruthie Swain, Samuel Tellu**, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as for all those on our extended healing prayer list.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Silence

Test our minds; search our hearts;

Hear our prayer.

Litanist: Lord our God, bless the dying and the dead. Bless them with everlasting life. And at the last day raise them to new life with your Christ.

Silence

Test our minds; search our hearts;

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

All kneel

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have
done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight
in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Celebrant

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are then seated.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by the choir

"Come to the Water"

John Foley, arr. by Jack Schrader

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more” 1982 Hymnal # 296, verse 3

Engelberg



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. sing:
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus - Holy, holy, holy

(Spoken at 8:00 a.m., sung at 10:00 a.m.)

Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) #255

Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of seven systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Ho - san - na in the high -
est, ho - san - na in the high - est

The people kneel or stand; the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." 🕯

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 🕯

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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 echoes 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 forever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

(8:00 a.m.) Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
 People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

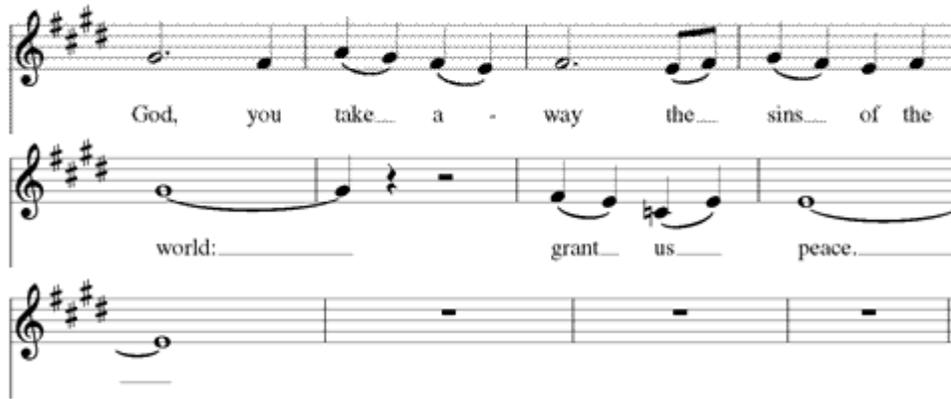
(10:00 a.m.) Fraction Anthem Sung by all.

Lamb of God

LEVAS # 270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis (b. 1930)

Lamb of
God, you take... a - way the... sins... of the
world: have mer - cy on us... Lamb of
God, you take... a - way the... sins... of the
world: have mer - cy on us... Lamb of



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people sit.

Administration of the Sacrament: All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to a communion station at the direction of the Welcome Team. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you.

Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers.

If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please cross your arms on your chest - this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed.

If you need communion brought to you, please let a member of the Welcome Team know.

Healing Prayers: *If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex beside the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.*

Communion Hymns (10:00 a.m.)

"Blest Are They"

Gather # 469

David Haas (b. 1957)

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

Gather # 427

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitor

When at this service

Celebrant We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.

The people kneel or stand.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of
the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Choral Benediction

Sung by the choir.

"God Be in My Head"

Words from the 13th century Sarum Primer
Setting by John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

The Blessing

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have too much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.
And may the blessing of the one who made us,
who journeys with us, who breathes us into life moment by moment,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and always. *Amen.*

The people stand.

Recessional Hymn

Sung by all. (10:00 a.m.)

"O for a thousand tongues to sing"

1982 Hymnal # 493

Azmon

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Voluntary (Organ)

"Chaconne in G Minor"

Louis Couperin (1626-1661)

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	8:00 am Leslie Sanya 10:00 am Andrew Greene Avin Lalmansingh	David Burton Emmanuel Chukwurah Anne Brink
Prayers	8:00 am Leslie Sanya 10:00 am Alex Langley	David Burton Meredith Horan
Chalichists	8:00 am Leslie Sanya Sharon Hayden 10:00 am Howard Holland Florence Chukwurah	David Burton Wadai Bright Peg Ruppel Margaret Tellu
Healing Prayer Ministers	8:00 am Jean Cohn 10:00 am Peg Ruppel	Janet King Susan McLaughlin
Acolytes	8:00 am Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas 10:00 am Manny Johnson Nuelle Johnson Monty Peterson	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas Roberta Taylor Pete Minderman Aaron Lalmansingh
Welcome Team	8:00 am Wadai Bright Florence Sirleaf 10:00 am Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi Emmanuel Nwankwo	Janet King Frank Sanya Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson
Altar Guild	Adoma Baffoe Anika Lalmansingh	Shirley Allen Florence Chukwurah
Hospitality Angels	8:00 a.m. David Burton 10:00 a.m. Kristen Fitzpatrick Sarah Gallagher	Danielle Allen Ron and Jan Hauber Georgana Maines
Flower Delivery	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens
Eucharistic Visitor	Peggy Ruppel	Meredith Horan

Leadership at Ascension

Clergy

The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Priest in Charge*
The Rev. Nan Hildebrand, *Pastoral Associate*
The Rev. Eugene Wright, *Deacon*

Musicians

Andrew Kullberg, *Minister of Music*
Jesse Velazquez, *Spanish Service Musical Director*
The Ascension Choir
The Ensemble

Wardens

Betsy Hasegawa, *Senior Warden*
Zadinga Ogada, *Junior Warden*

Vestry

2019: Rose Buck, Janet King, John Pruessner
2020: Gordon Donnelly, Meredith Horan, Luis Pedron
2021: Susan McLaughlin, Berenice Rodriguez, Robert Waters
Danielle Allen, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Avin Lalmansingh, *Treasurer*

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Megan Didavi, *Christian Formation for Children*
Angie Hight-Walker, *Christian Formation for Youth*
Ted Bedell, *Facilities*
Avin Lalmansingh, *Finance*
Paul Boynton, *Mission*
Javier Ocampo/Nan Hildebrand, *Pastoral Care*
Jean Cohn, *Personnel*
Curt Lindsay and Gary McLaughlin, *Worship*

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Mardia Dennis, Gary McLaughlin, Sue Snay
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