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

The Peace of God

*The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.
Yet let us pray for but one thing -- the marvelous peace of God.*

Those are the words from the final verse of one of my favorite hymns, "They Cast Their Nets in Galilee." It is a hymn that I sang at my ordination and one that I choose for special times of worship throughout my life. Those words remind me of what it means to live my faith in the world.

You know during holidays when it seems much of the world is about the number of shopping days left? Or when Good Friday is a time when you are at work and your heart and mind are on a hill in Golgotha? Each week we join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us, praying that "God's kingdom come, God's will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Each day as we watch the evening news, we look around and see the chasm between this earth and the way we imagine God intended this world to be. ... [Read More](#)

THIS SUNDAY

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Public Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday, August 30, 2020 10:00 a.m.

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.
- A "virtual" coffee hour via Zoom will begin at 11:30 a.m. (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,

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.

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:

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

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. 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 30, 2020
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The online service will include three hymns: an Opening Hymn: 477 - All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine; an Offertory Hymn: 707 - Take My Life and Let It Be; and a Closing Hymn: 450 - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, 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):

Scripture Readings for This Sunday

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

This Sunday, August 30

11:30 a.m.

Join Senior Warden Ed Rowles for **Coffee and Conversation** following the Sunday Eucharist. Entry by Zoom app. A link will be sent to members **by 7:00 AM on Sunday morning**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ed 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.

E V E N T S

Listening Circle

Saturday, August 29

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, September 1st at 11:00 a.m.

This week we look at chapter 22 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,

This week Eileen and I have taken a much needed "staycation." We have taken several enjoyable short day trips to Lancaster where we rode the Strasburg train, visited our favorite winery and vineyard in Bethlehem, PA, and went to the beautiful Longwood Gardens.

So, this is my article for the week! If you remember, last week I began my musings to beauty and its importance in our lives. I will continue those musings next week.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

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

Important Message for Parishioners - Phishing Scam Alert

There have been reports about a phishing scam happening on a daily basis. If you receive **what appears to be an email from either Rev. Sarah Nelson or Sr. Cassandra, please do not open!** Their email accounts may have been hacked! (Note that the emails from "Sarah" are asking for gift cards.) It's worth mentioning that one's friends are unlikely to request gift cards to help them out of a bind!

There are a few things **you** can do to avoid being hacked:

- ***Be Careful*** - don't open any email if you don't recognize the Sender or the email address.
- ***If an email looks like it is being sent by a name you know but looks suspicious***, hovering over a link in the email will show its true destination. You can also hover over the Sender's name (but don't click on it) and it will identify the true Sender!

- *If you have already received and opened the email, it is recommended that you change your password.*

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
17 - Bill Shearer
18 - Matthew Kaser
18 - Joseph Budna
19 - Judy Stanard
20 - Collin Green
20 - Sandra Graper

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

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, Bruce Clinton, Sr. Rosie, Lilly Walker,
Thomas Boyle, David Jefferson, Maria LaValle, Peggy Bachman, Joan,
The Weir Family, Jean White and The Jackson Family, Dell Ludwig, Kathleen
Frees-Kroboth, Jim Clarke. Fran O'Sullivan and Family.

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

Those who have died, especially Jeannie and Warren O'Sullivan.

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,
Lydia, Kathi, Stephen, Mike, Ali, Caroline and Magdy.

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MORNING PSALM AND PRAYERS

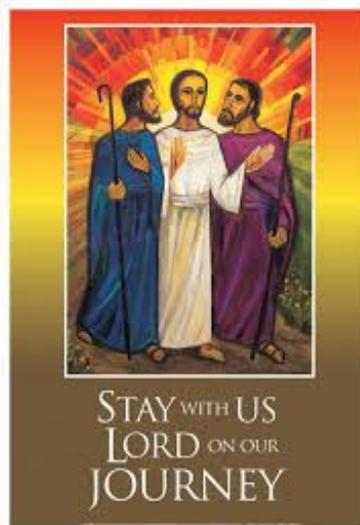
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VESTRY MEMBERS

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
