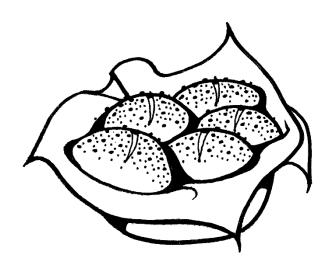
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 2024, 10:00 a.m.



THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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

The Rev. Jamie Barnett, Vicar The Rev. Karen James, Deacon

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!

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.

Coffee Hour: Whether you are just visiting or have been here many times, we would love for you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Bishop's Hall directly after the service. If you are visiting and are not sure where the Bishop's Hall is, please ask anyone and they will be happy to show you!

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 *prayground* 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.

Communion: By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact The Rev. Jamie Barnett to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Out of consideration for your fellow worshippers, please either turn off or silence your cell phones.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

PRELUDE Two Preludes

EMMA LOU DIEMER (1927-2024)

I think when I read that sweet story of old and Blest be the tie that binds

The Word of God

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky

substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

Silence may follow.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

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

¹I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

 7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

All stand as able.

Hymn 309 O food to pilgrims given O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁴[On the next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand] saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but

because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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 as able.

O God, your people are hungry for your presence. Teach us to put our trust in you. Let us not forget the wonders you have shown us.

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your church is hungry for your presence. Give our leaders hearts for your truth and wisdom as they guide us. Bless our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop John, and our priests and deacons. Empower us all to live the covenant we have made with you.

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for peace. We pray for the leaders of all nations, that their hearts are intent on the common good for all. We pray especially for our nation as it enters a season of preparation for local, state, and national elections, that all may be filled with a spirit of wisdom, vision, and peace.

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for relief from hardship. We pray for your people in all corners of the world who want for food and shelter; who suffer from oppression and war. Sustain them with your presence and lead us to come to their aid.

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for healing and compassion. We pray for those we hold dear to our hearts who suffer from any illness of body, mind or spirit. We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Carole, Marilyn, Roberta, We pray also for those who have requested our prayers and who wish to remain anonymous as well as for those on our long-term prayer list. Finally, we pray also for those who have no one to pray for them.

You are the Bread of Life;

Give us this bread always.

Your world is hungry for comfort and eager for new life. Enfold those who have died into your embrace; especially Ronnie. May he rest in your eternal presence. May we all come to know the life that is eternal.

You are the Bread of Life:

Give us this bread always. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 always with you.

People And also with you.

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 SOLO

Voluntary in C major

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

As the peoples' gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented for a blessing, all stand as able and sing Hymn 305 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest ROSEDALE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

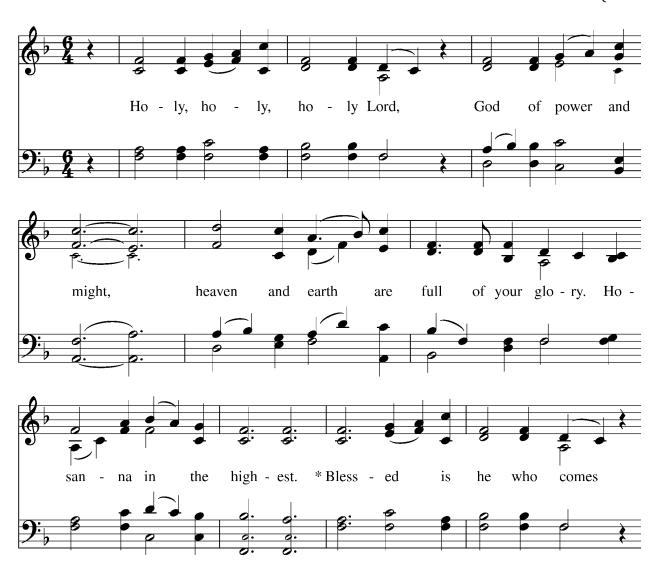
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

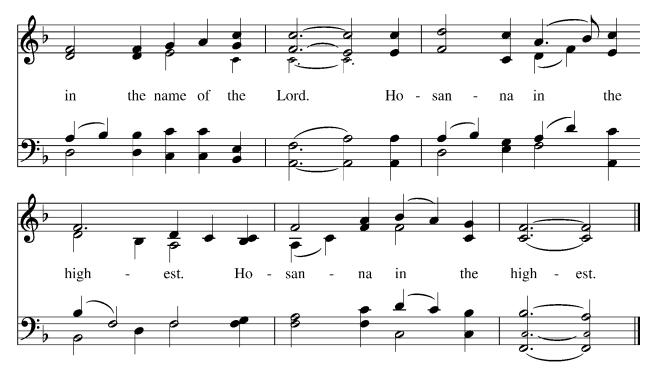
SANCTUS

Presider and People WLP 858

Holy, holy, holy

AMERICAN FOLK HYMN, ARR. MARCIA PRUNER (1936-2013), HARMONIZED ANNABEL MORRIS BUCHANAN (1888-1983)





The People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 0 Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be

acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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 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.

