

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: #379 – *God is love, let heaven adore him*



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Presider may say

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.*

Gloria: #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

A Reading from Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

A Reading from the first letter of John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

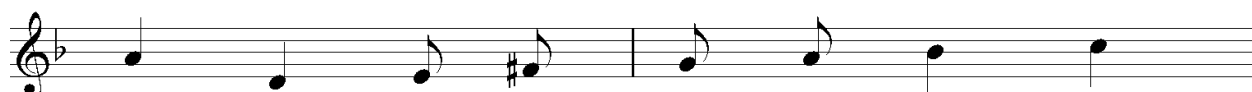
Gradual Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #513 – Like the murmur of the dove’s song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

The message

Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz

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, 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.

Prayers of the People:

Leader: Loving God,

People: Put your words in our hearts.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

All those seeking a closer relationship with Jesus are welcome to join us at the Altar for Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #304 – I come with joy to meet my Lord

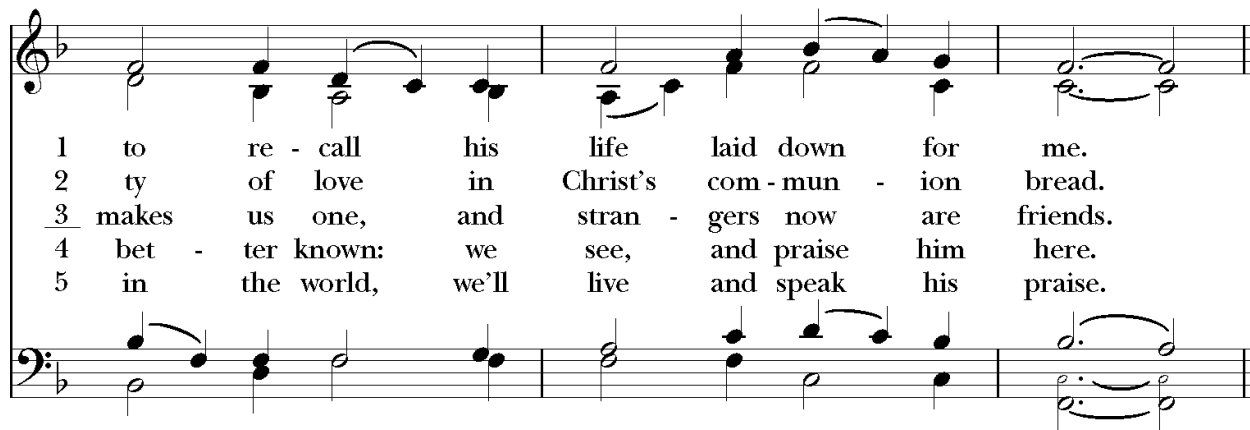
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Doxology





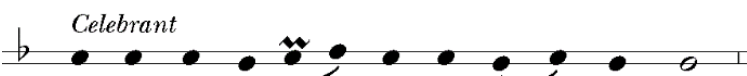

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

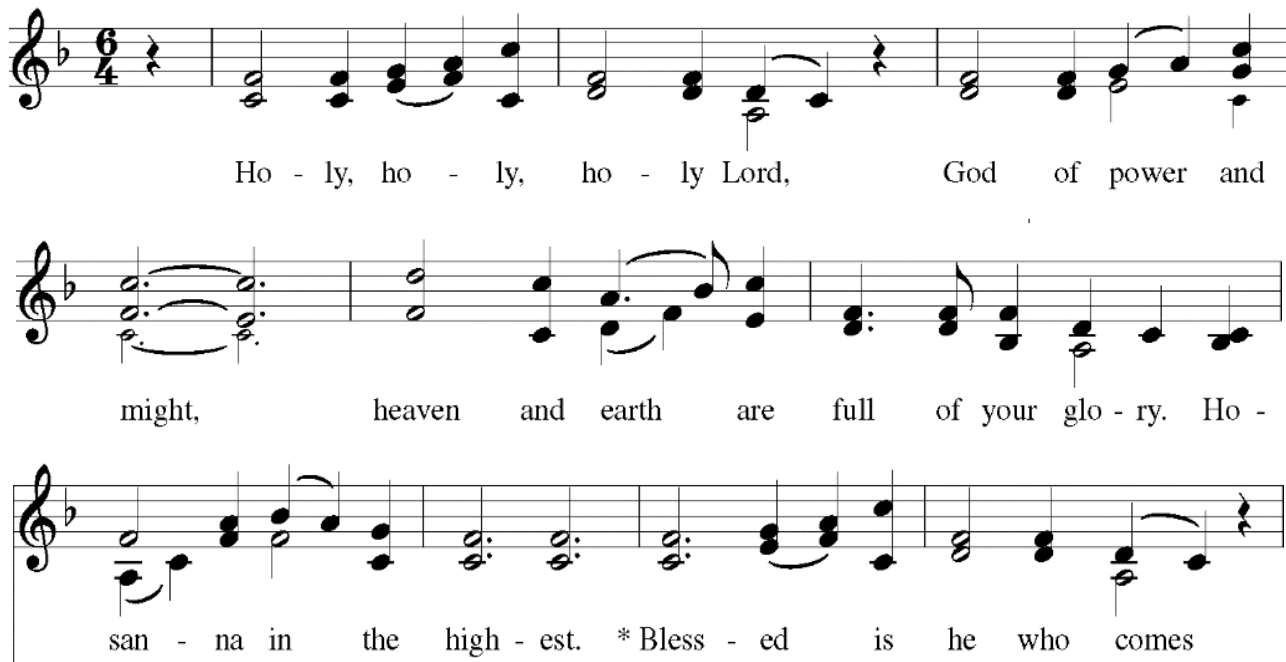
Eucharistic Prayer B - Easter

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</p>	

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

WLP 858



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your Saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 for ever.

