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We are called by God to see Christ in all persons, grow in faith and live in joyful fellowship with one another.

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LIFE IN CHRIST - REFLECTIONS FROM OUR RESOURCE PRIEST, THE REV. SARAH NELSON

Change and Changelessness

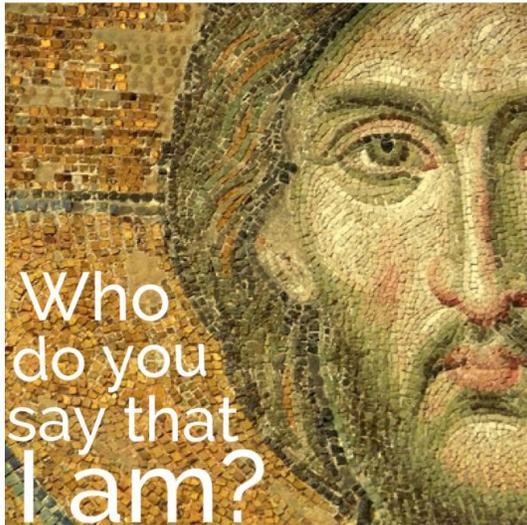
Have you noticed? The days are growing shorter. The heat of the day is a little less intense. There is even a bit of crispness to the early morning hours. Yes, as unbelievable as it may seem, the summer is drawing to a close. The autumnal season is coming upon us. I say unbelievable because these past months have been novel in our lives. We have been quarantined at home. Our wardrobes now include masks. We stand apart and think twice about any outings we might embark upon. So the days have passed and Fall is just around the corner.

In the midst of all of this, I am reminded of the closing words of Matthew's Gospel: "And lo I am with you always, even to the end of the ages." That is the promise of our God. Amid the changes and chances of this earthly life, where everything grows old, and everything changes, there is one constant, one unyielding foundation. No matter how things around us may change, our God is steady and our God's love and grace surround us, always. As followers of Christ, as God's beloved, we are called to live our lives in witness to that abiding presence. ... [Read More](#)



Eating Out during COVID-19

THIS SUNDAY



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Public Worship
in the Sanctuary
Sunday, August 23, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

Jesus asked [his Disciples], "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- When we are indoors in the Sanctuary, masks must be worn. We will provide masks for anyone who needs them.
- You will be seated by one of the ushers when you arrive.
- Physical distancing must be adhered to while waiting to be seated. Members of the same family may sit together.
- The Order of Service for that day, along with the readings and notices, will have been placed on the pews. Please use this during the service and take it with you when you leave.
- Restrooms are closed except for emergencies.
- The Lounge, Office and Great Hall will be closed.
- There will be music but we will be unable to sing.
- Offerings can be left in the collection plate.
- Communion will be in one kind only. Communicants will line up before the altar to receive the host in the palm of their hand. The sacrament can be consumed once you are back in your seat.

- In this warmer weather, members may wish to bring bottled water to the service.
- Hand sanitizers will be available.
- Note that **this Sunday**, our Coffee and Conversation will be replaced by the **"Bishop's Forum with St Barnabas"** at 11:30 a.m. after the Sunday Public Worship (see below for more details).

All are invited, but we ask that all members, especially those with underlying health conditions, carefully assess the risk to themselves before attending.

If you aren't sure if this is the right time for you to return to church, then don't worry. We will continue to offer online services as before. (See below for more information.)

Blessing of the Host on Sundays

My, oh my, how our world is changing! Nothing makes that more clear than our regathering as the Body of Christ. Certainly we are learning each and every day about first, how important it is to regather and worship our God and second, how to regather in safety. We know that no matter how meticulous our efforts, we cannot provide 100% safety. That does not mean, however, that we do not continue to do our very best. I am appreciative of the feedback about our worship. Liturgy, of course, means the work of the people, so it takes all of us working together to make this happen.

I want you to know of a few things that I am doing in order to safely gather for worship. Of course, we are maintaining proper social distancing. The Church and leaflets are sanitized. Masks are worn. Even our peace is shared in new and innovative ways. Perhaps the consecration and sharing of the body and blood of Christ is the time when we come closest together. This provides additional awareness.

