

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
*Serving our community, the world, and each other
through the love of Jesus Christ.*

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Welcome! We are a diverse community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us, strengthened, nurtured, and guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some of us were received into it as adults, and some of us are discovering it for the first time. We come from various occupations, family configurations, educational backgrounds, interests, and talents. We have found hospitality here, and invite you to join us.

Our religious tradition is best known for the beauty of its Anglican music and liturgy. Contemporary issues are tested by the standards of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. The conscience of the individual is highly respected, and corporate worship is the means by which Christ shapes our moral values, nurtures and guides our spiritual formation, shapes the character and community of the faithful, and equips us for mission and ministry. If you are not currently active in another congregation, please accept this invitation to worship with us, and to make our church your own.

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10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Hymn 518 vss. 1, 4

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

LEVAS 243

Gloria in excelsis

Haywood

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



- 1 I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole | heart; *
before Heaven I will sing your | praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your | Name, *
because of your love and | faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your | Name *
and your word above all | things.
- 4 When I called, you | answered me; *
you increased my strength with | in me.
- 5 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O | God, *
when they have heard the words of your | mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of | God, *
that great is the glory of | God.
- 7 Although on high, God cares for the | lowly *
and perceives the haughty from a | far.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me | safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall | save me.
- † 9 You will make good your purpose | for me; *
O God, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your | hands.

† Second half of the double chant

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(with minor adjustments for St. Barnabas')

I appeal to you therefore, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is benevolent and fitting and mature.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit

Hymn 707 v. 1

Take my Life, and Let it Be

Hollingside

Matthew 16:13-20

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 707 v. 2

Take my Life, and Let it Be

Hollingside

Sermon

The Rev. John Bolin Shellito

The Nicene Creed

(Note that in Greek the word for "believe" is the same as the word for "trust")

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

For the School Year

Adapted from prayers originally by Illustrated Ministries, LLC

Loving God,
you are the God of all neighbors,
and you made each of us with tenderness and care.

Whether we are learning at school,
playing at recess,
practicing sports or dance,
or creating art or music,
**help us see the people around us as beloved children of God,
and neighbors in your kin-dom.**

When it is difficult to be kind,
when we are annoyed by differences,
or confused by others' choices,
help us show patience and grace.

For our Students and Teachers

If any beloved child of God encounters bullying or prejudice, immaturity or malice, help them resist the temptation to join in the nonsense.
Help them to stand firm in compassion, knowing that the wisest decision is sometimes a lonely choice. Remind them they won't be lonely for long, because they have the support of Christ and this congregation.

Encourage parents, teachers, colleagues, coaches, and youth leaders to step in and defend our youth when necessary; and also, to engage the trainings and conversations that are protective: to build and maintain robust and healthy boundaries in order to create safer spaces.

And when we fail to be kind, inspire us to repent, apologize, forgive, and try again.

We pray all these things in the name of the One who is friend to the friendless and sibling to the lonely.

The concluding Collect was written by the Education for Ministry Class, as they reflected on Developing Competence.

God, we affirm your loving kindness in all that we do, especially in times of doubt.
We know that we must go through change to grow.
We wonder at our own capacity and capability.
And we doubt our competence to succeed without your guidance.
So we pray for grace as we attempt to live faithfully.
Because our longing is to do your will and show your love to the world.
Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries

All those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are invited to be recognized.

Watch over your *child/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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants [____ and ____ etc], that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Adapted from prayers originally by Illustrated Ministries, LLC

Students of any age who would like to come forward with a symbol of their intention to learn in the coming year are invited to do so at this time and during the opening prayer.

Kind and compassionate God, we are thankful for these beloved children of God, who are standing before you for your blessing on their study.

Children of God, may you be a good neighbor to the people you meet this year, and may you be blessed by both new and renewed relationships this year, in the power of Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Table

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory WLP 812

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Schutte

Doxology 380 v. 3

Praise to God

Old 100

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP pg. 369

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the respective parts.