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 ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The Presider says

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.

All who seek God and desire a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. During the distribution of Communion, we welcome you to receive the sacrament or a prayer of blessing. When you come to the altar rail, you may either stand or kneel.

If you desire to receive the sacrament, please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Once you have received it, you may keep it there and the chalice bearer will take it, dip it in the wine and return it 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. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the presider.

If you desire to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest at the altar rail.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Organ solo Voluntary in G minor George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says Let us pray.

Presider and People

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.

BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

All stand as able and sing.

Hymn 527 Singing songs of expectation Ton-y-Botel

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE March WILLIAM MATHIAS (1934-1992)

Our guest organist this morning is Thomas Neenan.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any member of our staff, our Wardens, or any member of our Bishop's Committee, and they will be happy to assist you.



For the Week of Sunday, August 4, 2024 EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS www.tcote.org

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, 8/4

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Children in church

Monday, 8/5

6:30 p.m. RDV Monday Night Fellowship

Wednesday, 8/7

12:00 p.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina

Thursday, 8/8

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting

Sunday, 8/11

9:00 a.m. Summer Schola10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist10:00 a.m. Children in church11:30 a.m. Outreach Committee meeting

Are you new here? Please fill out the purple card in the pews, so that we may get to know each other!



Subscribe to our Epiphany Connections Newsletter at

www.tcote.org/newsletter/

NAMETAGS

Hello My Name is:

We wear nametags to help us feel more connected and so we

can get to know each other better. If you're interested in having one, please fill out the form on the website (search for "nametag") or put your name on the clipboard in the narthex.

ATRIUM OPEN HOUSE



We will have an Open House on **Sunday, August 25** after church during coffee hour. Come and experience the Atrium, and see if

this is a ministry you would like to be a part of.



SOLAR UPDATE



Since the overwhelmingly positive meeting with the congregation regarding installing solar panels at Epiphany, the Bishop's Committee

has been looking at bids, financing options, and roof inspections. Details and decisions coming soon!

RDV MONDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



Who surrounds us as we worship? Gather together to delve into a Bible verse, barrel taste RDV wine

(optional) and explore the connections we have with one another at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, August 5**.

SPIRITUAL RESOURCE



The Chosen season 4 is now available for viewing! All seasons can be seen on

www.thechosen.tv, Prime Video, and Peacock. Seasons 1-3 are on Hulu and Season 1 on Netflix.

SPONSORING FLOWERS



Sponsoring altar flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion, honor loved ones, or give thanks. If you would like to

give, please fill out the card found in the church pews or visit www.tcote.org

GIVE US A CALL!



For those people without computers, we now have the option of phoning in and listening to our livestream services

on Sunday mornings! Please share this news with anyone you know that you think would enjoy being able to listen in when they can't come in person.

Phone: +1 720-256-2320. Enter the pin number 840327174, then hit #.

MINISTRIES – FIND YOUR CONNECTION

For more information on these and other ministries, please visit <u>www.tcote.org</u>



Acolytes are a part of the team of ministers who lead the worship. This ministry is open to males and females aged 12 and up. If you would like to be involved, please contact The Rev.

Karen James: kjames@tcote.org.



Members of the **Altar Guild** prepare all that is necessary for the celebration of all of the sacraments of

the church. Contact: Leigh Wallace mizeinla@gmail.com



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is highly childcentered 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



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



Creation Care at 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



Each week, talented and creative team members of the **Epiphany Flower Guild** purchase and arrange our altar flowers. No experience

necessary; on-the-job training provided! Contact: Carrie Wilcox (703) 508-2628.