After consultation with the Diocesan task force and conversation with other priests in our Diocese, I am following these procedures:

the ciborium and place it under the veil. When we come to the Great Thanksgiving, only the priest host is in the paten. This is the large host which I alone consume. All other wafers remain in the closed ciborium. When the time comes for distribution of the bread, I place the contents of the ciborium on the paten and, wearing a mask, place the wafer into each person's hand. The remaining wafers that have been on the paten are consumed or placed on the ground. Only wafers that were not on the paten are reserved.

Of course, then we receive in one kind only. No wine is distributed at this time.

I am certain that we will continue to learn. That learning will inform our worship. We want to do everything that is possible to keep all of us safe.

I hope that this is helpful. Please feel free to let me know of your observations, concerns and where things are going well.

Worship, sharing our burdens and celebrating our joys -- we have learned in these past months just how important, how vital, these are.

When I arrive at Saint Barnabas on Sunday morning, I go to the altar, place the wafers in the ciborium with a gloved hand. I then consecrate the bread while wearing a mask. Finally, I place the top on

I am grateful for the opportunity to regather with the Saint Barnabas community.

Faithfully,
Sarah Nelson

Online Sunday Worship at St Barnabas

HOLY EUCHARIST on YOUTUBE

Sunday, August 23, 2020
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 379 - God of Love, Let Heaven Adore Him; an Offertory Hymn: 525 - The Church's One Foundation; and a Closing Hymn: 304 - I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord, played by Dr. Michael Larkin, aided by Lisa Bowe, with lessons read by Ed Rowles and Lisa, and the Prayers of the People led by Ed. The service will include a sermon by The Rev. Sarah Nelson.

A link to the service will be sent to members **by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning**, or you will be able to access the service (on Sunday) through our YouTube account by clicking on the Online Worship link below (where you may also view any of our previous online services as well):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgYeLP1pWrJvz-JV9gEjoqA>

Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

THIS SUNDAY, AUG. 23rd.....Please join us!

SPECIAL BISHOP'S FORUM

Our usual Coffee and Conversation this Sunday will be replaced by the "Bishop's Forum with St. Barnabas." It will be by Zoom at 11:30 a.m. after the Sunday Public Worship. Bishop Brown will be joining us to share his insight and guidance. A link will be sent to members **by 7:00 AM on Sunday morning**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ed Rowles at erowles@comcast.net or 302-562-4580.



CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS
Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (through September 3rd)*

We will resume our regular
schedule of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
beginning the week of September 7th.*

*Note dates have been updated since last reported.

E V E N T S



Listening Circle
Saturday, August 22
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.'ish
(we will not meet if raining)

This Saturday, we will again be meeting for our Listening Circle. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and meet under the oak trees at St Barnabas where we will open our hearts/minds and listen to shared stories, feelings, experiences from among those who show up. This is an informal, but intentional, session focused on the sacred act of listening.



Online Bible Study
Tuesday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m.

This week we look at chapter 21 of the First Book of Samuel, led by The Rev. Sarah Nelson. Bible study is conducted online via Zoom. Regular attendees will be sent a link on the day. If you are interested in joining, or for further information, please contact the office at 302-994-6607 or stbarnabas0ffice@comcast.net.



Bishop Brown calls us all to take part in the *21 Day Racial Equity Challenge* from August 17 to September 6.

Led by the United Way of Delaware and YWCA Delaware, the challenge is a state-wide journey (never leaving our homes) into the history of racism here at home in Delaware. The Episcopal Church in Delaware is a partner (a "challenge champion") in this effort. A personal commitment of time (5-30 minutes a day for three weeks), an internet connection, and openness to learning are all that are required. Read more [here](#). Registration is expected to open in August.

NOTICES



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

My dear friends in Christ,

My Bible verse this week for thought and reflection is Psalm 29:2:

“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the **beauty** of holiness.”

