

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The Episcopal Church in Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar

WELCOME

Visitors: We are delighted you have come to worship with us today! If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the purple information card found in the slot in front of your seat and place it on the collection plate. We are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you! Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service.

This booklet contains the full order of service. If you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with us in this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. The bold type indicates where the people are invited to respond or pray.

Restrooms: Proceed through the office door to the right of the church and go straight down the hall and to the left. Both restrooms have baby changing tables.

Assisted listening devices: Available from the ushers in the back of the church.

Children: We welcome children in our worship. Their sounds are a gift from God – no need to subdue them! Our *pray ground* is located in the side chapel and has quiet activities for parents and younger children to use while still in worship. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join the atrium for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday School program located in Mitchel Hall. Ask the ushers for directions. Children return to the service for communion.

Contact: Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and the sanctuary is open during these hours for private prayer or meditation. To speak with The Rev. Jamie Barnett, please call the office and make an appointment. Her office hours are Tuesday through Thursday.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE

Organ Concerto 1: IV. Andante

GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL (1685-1759)

The Word of God

At the sound of the bell. all stand as able and sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 594

God of grace, and God of glory

CWM RHONDDA

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider says

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.*

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*

The following is sung, all standi

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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
 to subdue nations before him
 and strip kings of their robes,
 to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:
²“I will go before you
 and level the mountains,
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

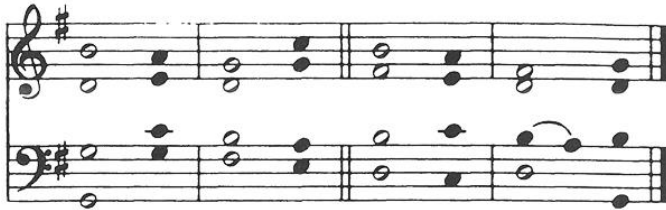
PSALM: Psalm 96 (sung by all)

Remain seated.



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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new | song; *
 sing to the LORD, all the whole | earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his | Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to | day.



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- 3 Declare his glory among the | nations *
and his wonders among all | peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be | praised; *
he is more to be feared than all | gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but | idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the | heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his | presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the | peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and | power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his | Name; *
bring offerings and come into his | courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be|fore him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is | King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with | equity.”
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is | in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is there|in.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he | comes, *
when he comes to judge the | earth.
- †13 He will judge the world with | righteousness *
and the peoples with his | truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what

kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand and sing.

Hymn 685

Rock of ages, cleft for me

TOPLADY

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Brothers and sisters, beloved by God: Grace to you and peace. Let us pray to the Holy One, saying, "Be gracious to us, O God; *show us your mercy.*"

We always give thanks to you, O God, for the Church, constantly remembering before you its work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Almighty God, make us more like your Son, Jesus, who did not regard people with partiality. May we love justice. May we be gracious with all people.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

God our King, the earth shakes in your presence. All that is belongs not to us, but to you. May we be good stewards of all you have created.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Holy One, you answer those who call upon you. Hear the voices of the weak and wronged. May the world know and experience your presence.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Great Lord, give your people rest. Cover the sick and sorrowful with your healing hand. May the lonely and forgotten sense your loving care. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list: Madden and Tom. We pray also for those who have requested our prayers but who wish to remain anonymous and for those on our long-term prayer list.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

Living God, you have destroyed our death through the death and resurrection of your Christ. May all our voices blend to proclaim your greatness and worship around your throne forever.

Silence

Be gracious to us, O God;

Show us your mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Presider says.

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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Presider and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS

All **Watch over your *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 your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Chantez à Dieu

(sung by the Schola)

*Chantez à Dieu chanson nouvelle,
chantez, ô terre universelle.
Chantez, et son Nom bénissez,
et de jour en jour
annoncez sa délivrance solennelle.*

Sing to God a new song,
sing, all the whole earth.
Sing, and bless his Name,
and from day to day
proclaim his great salvation.

TEXT: PSALM 96: 1-2

MUSIC: JAN PIETERSZOOM SWEELINCK (1562-1621)

PRESENTATION HYMN

All stand as able and sing.

Hymn 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

DUKE STREET

The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS S 130 *Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)*

Presider and People

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The piano accompaniment features chords and some melodic lines, with some notes tied across measures.

san - na in the high - est. 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.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
 your Word has never been silent;
 you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
 you delivered them from bondage
 and led them to a land of promise.
 Of your grace, you gave Jesus
 to be human, to share our life,
 to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
 and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
 Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
 you have freed us from sin,
 brought us into your life,
 reconciled us to you,
 and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
 We thank you that on the night before he died for us

Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,

People and Presider

**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**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día,
Perdona nuestras deudas,
como tambien nosotros perdonamos**

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

a los que nos ofendas.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the prayer with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

The Presider says
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Presider This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have gotten lost. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. If receiving a blessing, please come forward and simply cross your hands over your chest as you walk up to the presider. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider when you reach the front.

