



"We are ambassadors who represent Christ." – 2 Corinthians 5:20

## ***This Week at Ascension***

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May 14](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon  
"Articulate Spaces"](#)

[Link to the Episcopal Diocese  
of Washington's Website](#)

### **Calendar Highlights**

#### **Friday, May 12**

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library

#### **Saturday, May 13**

9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—  
Chapel

10:00 a.m. Confirmation at Cathedral

11:00 a.m. Al-Anon—  
Undercroft  
Commons

11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—  
Room 1

#### **Sunday, May 14**

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main  
Church

8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal —Choir  
Room

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main  
Church

9:00 a.m & 11:00 a.m. Godly Play—Room 6

### **"The Way, the Truth, and the Life"**

"In the first century, what did Christians mean when they proclaimed that Jesus is 'the way, the truth, and the life'? Or, in words attributed to Peter in Acts 4: 12: 'There is salvation in no one else [other than Jesus], for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved'? These words testify to the experience of Jesus's followers. They had experienced salvation— liberation, deliverance, healing and wholeness, return from exile, light in their darkness, new creation, being born again— through Jesus. From this experience came the exclamation 'He is the way!' It is also the language of love, like the words lovers use for their beloved. When we say to our beloved, 'You're the most beautiful person in the world,' we are not making a factual statement that everybody should agree with. Somebody overhearing us might think, 'The most beautiful person in the world? Attractive maybe— but not the most beautiful person in the world.' But that would miss the point. This is the language of love, devotion, delight, commitment. This is also is part of what it means to say 'Jesus is the only way.

"The language is also about more than experience and love. It does make a claim. It affirms that what we see in Jesus is 'the way, and the truth, and the life' and that 'there is salvation in no one else.' How are we to

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Joyful Path—Room 11  
 10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children— Chapel  
 11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol— Chapel  
 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church  
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist—Chapel

### Monday, May 15

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—  
Library  
 6:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—  
Room 4  
 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.  
Listening Hearts Community  
—Library  
 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 16

7:00 a.m. Mobile Med—Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. Spanish Bible Study—  
Ascension House  
 7:00 p.m. Codependents  
Anonymous—Room 1  
 7:00 p.m. Stillwater Mindfulness  
Group—Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. Latino Ministry Meeting—  
Undercroft Commons  
 8:30 p.m. Al-Anon—  
Room 1

### Wednesday, May 17

10:30 a.m. Sandy Ridge Academy  
Graduation —Undercroft  
Commons  
 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library  
 7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—  
Room 1  
 8:00 p.m. Gamblers'  
Anonymous  
—Chapel

### Thursday, May 18

4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

understand this claim? One way of understanding it, probably the most common way, is that you have to know about and believe in Jesus— that you must know about and believe in the Christian message. Note that this means that you can be saved only by knowing and believing the right language, namely, Christian language. This virtually amounts to salvation by words— by believing the right words instead of other words.

"Though many American Christians believe this, many do not, because they cannot. The claim that the creator of the universe is known in only one religious tradition has become increasingly unpersuasive to many millions, in part because many of us know people of other religions and also know that all religions, including Christianity, are particular historical responses to the experience of God, the sacred, in the cultures in which they originated. How, then, can any one of them truthfully proclaim itself to be 'the only way'?"

"There is a way of understanding the claim of John 14: 6 that does not involve Christian exclusivism. The key is the realization that John is the incarnational Gospel; in it Jesus incarnates, embodies, enfleshes what can be seen of God in a human life. To say, 'Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life,' is to say, 'What we see in Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.' It is not about knowing the word Jesus and believing in what is said about him that is 'the way.' Rather, the way is what we see in his life; we see a life of loving God and loving others, a life of challenging the powers that oppress this world, a life radically centered in the God to whom he bore witness."

Borg, Marcus J.. *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power—And How They Can Be Restored* (pp. 172-173). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.

## **Mothers Day Celebration**

There will be a Mothers Day Celebration on Sunday after the 11:00 service. Everyone is welcome!!