Over the next couple of weeks, I would like to share with you some thoughts about beauty, and its importance in our lives. First, our old organ has been removed and preparations are underway in the church to receive our **beautiful** new organ within the next month or so! The console built by Zimmer Organ Builders in North Carolina is beautiful and even more importantly wait until you hear how beautiful the organ sounds. As I have previously mentioned, it is ironic that the congregation will not be able to sing with it for a while because of corona virus restrictions.

The recognition, appreciation, and the search for beauty, and the subsequent desire to create beauty (and good), is as much a necessity in our everyday lives as is food! It is **food** for the mind, the eye, the soul, and the spirit! The importance cannot be over emphasized. Life without beauty would be intolerable. **Beauty is inseparable from truth, joy, imagination, creativity, contentment, and love.** Beauty is both subjective and objective. There is an object, whether visual or aural that our senses consider beautiful. One often hears the expression, however, “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder,” what one person considers to be beautiful another person may not. Hopefully, this difference of opinion would be a matter of informed taste and not an uninformed value judgement.

Most everyone would consider a perfectly formed red rose to be an object of great visual beauty. In one of nature’s gentle ironies, we see the beautiful red of the rose because of all the colors of the spectrum, the “stuff”, the essence of the rose rejects and reflects the red to our eyes. The rose gathers in and hides the entire prism of all other colors of the spectrum, except for red. Although invisible to our eyes, the beauty of the rainbow is enshrined and hidden within the essence of the rose. Hence, the rose has both an outer beauty and an invisible, but very real inner beauty.

The same can be said for every human being created by God, for we read in Genesis that God considered his creation to be “very good.” Each person is beautiful on the “outside.” As the rose contains its invisible, inner beauty of color, our “invisible” inner beauty resides in our heart and soul, our very essence. It is the home of self-worth, appreciation, compassion, kindness, and love for our Creator, each other, and for nature. Unlike the inner beauty of the rose, which remains hidden, our inner beauty seeks to shine a light humbly and lovingly on all that is around us. It is a cliché, but oh so true that “beauty is only skin deep.” Perhaps one of the greatest gifts of friendship we can offer to each

other is to help each of us find, nurture, and love our inner beauty so it may shine forth in our lives.

I am reminded of a wonderful tenet of Celtic spirituality, that is, metaphorically **the light of Christ shines brightly within us** and during life's journey we hopefully allow that light to shine on others, to share love, goodness, compassion, and kindness with the world and all its creatures. The same is true for the beauty that resides within us and is reflected to the world. Recognition of our inner beauty helps to nurture a humble, reverent love of self and others and opens us to better appreciate all the incredible beauty around us whether it is nature, science, art, music, or our fellow human beings. We are better able to rejoice and recognize beauty in others and to encourage our spouses, partners, children, friends, to join in the search.

I hope this has piqued your interest! More next week. Stay safe, stay healthy and be sure to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!"

Blessings,

Dr. Michael Larkin
Director of Music Ministry



New Organ - Update! **August 20th**

Things are starting to happen in the church as we prepare for the arrival of the new organ sometime in September (final date tbd). As you can see from the picture, Cornell Zimmer Organ company is making great progress on the new console, with the keys in place. They are still waiting for the toe pedals

and the Walker sound system internals to be delivered, so that can be attached to the organ to complete the organ.

At the Sunday August 16th church service, Rev Sarah blessed the old organ, thanking it for 25+ years of service. The old organ was removed and placed at the back of the side Nave of the church. The new organ will also have Antiphonal speakers with it. These are 8 speakers that will be mounted at the front of the church entryway to help create a more full and balanced sound throughout the sanctuary. This week the wiring for the Antiphonal speakers were installed by the building and grounds team. My thanks to Dave Walker, Allan Okuniewski, and George McDowell for the help so far.

Next up is the removal of the choir pews so that the choir area carpet can be replaced and any required modifications(new electrical outlet, spacing etc) to the organ area can be completed.

When I have a firm delivery date for the new organ, I will issue another update

to the parish.

Any questions, please contact Michael Larkin (mlarksing@aol.com) or myself (brian.r.engler@gmail.com).