Put your hands out one on top of the other, and the wafer will be placed in your hand. Leave the wafer in place and move to the chalice bearer, who will then take it, dip it in the wine, and hand it back to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, simply consume the wafer and then you may place your hands on the base of the chalice and the chalice bearer will say the words of administration.

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Lord, I'll be ev - er thank-ful, in the Lord, I will re-

⁴ joyce! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is

⁸ near; lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**

**and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 665 All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

DISMISSAL

Presider Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

POSTLUDE

Caithness

HEALEY WILLAN (1880-1968)

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For the Week of Sunday, October 22, 2023

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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 10/22 10:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; in-person and live-streaming: www.tcote.org
- 12:00 p.m. Newcomers/Episcopal 101
- 10/24 11:00 a.m. a grief shared
- 5:00 p.m. Laundry Love (offsite)
- 10/25 12:00 p.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina
- 10/26 6:30 p.m. Schola rehearsal
- 7:45 p.m. Parish Choir rehearsal
- 10/29 9:45 a.m. Children in church
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; in-person and live-streaming: www.tcote.org
- 4:00 p.m. EMG Concert Seraphour



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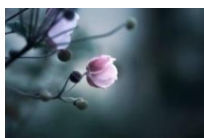
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FLOWER GIFTS FOR SUNDAYS



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A GRIEF SHARED



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel.** Please contact Laurie Burns at lburns@tcote.org if you need further information.

MUSIC GUILD CONCERT



The Epiphany Music Guild presents its second concert of the season next **Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m. Seraphour: Spirit and Light.** Come and experience the ensemble that Fanfare calls “meltingly beautiful.” There will be a simple reception after the concert to greet the artists.

OPEN MOSQUE DAY CANCELLED



The open house at the Islamic Center of the Conejo scheduled for October 22 is postponed in light of all the unrest in the Middle East. Please pray for peace.

OUR OFRENDA



This year, our ofrenda will be set up on **October 21. Before or after church on Sunday, October 22 or from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, October 24 - November 2, and Sunday October 29,** we encourage you to bring pictures and items of ones you have lost and place them on our ofrenda. **You may also contribute on the morning of Sunday, November 5.** *The service on that Sunday will include a prayer for them.* Este año, nuestra ofrenda será montada en el 21 de octubre. **Antes o después de la iglesia el domingo 22 de octubre o de 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. del martes 24 de octubre al jueves 2 de noviembre, y el domingo 29 de octubre,** lo alentamos a traer fotos y artículos de los que ha perdido y colocarlos en nuestra ofrenda. **También puede contribuir en la mañana del domingo 5 de noviembre.** *El servicio de ese domingo incluirá una oración por ellos.*

BUDGET BITS

The financial numbers as of the end of September:

BUDGETTED OPER. FUND INC. YTD: \$340,426.00
ACTUAL OPERATING INCOME YTD: \$349,524.72
BUDGETTED OPER, FUND EXP.YTD: \$403,707.00
ACTUAL OPERATING FUND EXP.: \$387,029.25

CREATION CARE



Join Payton Hoegh, Program Director for The Center for Spirituality in Nature on October 28 for an **Autumn Walk at Charmlee Wilderness Park in Malibu**. The hike is from

3:00-5:00. Our time together will also include guided meditation, solo wandering, spiritual practice, conversation, and refreshment.

Fee: \$20.00 Register in advance:

<https://www.centerforspiritualityinnature.org/event-details/autumn-walk-finding-sabbath-in-nature-3>

We will meet in the Charmlee parking area off Encinal Canyon Rd. For carpool arrangements contact Mary Mendenhall mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net 818-585-5068.

WALK WITH AMAL



A global symbol of human rights, especially those of refugees, AMAL the 12-foot puppet representing a 10-year-old Syrian refugee, will be in LA in early November. Towns and cities across the U.S. and Mexico have created 100+ **free public events** to welcome her. Join other members of Epiphany at:

Queen of the Monarchs

Friday, November 3 at 10:30 a.m.

In Beverly Hills – exact location to be released later.

Visionary director and choreographer **Debbie Allen** creates a kaleidoscope of swirling monarch butterflies, echoing Amal's migration journey. If you would like to join a group "caravan" to the event, please contact Interfaith representative: Aggie Winston at (805) 807-5001 or email aggiew53@gmail.com.