The **Epiphany Music Guild** furthers the church's outreach mission to the community by providing a regular

series of musical and other artistic events, enriching people's lives, and giving them opportunities to encounter beauty in a sacred space. Contact: Jay at jwilcox@tcote.org or www.tcote.org/music/



At Epiphany, we embrace and appreciate the capacity and insight of our teen parishioners. **EYG** is a safe,

encouraging space for spiritual exploration and asking important questions. We meet *every other Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* Contact: Laurie Burns <u>lburns@tcote.org</u>



Meeting at noon for one hour on Wednesdays, **Feeding the Spirit** Bible study is focused on upcoming lessons for the week

and the themes found within.



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 lburns@tcote.org



The **Holy Hosts** are looking for people who are interested in cooking, serving, or helping to

supply food for church events. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Listick by texting (preferable) or calling (818)519-1763 or via e-mail at karen@listick.com.



The **Interfaith Ministry**'s mission is to involve members of Epiphany in the sharing of traditions among people of various

faiths and cultures, to deepen and broaden mutual understanding, Contacts: Aggie Winston aggiew53@gmail.com and Kerrie Sadler sadlerkerrie@gmail.com



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 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Contact: Karen James <u>kjames@tcote.org</u>



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 <u>www.tcote.org/lectio-divina</u> or contact: Barry at <u>burnscreative@gmail.com.</u>



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 yvonnelux@gmail.com



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 jwilcox@tcote.org



Outreach: In response to the grace and love we have been given in Christ, we seek to serve our neighbors. Our commitment is to provide opportunities

for The Church of the Epiphany to reach out locally, nationally, and globally so that we may

grow, mature, and become more fully the people Christ calls us to be.



OWLS (Older Wiser Laity) strives to create community and fellowship opportunities among the more senior members of our

church and the greater area, *meeting on the second Thursday of the month at noon* for lunch and enriching programs from October - May. Contact Michelle: mponticelli@tcote.org



The **Pastoral Care Team** cares for parishioners who may be sick, recovering from surgery, or experiencing other life changes If you would like to be a part of

this rewarding ministry, contact Sharon Schneider: sschneider@tcote.org

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



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



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



The **Young Adult Group** (YAGs) meets on the *second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30*. Please contact The Rev. Karen James:

<u>kjames@tcote.org</u> or Laurie: <u>lburns@tcote.org</u> if you are between the ages of 18 and 30 and would like more info or to join in.

FOCUS ON: EFM



Every baptized person is called to ministry. The **Education for Ministry (EfM)** program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to

respond to the call to Christian service.

By examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, participants can learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world. In coming to terms with the notion that everything we do has potential for manifesting the love of Christ, we discover that our ministry is at hand wherever we turn.

The Program

The EfM program is made up of 4 nine-month cycles of study. Students enroll for one cycle of study at a time. The curriculum is provided by the School of Theology at the University of the South and is guided by mentors from The Church of the Epiphany.

Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Students are responsible for setting their own learning goals. They spend between two and four hours in study and preparation each week. In the weekly seminars members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as discuss questions which the study materials raise for them. For more information or questions contact: Elizabeth at e.vana.bryant@gmail.com

SUMMER CHOIR DATES



Your next opportunity to sing is **August 18**. Meet us at 9:00 a.m. in the church to learn an easy anthem to sing at that

morning's service. Questions? Contact Jay at $\underline{jwilcox@tcote.org}$. We look forward to hearing from you!

HARBOR HOUSE LUNCHES



Many thanks to those who volunteered to make lunches in July. They are much appreciated by the recipients. Harbor House is serving

additional clients due to the closure of the Lutheran Social Services operation in TO so, if you can, please sign up to make and deliver 10 lunches on **Wednesday, August 14.** Questions? Email yvonnelux@gmail.com More info at www.tcote.org.

PRAYERS

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List: Marilyn, Roberta, Carole

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List: Boyd, Kay, Neil, Sarah, Tom, Donna, Judith, Joe, Amanda, Tabitha, Norma, Pat, Curt, Francisco, Angela, Joanne, Madeline, Judie, Hannah, Kate J, Tom B, Dave, the Mullens family, Nancy, Georgia, Bill, Robert, Sarah and family, Madden

We pray for the repose of the soul of: Ronnie

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/.

Are you in our Parish Directory? **Please** make sure everything is correct and updated and send us any changes. If you would like to be in the directory, please email your information to info@tcote.org or fill out a purple card. Access the Directory at www.tcote.org. Make sure you never miss any important communications!

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