Thanks,

Brian Engler

O U T R E A C H

Community Church Outreach

Currently, the Community Church can use more donations of canned vegetables, regular size boxes of cereal (not family size), canned tuna, and pasta sauce. They will also accept produce from home gardens.

You may drop off your donation in the lobby of St. Barnabas Monday through Thursday from 9am - 2pm. Thank you. If you should have any questions, please contact Amy Quillen, [302-533-5768](tel:302-533-5768).

The Community Church Outreach is affiliated with Friendship House. The terminal goal of the Outreach is to one day become an empowerment center just like the empowerment center on Main Street in Newark.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Below are listed Birthdays and Anniversaries for August. Please contact the church office of stbarnabasOffice@comcast.net to let us know if you're not listed or the date is incorrect.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 - Sofia Trabelsi
6 - George (Randy) Kusel
6 - Marci Abbott
7 - Lynda Harriss
7 - Bonnie McDonald
8 - Joanne Figliola
8 - Bill Johnson
10 - Jeffrey Bowersox
11 - Carl Fink
12 - Robyn Webb
12 - Margaret York
14 - Anne Friel
15 - Jeremy Green
16 - Scott Gracie
17 - Peter King
17 - Debbie Pride

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Dick & Betty Hoffman
6 - Muriel & Robert deBussy
8 - Andrea & Zouhir Trabelsi
14 - Juliett & Stephen
Steenkamer
20 - Charlotte & David Sheehan
29 - Sandra & John Graper

17 - Bill Shearer
18 - Matthew Kaser
18 - Joseph Budna
19 - Judy Stanard
20 - Collin Green
20 - Sandra Graper
25 - James King
27 - Yousef Trabelsi
28 - Marti LaRue
31 - Nicole Wample
31 - Al Carey

A Prayer for all those affected by the Coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING AND COMFORT:

Arlene & Dave Carpenter, John Materis, Gail Calhoun, Leon Slocomb, Nancy Clapp, Anne Priebe, Patty, Bruce Clinton, Sr. Rosie, Lilly Walker, Thomas Boyle, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Carl, Eileen, Nick Sloman, Donna, Lydia, Charles, Jeannie, Joan, The Dixon Family, The Weir Family, Jean, The Jackson Family, Dell Ludwig, Kathleen Frees-Kroboth, Jim Clarke.

Those serving in the Armed Forces. Those who are homebound.

Those who have died, especially Valroy White and Alice Cubbage.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the First Responders, EMS, Paramedics, Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Aides, Respiratory Therapists, Medical Technicians, and Medical Assistants; for Environmental Services, Social Workers, Phlebotomists, Security Services, and Food Services; for Policemen, Firemen, and Ambulance Drivers. Pray also for all those we cannot see but are hard at work providing care for the sick.

May God walk with them every step of their day and guide them. Open their hearts to see you at work in the world around them, including especially Leslie,

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MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

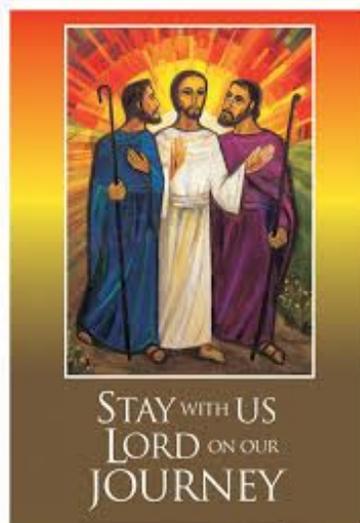
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Sr. Warden: Ed Rowles (2021)

Jr. Warden: Joanne Figliola (2022)

Jeff Bowersox (2023)

Bob Haushalter (2023)

Alan Irwin (2021)

Valerie Jackson (2022)

Bob Jefferson (2022)

Pat McDonald (2023)

Sarah Smith (2023)

John Warrington (2022)

Marian Weir (2021)

Lydia York (2021), Vestry Clerk

Recording Secretary: Debbie McGonigal

