



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

June 11, 2014

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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From Mary Anthony

Hooray!!! My computer is up and running again thanks to my wonderful son-in-law. Let's hope it stays this way. I evidently had a corrupted profile and he was able to rebuild a new one for me and save all my files.

Today's lessons from the Lectionary in church are Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, and the Gospel is John 17:1-11.

In our Godly Play class today our children will hear the story of the Synagogue and the Upper Room. The first part evokes the Liturgy of the Word, which the Christian Church developed from the readings of the Jewish synagogue. The second part of the presentation evokes the liturgy of the table, which Jesus instituted during the Last Supper in the upper room. Mary Anthony is the Storyteller this week.

This week in Youth Group we will begin with dinner at 6 pm provided by Rosana Powell, followed by an activity. Our lessons from Making It Real and Relevant concluded last week. We will continue to meet Wednesday evenings up until our Mission Trip.

Our youth are holding their Car Wash Fundraiser today, from 8:00 - 10 am and 11:30 am - 1 pm. Our last one before the Mission Trip. Suggested donation is \$10. Let your friends and neighbors know.

Today we also honor our graduating Seniors, Jacki Dilsavor, Andrew Laub, Wesley Laub, Seth Lisi, and Juliana Powell. It is going to be hard for me to say good-bye as I have worked with these youth for several years, some since Kindergarten. They are a part of this community and it is now time for them to continue on their journey with our love and support

as they move forward in their life and faith. We cannot go with them but will remain a community that loves and supports them.

Collect for Sunday

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



☪ Sunday Schedule ☪

9:00am - Nursery opens

9:45am - Godly Play Choir

10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5th grade)

6th - 12th grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

*Children join their parents in
Church at the Peace*

11:45am - Youth Choir

Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the 10am service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in by watching **Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Primary - (Pre-k - 2nd Grade)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts- Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and Melinda Rucinski** and **Doorkeepers Tracy French, Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Intermediate (3rd - 5th Grade)

The Intermediate class is meeting with the Primary class in Canterbury during construction. The curriculum for this age level is also Godly Play. Led by **Heather Coyle, Kim Hennigan, Tracy French, Roanne Lisi and Melinda Rucinski** on a rotating basis.

Middle School & High School (6th - 12th Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class will meet every Wednesday evening at the beginning of Youth Group starting at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The curriculum for this age level is Making It Real and Relevant, which is Lectionary based. Our teachers in this class are **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets at St. Paul's on Wed. evenings starting with dinner at 6 pm. Led by **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

Children's Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle
Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and
Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

For Parents

THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS

The Blessing Of Strange Fruit:

Meet Fear With Faith

Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; ""Child psychologists often refer to parenting as walking a tightrope. Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, the great Chassid, used a similar metaphor when he famously said, "All the world is a very narrow bridge. The main thing is not to be afraid." Raising a teenager is scary, and the only way to resist your fear is with *bitachon*, with faith: faith in your child and in your own parenting.

In both Judaism and adolescent psychology I found guidelines that have helped me as well as other parents keep the faith as our teens crossed the narrow bridge into adulthood. Accepting your teen does not mean that you should be indulgent or lax or permissive. It does mean that you understand both your teenager's strengths and limitations, her quirks and her awkward, two-steps-forward-one-step-back growth. It also means that you respect your teen's instinct to separate from you, and that even in his most foolhardy, rebellious moments, you find something about him to cherish ""

Next week "Honor Your Teen's Natural Abilities and Limitations"!!!
From "The Blessing of a B Minus" by Wendy Mogul, PhD.

In Church School this week:

Each week, the children's and youth Sunday School classes focus on a passage from Scripture. These follow the same Revised Common Lectionary that provides readings for Sunday services. We use a curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, to tailor a lesson for each class that is interactive, fun and age appropriate. This section features the Scripture learned that week in Sunday School, along with some questions to ask about during the week.

Focus Scripture: John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

~From the Lectionary Page

What's it all about?

Jesus has just ended his instructions to his disciples; he has concluded with "In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!" Now he prays to the Father. He summarizes the significance of his life. The time appointed by God for his departure (crucifixion, resurrection and ascension) has come. Glory can be defined as divine heavenly splendour where heaven is the state of ultimate good and love existing outside of time. In v. 1, the Father giving this splendour to the Son adds to the Father's splendour because of the "authority" (v. 2) given to

the Son over humans, especially "to give eternal life" to us. V. 3 explains that "eternal life" is knowing the Father and the Son intimately. Vv. 4-5 state how the Son adds to the splendour of the Father (by completing his assigned task) and how the Father adds to the Son's splendour: by restoring him to the Father's "presence", to heaven - a state he enjoyed before God's creative act. V. 6 expands on "the work" (v. 4) the Son has done: to make the Father's character and person ("name", v. 6) known to those chosen by the Father. These elect are the mutual possession of Father and Son; these have been faithful to God's "word", his command. Vv. 7-8 expand on keeping the Father's word: the disciples know that:

the Father is the source of all that the Son has been given;

Jesus is from (out of) the Father; and the Father sent him into the world.

Looking forward to the time after his departure, Jesus asks the Father to "protect" (v. 11) the disciples from evil influences in the alien "world", that they may have a unity modelled on that of the Father and the Son.

~From Revised Common Lectionary
Chris Haslam 1996-2014

Questions:

- ? What is Jesus trying to tell his disciples?
- ? What does Jesus ask of the Father ?
- ? How does Jesus define glory ?

~From Making It Real And Relevant

Prayer:

O God of glory,
your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us
and ascended to your right hand.
Unite us with Christ and each other,
in suffering and in joy,
that all your children may be drawn
into your bountiful dwelling. Amen.

~From The Revised Common Lectionary

Meditation

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it
away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at
the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners
into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
*
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for
the poor. *~Psalm 68:1-10*

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Happy Birthday...



Tommy Matthey (05/22) belated
Cotton Meade (05/22) belated
Andrew Hennigan (05/26) belated
Jessica Syme (06/04)
Abigail Raitano (06/07)

Planning Ahead

Sunday, June 1

- Nursery opens at 9 am
- Cherub Choir Rehearsal, 9:30 am
- Children's Service, 10 am
- No Sunday School 10 am for Pre-k - 5th grades
- Youth Car Wash Fundraiser for Mission Trip today, 8 - 10 am and 11:30 - 1 pm

Wednesday, June 4

- Youth Group 6 - 9 pm

Sunday, June 8

- Only one service today at 9:30 am
- Nursery opens at 9 am
- Cherub Choir, 9:45 am
- Godly Play class, Grades Pre-k - 5th, 10 am, Last day of official Sunday School for this school year
- Inviting the Future Building Completion Celebration and Barbeque

Sunday, June 15 - Sunday, June 22

- Youth Mission Trip to Franklin, PA

Acolyte Reminders!

June 1: Hannah Rucinski ©, Kirstan Lisi,
Jessica Syme, Julia Syme

June 8: Dylan Powell ©, Nick Coyle,
Kirstan Lisi, Hannah Rucinski

Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.