



The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Prelude

“Arioso”

J.S. Bach

The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful”

376; *Hymnal* 1982

* Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

* 8:00 AM Song of Praise “Venite” (*All say*)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

* 10:15 AM Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

S-280; *Hymnal 1982*

* Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Let us pray today's psalm responsively by half verse.

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees * ***and not to unjust gain.***
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and

licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“God is Love”

577, vs. 1-2; *Hymnal 1982*

* The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“God is Love”

577, vs. 3; *Hymnal 1982*

Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Bornt

* The Nicene Creed

Presider Please stand as you are able, and let us proclaim our faith in the words of 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:
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: Form IV**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Closing Collect

by the Presider

Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Thanksgivings:

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.

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Presider and People

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 Presider prays

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 the Lord be with you always

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

10:15 AM Offertory Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

400, vs 1, 4-7; *Hymnal 1982*

* 8:00 AM Doxology (*Spoken*) & * 10:15 AM Presentation of our Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

10:15am # 380, v.3;

Praise him all creatures here below.

Hymnal 1982

Praise him above ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship 1

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 him thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

* 8:00 AM Sanctus (*All say*) & 10:15 AM Sanctus
S-130; Hymnal 1982

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (10:15am sung 2x)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you, this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

10:15 AM Fraction Anthem

"Christ our Passover"

S-154; Hymnal 1982

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

The Invitation to Communion

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

10:15 AM Communion Hymn

"Forgive Our Sins"

674; Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing *(All stand as able)*

* 10:15 AM Recessional Hymn
"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
518; *Hymnal 1982*

* Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

10:15 AM Postlude
"Trumpet March"

J. C. Clarke

Adult Study Class meets in Memorial Hall today at 9:00 AM.

Please join us in Memorial Hall following the 10:15 AM service for fellowship.

Today's Ministers

Presider: The Rev. Lisa Bornt

Co-Presider: The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Vince Parmesano
LEM Barbara Collins

Tellers: Scott Myers and Molly Wilson

Next Sunday

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Heather Hinkle
LEM Hamp Tisdale

Tellers: Barbara Collins & Hamp Tisdale

Parish Prayer Lists

Diocese of Maryland

St. George's, Mt. Savage; St. James Chapel, Hagerstown;
St. James', Westernport; Thomas B. Carter;
Martha N. Macgill; Karen L. Mercer; Thomas W. Bauer

September Prayers for Body, Mind & Spirit

John Rolph, Toni Beaird-Wilson, Mary Belcher, Dorothy Beaird,
Stuart Delchamps, Ian Tisdale, Linda Galloway, Pearl O'Hara,
James Belcher, Jr., Richard & Andi Galliher

Weekly Parish Cycle of Prayer

The Roberts family, George & Janet Roberts, Robin Rolph

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dorothy Beaird

Prayers for Returning Health and Healing

Linda Myers, The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz, Mary Belcher, Andy Davis, Judy Willson,
Erica Wood, Linda Turbyville, James Belcher, Jr., Eileen Ward, Pearl O'Hara,
Celeste Wood, Michael Staley, Sydney Heimbrock, Marusia Zearfoss,
Rachel Payant, Steven Ronquillo, Joe Ferraro John Killian,
Roberto & Dory and their two sons, Jim Hubbard, Laura Adack,
Carmen Calderon, Don Smith, Karl Kaefer, Ronnie and John Pawson, Carole
Garvar, Eugene Roberts, Jackie Galliher, Bridget Hubbard, Todd Evans,
Marilyn Roche, Marcia Shingleton

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middletown Valley Food Bank

Middletown Valley Food Bank (MVFB) has particular needs for toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toiletries, and any / all food stuffs. Our Outreach Team has extended a challenge to donate 60 *food & toiletry items* each month in 2026. For the month of August, we gave 116 items, 46 rolls of toilet paper and 18 rolls of paper towels! We have exceeded our goal every month this year – let's keep it going! Thank you for offering these gifts of care for our community.

Adult Education Group

This informal group is held at 9:00 AM in the Memorial Hall. It is open to everyone and all are welcome. Come and share a donut and coffee as we discuss books about our faith. The book being discussed next is *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Labor Day ~ Parish Office Closed Monday

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th, for Labor Day. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th.

Canon Kate Riley Visits

On Sunday, September 13th, we will welcome Canon Kate Riley, our Canon for Youth & Young Adults, next week as part of our mission conversation series.

Welcoming our Diocesan Intern. Britt Jones

Our Diocesan Intern, Britt Jones, will also begin his ministry among us on Sunday, September 13th. Britt will be with us through January 10th as part of his on-going Diocesan discernment process towards the priesthood. Please wear your name tags or let the Parish Office know if you need a new one.

Britt Jones comes to us from All Saints, where he served as a lector, usher, and a member of their vestry. He works for the U.S. Department of State, and lives with his husband Seth and four children (well, three now; he just dropped his oldest daughter off at college in Michigan) in northern Montgomery County. His interests include trivia, hiking, theater, and seeing what the Holy Spirit's up to at The Church of the Transfiguration!

Women's Coffee Klatch

There will be no Coffee Klatch in August, and the next Klatch will be on Sat. Sept. 19th, at 10 AM in Memorial Hall.