Great AMEN

WLP 863

A - men. A - men. A - men.
A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Sung Twice

WLP 878

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Post-Communion Hymn

My ___ peace I ___ give un-to you, ___
My ___ love I ___ give un-to you, ___

___ it's a peace that the world can-not give; ___
___ it's a love that the world can-not give; ___

___ It's a peace that the world can - not
___ It's a love that the world can - not

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, the second staff for the second line, and the third staff for the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

un - der - stand, peace _____ to
un - der - stand, love _____ to

know, peace _____ to live, my _____
know, love _____ to live, my _____

peace I give un - to you. _____
love I give un - to you. _____

Post-Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 28, 2024

TODAY IS PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND SUNDAY.

ALL DESIGNATED CHECKS AND LOOSE OFFERINGS WILL GO TO THIS MINISTRY.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next turn to serve at the Food Pantry is **Friday, May 3 from 12-2**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING

The Diocese is hosting an In-person Worship Leader Training program on **Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** right here at St. Andrew. Registration is required for the program. Please speak with Rev. Pam if you are interested in becoming a Worship Leader and she will get you registered!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARILYN KEYES

There will be a Memorial Service for Marilyn on **Saturday, May 4 at 3:00 pm** at the Gaylord Golf Club. All are invited to join the family for prayers and fellowship.

LADIES LUNCHEON

St. Andrew is hosting a Luncheon for the Ladies of the parish on **Sunday, May 12 at 1:00 pm**. Lunch, beverages and entertainment will be provided. Please feel free to bring a friend! We ask that you sign-up on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan for.

COFFEE HOUR

Barb Austin is looking for someone to help coordinate coffee hour. It requires setting up the coffee and making sure there are goodies to share after the service. Please speak with her if you can help.

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 12:00 NOON PATRIOT SUNDAY THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Sending Hymn: 1982 Hymnal #529 – In Christ there is no East or West

Unison or harmony



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Dismissal

Our Thanks go out today to:

Celebrant: The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz
Lector/Prayer Leader: Joan Goolsby
LEM: Tony Comeford
Altar Guild: Judy Doyen, Joan Goolsby, Sandy Whitmire
Organist: Josh Howell
Internet: Tom Lenartowicz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR APRIL 28, 2024

Pray for those who are ill or otherwise in need

Beverly Howell, Lotta Westlund, Susan Nye, Barb Austin, Barb Potter, Merrilyn Walraven, Gerry Rehagen, Patti Moore, Boughner Family, Truax Family, Brad & Maureen Derenzy, Bill Skinner, Dick Williams, Katie Coppernoll, Carol Greene, Michael Coonan, Donna Mankowski, Samantha Hines, Linda Lucas, David Doyen, Laura Morris, Myra Morris, Donald Polla & Family, Darin Polla & Family, Kevin Underwood, Anthony Santini, Rev. Karen Thompson, Wendy McCallum, Debbie Castelee, Steve Ames, Derek P., Leslie & Merhdad, Stephen Skinner, Sally & Keith Bird, Irving Family, Becky Spencer, Steve Koss & Family, Catrina Norton, Betsy Burnett, Ellie Marger, Cherisa Felver

***All who are grieving from the loss of a loved one.
Peace throughout the world.
The Victims of gun violence.***

Pray for our Church

The Most Rev. Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop
Julia Ayala Harris - President of the House of Deputies
Standing Committee of our Diocese
Rt. Rev. Skip Adams, Assisting Bishop
The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz - Priest-in-charge
The Vestry and Lay leaders of the Parish
Our Parish Family

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

For the staff of our parishes
Church of the Mediator, Harbert – Darlene Kuhn, Rector
St. John's, Charlotte – Wendy Brown, Priest-in-Charge

Pray for our Country

President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris
Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist
Our National and State Congresses
Our Military men and women throughout the world

Welcome to St. Andrew Episcopal Church

We are glad you are with us today. Our Lord Jesus Christ promised that whenever two or three are gathered in his name, he will be in their midst. We take Jesus at his word and acknowledge his presence. May each of us be open to receive the Risen Jesus' transforming love and hope.

We extend a special welcome to all our guests and visitors. You have honored us by your presence. Please sign our guest book located in the Fellowship Hall by the entrance door. If you would like to learn more about St. Andrews, please feel free to speak with anyone around you.

St. Andrews Mission Statement

*St. Andrew provides a loving Christian environment, welcoming all people.
We embrace one another in our daily quest to accept God's love, and with joyful hearts do God's work in the world, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

If you have need of a Priest or Pastoral Services:

The Rev. Pamela Lenartowicz

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Holy Eucharist on Sunday at 10:00 am
Bible Study on Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

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