

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 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.

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost **July 26, 2026**

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Prelude

Hymn 388 vss. 1, 3, 4

O Worship the King

Hanover

Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity,
whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and
also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to
revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the
contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of
Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to
hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf
of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our
salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and
mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with
penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may
obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling in body and/or spirit

**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.**

The Officiant alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Officiant and People

**Praise to the Holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever, Amen. Alleluia.**

God is the Rock of our salvation: O come let us worship.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

- 1** Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2** Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.
- 3** For you, O God, are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.
- 4** In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
- 5** The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- 6** Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker,
- 7** For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

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Psalm 119:129-136

- 129** Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130** When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131** I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.
- 132** Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133** Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134** Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135** Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136** My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

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Officiant and People

**Praise to the Holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever, Amen.**

The Lessons

1 Kings 3:5-12

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 685

Rock of Ages

Toplady

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 488 v. 1

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 488 v. 3

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing in body or spirit

Note: the Greek word for "believe" is also the word for "trust"

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel in body or spirit

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Suffrages B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. **We praise your name for ever.**
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. **For we put our trust in you.**
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of
the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this
day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week
to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know
you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend
us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that
we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of
any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer for mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on
the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within
the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit
that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those
who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for
the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.

Offertory

Baptized in Water

Larson

**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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

The Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries

All those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are invited to come to the front for prayer.

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.

Summer 2026 Prayers of the People

Adapted from Education for Ministry collects composed for the Lincoln Emancipation Statue, for Prophecy, for the poem "Desiderata", for Service to Others, and for a "Viola Moment" of confession and forgiveness

God, we affirm that you created and love us and that we are created to be free and equal.
We know that we must put our trust in you and care for one another to break the bonds of oppression.

We wonder if our efforts can be fruitful. And we doubt that we can accomplish these things without your guidance.

So we pray for the possibility of freedom and equality for all humans.

Because our longing is to be all together with you.

Silence

God, we affirm we live in an ever-changing world.
We know that we must listen to your eternal word.

We wonder at the prophets who discern the truth. And we doubt that we will always recognize their message.

So we pray for the possibility of right understanding.

Because our longing is to recognize the truth and bring about your peace on earth.

Silence

God, we wonder whether we can fully understand others' perspectives,
and we doubt that we're patient enough to hear your still, small voice.

So we pray for the possibility of listening to everyone with our hearts.

Because our longing is for universal understanding.

Silence

God, we affirm that when we serve others we serve you. We know that we must serve one another as we would ourselves.

We wonder at the fulfillment we receive from service.

And we doubt that we can be aware of everyone who needs us. So we pray for the possibility of having our eyes opened to needs.

Because our longing is to serve as Jesus served.

Silence

Holy Comforter in our sorrows, we remember those who have died, who we love but see no longer – and we seek to honor them in how we live our lives today. We especially remember Larry Stark, Oliver Fortune, Marybeth Kennedy, James Welch, Eric Moe, Pvt. Isabella Gonzales, 1st Lt. Tyler Feehan, and Sgt. Michael Swinton. Are there others?

God of Resurrection, we lift up our prayers for Jack, Arlie (family of Theresa), Sarah and Chris (friends of Leigh), Laura (friend of John), and Iglesia San Juan Bautista. Are there others?

Silence

God, we affirm that forgiveness is available to everyone, including ourselves. We know that we must support those who are struggling to correct their mistakes and take a deep breath when we make our own.

We wonder at your love and forgiveness.

And we doubt the readiness of our own love and forgiveness. So we pray for the possibility of accepting and offering forgiveness because we all make mistakes.

And our longing is to be more like you.

The officiant reads a concluding Collect for Waiting, written by the Education for Ministry Class.

God, we affirm that waiting is part of life and we are impatient people.
We know that we must be open to your voice.
We wonder at your infinite timeline.
And we doubt our ability to enter into stillness.
So we pray for the possibility of hearing your voice.
Because our longing is to be one with you.
Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 542

Christ is the World's True Light

St. Joan

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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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 and more information are coming soon.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26

10:00 AM Morning Prayer *followed by Coffee Hour*
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, July 27

10:00 AM Serenity Seekers Al-Anon – Richardson Room
(until 11 AM)

Tuesday, July 28

10:00 AM Barnabees Craft Group – Richardson Room

Wednesday, July 29

10:00 AM Wednesday Worship – Library
8:30 PM AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room

Thursday, July 30

10:00 AM Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
6:30 PM Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)

Sunday, August 2

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
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

Michael, Joey, Blue, Cindy
Dave Wright, Camille Mittelholtz
Michael Dugger, Cindy McLaughlin
Ken Mittelholtz
Maria Bottlick
Dana Wiseman
Betty Jo Fortune
John Westerlund, Norma Ricketts
Kathleen Stark
Grace Robbins, Linda Hartman

Participants in the services on August 2 are:

10:00 a.m.

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

Theresa, Adam, Ciaran, Joaquin
TBD
TBD
PJ Kennedy
Diana & Tim Greer
Lisa Verstandig
Kathleen Stark
Meagan Morrison-Crabill, Sam Batten
Kathy Schaefer
Mary Yeaman, Maria Bottlick

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.