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## **Randy on Leave**

I will be taking 2 weeks of my annual leave from Sunday, May 14th through Saturday, May 27th. Javier, whose contact info is on page 4 of this bulletin, will be on call for emergencies.

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## **Jason's Ordination**

Ascension I would like to thank you for a wonderful year with you all. You are a gift.

I also want to let you know what I am doing next. First, we move to Minneapolis in May. I begin work at "The Dignity Center" (a center that works to assist people from homelessness to stability), I will be a pastoral presence there for the summer. I will keep you posted as a more permanent placement develops.

On June 10th I would invite you to join me in person or prayer for my ordination to the transitional diaconate. The service will be held at "Episcopal Church of the Epiphany" (3301 Hidden Meadow Dr. Herndon, VA 20171) at 10:30 a.m. As is our motto: All are welcome.

Blessings to you all from Cecily, Jason, Soren and Henning Cutshall.

## **HEADLINERS**

["One Ascension/Youth Sunday" was a Hit!](#)  
[Ascension 2017 Cookbook Update](#)  
[Education for Ministry 2017-2018](#)  
[Wednesday Morning Book Group - in Recess until May 31](#)  
[Baptisms on the Day of Pentecost](#)

## **LIFELONG LEARNING**

[Small Group for Families with Young Children](#)  
[Thursday Afternoon Tai Chi Class](#)  
[Yoga At Ascension](#)  
[Listening Heart Community](#)  
[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)  
[Godly Play](#)  
[A Joyful Path](#)  
[Youth Group Spring Schedule](#)

## **WORSHIP**

[Worship Rosters, April-June](#)

## **CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

[Ministerio Felicidad](#)  
[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)  
[The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)  
[Gaithersburg HELP](#)  
[Mobile Med](#)

## **LIFE AT ASCENSION**

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

[May Ascendant](#)  
[2017 Annual Report](#)  
[Together We Shine](#)

## **Prayers**

For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked  
With Ours: St. Dunstan's Church, Pray for all  
mothers and those who have been as mothers

to us, Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Thurgood Marshall (May 17)

**Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:**

Sandy, John, Peg, Nadir, Carol, Mary, John, Elinor, Joseph, Kirk, Sally, William, James, Christine, Margaret Joseph, Margaret Mirin, Al and Julie, Warren, Home, Nancy, Fran, Tom, Suzanne, María, Jeanine, Elvia, Martin, Ana, Erick, María, Camila, Jaime, Ernesto, Delfin and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

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.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

**Worship Leaders**

**Sunday, May 14**

Preacher: Enid Cole

**7:45 AM**

Reader/Prayers:	Enid Cole
Chalicians:	Enid Cole, Leslie Sanya
Healing Prayer:	Enid Cole
Acolytes:	Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas
Welcome Team:	Jean Cohn, Don Cohn
Altar Guild:	Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis
Hospitality Angel:	Edna Leake

## 9:00 AM

Reader: Barbara Mansfield, Betsy Hasegawa  
Prayer: Carleton MacDonald  
Chalicians: Cynthia Perley, Swithin Kwamena-Poh  
Healing Prayer: Javier Ocampo  
Acolytes: Lisa Dickson, Kofi Kwamena-Poh, Richard McFarland  
Welcome Team:: Nii Armah Akuete, Ruby King, Charles Dickson  
Altar Guild: TBA  
Hospitality Angel: Sarah Gallagher

## 11:15 AM

Reader: Anika Lalmansingh  
Healing Prayer: Alex Langley  
Welcome Team: Avin Lalmansingh, Karl Didavi, Clark Didavi  
Altar Guild: Laura Shay  
Chalician: Peg Ruppel, Anika Lalmansingh  
Song Leader: Betsy Hasegawa  
Hospitality Angel: Anthony Lalmansingh  
  
Eucharistic Visitor: Jean Cohn  
Flower Delivery: Hawa Clemens, Eliane Dunn-Johnson