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit www.tcote.org



Meeting weekly for one-hour at noon on Wednesdays in Bishop's Hall, **Feeding the Spirit Bible Study** is focused on upcoming lessons for the week and the themes found within. Bring a

lunch! Upcoming readings will be found in our weekly *Connections* newsletter (subscribe at www.tcote.org/newsletter/)



Want to help on Sundays during the service? If you are interested in being an **usher, reader, oblationer, or LEM**, please contact the church at info@tcote.org



Red Door Vineyard's vision is to be a source of congregational growth, strength and spirituality as we share in the journey of crafting

wine in God's name. In addition to ongoing vineyard activities, we gather monthly for Monday Night Fellowship and Friday Evening Happy Hour and arrange a variety of social and cultural experiences. Contact: Stacey Stephens reddoorvineyard@tcote.org



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist and all of the other sacraments of the church. Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@gmail.com



Coffee hour is a tradition of hospitality and fellowship, a time to catch up with friends and acquaint yourself with new people of the congregation. Interested in

being a **Coffee Host**? Contact: info@tcote.org

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

program is highly child-centered and allows children to enter into a relationship with God in their own ways, and in their own time. All children are welcome. Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe, encouraging space for spiritual exploration and the asking of important

questions. We meet *every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns lburns@tcote.org



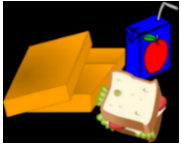
The Women's Interfaith Network (WIN) has many opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Please check their page at www.tcote.org. Contact: Aggie Winston (805) 807-5001.



PFLAG's vision is to create a world where difference is celebrated, and all people are valued inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet on the *second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.* Contact: info@tcote.org



Laundry Love is a nationwide program that assists low-income families and individuals in doing their laundry. We meet on the *last Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.* Contact: Karen James kjames@tcote.org



The Lunch Bunch prepares and delivers 70-80 brown bag lunches to Harbor House once a month for low income and homeless families and individuals. Join us! Contact: Yvonne Lux yvonnelix@gmail.com

Lectio Divina is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer opening to a deeper communion with God. We meet via Zoom *every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.* Link at www.tcote.org/lectio-divina/ or contact: Barry Burns burnscreative@gmail.com.



A grief shared meets *on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ascension Chapel.* Wherever and however you are experiencing grief, we invite you to come and share your story in a safe and supportive space. Contact: Laurie Burns lurns@tcote.org



Creation Care at The Church of the Epiphany is about helping each other to grow in care for God's Creation. Seasonal Sacred Hikes help to create a personal bond and connection. Contact: Mari Mendenhall mmidsgn@sbcglobal.net



The Epiphany Music Guild furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular series of musical and other artistic events; thereby enriching people's lives and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space. www.tcote.org/music/



The Pastoral Care Team cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery or experiencing other life changes. We make phone calls, visit hospitals and homes, and help with the unmet needs

they may have, such as providing an occasional meal following surgery or illness. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: sschneider@tcote.org

OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our church and the greater area, meeting monthly for lunch and a variety of enriching programs from October-May. Contact Michelle Ponticelli: mponticelli@tcote.org



"Just the noise you make, and the camaraderie...it is the most life-affirming experience, singing in a choir." Sir Elton John. The

Music Ministry at The Church of the Epiphany offers a variety of opportunities for participation and welcomes all. You may join the choir at any time. Contact: Jay Wilcox jwilcox@tcote.org

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:
Madden, Tom

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list: Boyd, Kay, Neil and Sarah, Tom, Donna, Arturo, Tommy, Judith, Matthew, Kathy, the Rowe family and baby Noah, Curt, Jana, Dave C, Steve, Joe, Rhonda, Catherine, Lynn, Dan, Amanda, Laura, Tabitha, Debbi, Judie, Viola Cleo, Cordelia, the Barsoum family, Georgia, Bishop Michael Curry, Steve, Paul, Carol, Viola Cleo, Cordelia

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request online at www.tcote.org/prayer-request/.

To access the bulletin from either your tablet or your cell phone, please scan the QR code:





Rooted IN Abundance
Generosity

A Conversation between The Rev. Charles L. Fischer III and the Rev. Sheleta Fomby

I am blessed to be able to have individuals in my life who are willing to discuss their faith lives. Over the course of my years in ministry, I have met some wonderful people. Recently, I have become acquainted with a powerful preaching sister from Washington, D.C., the Rev. Sheleta E. Fomby. She has become both a friend and a spiritual guide in my life. In a recent conversation, Rev. Fomby and I were discussing how blessed we were in our individual and collective lives. And in a quiet moment, she stated that she lives a great life because she has experienced God's abundance. "If it were not for that, how could she be generous to others."

I was intrigued by her comments and asked for her to explain further. She stated that for her there is a distinct difference between abundance and generosity. "Abundance is what God has made available. And generosity is what we do with what God has made available."



Questions for Reflection:

How has God's abundance formed your generosity?

When God created the earth, God deposited upon the earth and gave to its inhabitants all that they would need for survival. God provides more than enough for all to live fully and completely.

Rev. Fomby blessed me with sharing this simple lesson. The more she reflected upon her own life and the lives of those who have poured into her own ministry, I had a moment of understanding the distinction. She was generous in her sharing because of all that others had given to her out of their own abundance. And now the cycle continues because now I can share with others out of the abundance of love, care, and prayers that others have showered upon me. TEUS.org



The Rev. Sheleta Fomby is the Pastor at New Life AME Church in Laurel, Maryland and is fully committed to liberating lives, encouraging hearts, and inspiring hope through the faithful proclamation of God's word.