Celebrant **People**
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant **People**
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of
glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed
your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly
chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all
those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to
proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and
made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before
you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the
Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the
blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this
sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah;
 God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our
 eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver
 us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace
 only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for
 renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one
 body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the
 world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus
 Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the
 Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship,
 from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People and Celebrant

Music by Colin Brumby

4 *mf*

Our Fath-er which art in heav'n. Hal-low-ed be thy name.

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Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth, As it is in hea-

17

ven. Give us this day our dail-y bread. And for-give us our tress-pass-es,

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As we for-give, for-give them that tre-pass a-gainst us.

33

And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion: But de-li-ver us from e-

41

vil: For thine is the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry, For e-ver and e-

48

ver. A - - - - - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant

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

Hymn 314

Humbly I Adore Thee

Adoro devote

Hymn 316

This is the hour of banquet and song

Canticum refectio

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we heartily thank you that you do feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and you do assure us thereby of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are indeed members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 427 vss. 1, 3

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

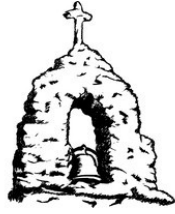
Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.



Save the Date--Shrine Mont Retreat: October 2nd-4th, 2026

Registration Deadline: September 1st.

The Rev. Bruce Stewart is leading our Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont this year, focused on the theme of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. Join for our weekend exploration of Narnia as we revisit the imaginative world C.S. Lewis. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and have also been distributed via email.



Caritas Team

The Caritas Team continues its work of care for all within the parish. If you or another parishioner you know is in need of a phone call or card, please contact the on-call person listed below.

Current Caritas Team ministries include:
Prayer Chain ▪ Sending Cards ▪ Phone Calls

The Parish Administrator also can inform the Caritas team when need for one of these ministries comes up (email to stbarnabaschurch@outlook.com).

On-call this week is Beth Harper.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 23	<i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i>
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>followed by Coffee Hour</i>
4:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)
Monday, August 24	<i>FCPS First Day of School</i>
10:00 AM	Serenity Seekers Al-Anon – Richardson Room (until 11 AM)
7:00 PM	Buildings & Grounds Meeting – Zoom
Tuesday, August 25	
10:00 AM	Barnabees Craft Group – Richardson Room
Wednesday, August 26	
10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship – Library
8:30 PM	AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room
Thursday, August 27	
10:00 AM	Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
6:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)
Friday, August 28	
7:00 PM	Reiki Friends – Richardson Room (until 9PM)
Sunday, August 30	
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist <i>followed by Coffee Hour</i>
4:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Participants in the services today are:

10:00 a.m.

Acolytes
Lectors
Chalicerist
Usher
Coffee Hour Hosts
Flower Guild
Flower Delivery
Counters
Caritas
Altar Guild

Joey, Theresa, Cindy, Blue
Cindy McLaughlin, Ellen Riddle
Ellen Riddle, Michael Dugger
John Westerlund
Kate & Kevin Lauderdale
Molly Newling
Nancy MacLachlan
Art Hamerschlag, Ken Mittelholtz
Beth Harper
Mary Yeaman, Sharon Jones

Participants in the services on August 30 are:

10:00 a.m.

Acolytes
Lectors
Chalicerist
Usher
Coffee Hour Hosts
Flower Guild
Flower Delivery
Counters
Caritas
Altar Guild

Michael, Leah, Ciaran, Theresa
Luke Strange, Kate Lauderdale
Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger
Ken Mittelholtz
Maria and Wayne Bottlick
Dana Wiseman
Betty Jo Fortune
John Westerlund, Norma Ricketts
Molly Newling
Molly Newling, Linda Hartman

Land Acknowledgement

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Piscataway Conoy Nation, whose land we now occupy in this region that was once their home, and that was taken from them. We give thanks for them and their care for this land. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we are charged with stewardship of the Earth, and are all members of our Creator's family. We ask God to help us learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.