

The CHURCH of the HOLY TRINITY
An Episcopal Church

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

Fantasy on "Rock of Ages"

J. Krug

Processional Hymn

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou in my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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The Word of God

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Gloria



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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Scripture

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God,

“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; **make known his deeds among the peoples.*
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him, **and speak of all his marvelous works.*
- ³ Glory in his holy Name; **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.*
- ⁴ Search for the LORD and his strength; **continually seek his face.*
- ⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, **his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,*

- ⁶ O offspring of Abraham his servant, **O children of Jacob his chosen.*
- ²³ Israel came into Egypt, **and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.*
- ²⁴ The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; **he made them stronger than their enemies;*
- ²⁵ Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, **and dealt unjustly with his servants.*
- ²⁶ He sent Moses his servant, **and Aaron whom he had chosen.*
- ⁴⁵ *Hallelujah!*

Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

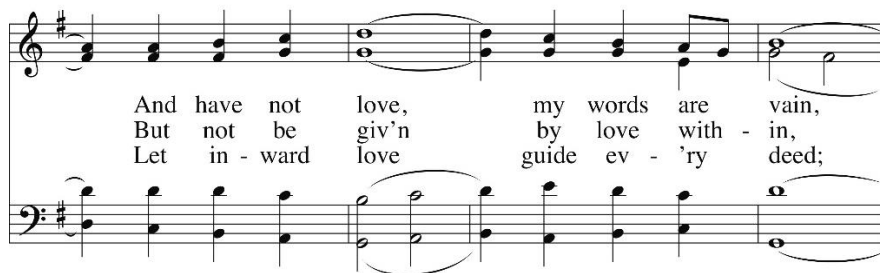
The Gift of Love



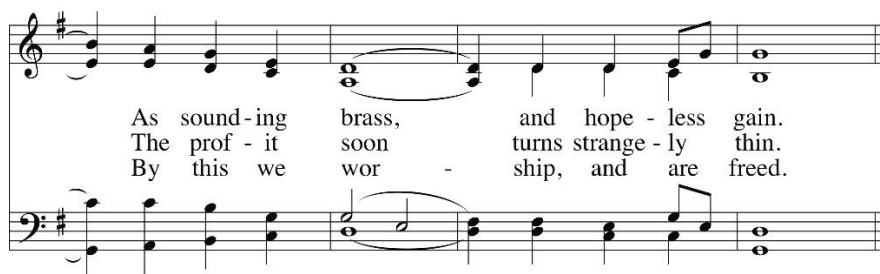
1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,



And have the gift to all in - spire,
And striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
Our spir - its long to be made whole.



And have not love, my words are vain,
But not be giv'n by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry deed;



As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
By this we wor - ship, and are freed.

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Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Reverend Kevin Cross

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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People

Diocese of Easton Discernment Prayer

O God our Comforter, who guides us in the ways of justice and truth and holds us close in times of uncertainty: Inspire us with your grace and wisdom, that we might do everything

according to your will and ground ourselves in your love. Give us a sense of openness about the future ministries and mission of the Diocese of Easton. Help us remember that we do not hold all of the answers, nor do we need to. Encourage us when we are anxious about change, reminding us that all things are in your hands: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

As faithful members of the body of Christ, let us now pray for the Church, the nation and the world. Saying, *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Almighty God, we acknowledge you with grateful hearts and the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Thank you, O Lord, for your love, your goodness and your mercy. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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, 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, 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, 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. In our weekly prayer intentions we pray for: (*read the names on the prayer list*)...

We pray for those in need of healing this day:

<i>Joel</i>	<i>Fr. Ambrose Boyd</i>	<i>Diane Lapp</i>
<i>Ritzi Miller</i>	<i>Dan O'Neill</i>	<i>Peg Keller</i>
<i>Rich Wagner</i>	<i>Jackson Beaumont</i>	<i>Kate</i>
<i>Eleanor Dallam</i>	<i>Courtney</i>	<i>Stephanie Cooney Moorhead</i>
<i>Michael Delean</i>	<i>Polly Obermeier</i>	<i>Sara Kadish</i>
<i>Donna Richards</i>	<i>Everett Kimball</i>	<i>George Wadleton</i>
<i>Betty Jo Mackart</i>	<i>John Dillon</i>	<i>Ken Swiecicki</i>
<i>Betty Mackart</i>	<i>Tom Bixler</i>	
<i>Elspeth Ritchie</i>	<i>Ron Kaufman</i>	

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart.(*pause*)... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, *Dolly Parton*, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially the members of our military who died in service to our country and we pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Are there others? You may name them aloud or silently in your heart...(*pause*) ... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people in the war torn areas of the world today. We pray for peace and the

laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you will hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace. *Dear God, hear our prayer.*

A period for personal meditation is observed

All: God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided for your will is health and wholeness; you're God and we need you. Amen.

*The Altar Flowers Are Given By Gordon Fronk
In Loving Memory of Sally from Gordon, Her Sons, and
Daughters-in-law, and Grandchildren*

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ and strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

E. Childs

Doxology *(please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

People: And of thy own we have given Thee.

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.

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

Preface

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

Arr. Malcolm Archer

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord -
God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature,

to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all

your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion *(Prayed with those joining us from home and hospital bed)*

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, I reaffirm your presence in my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion

Meditation on "Ivory Palaces"

C. Callahan

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour 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.

Birthdays

Jim Foster, 8/30	Jack Townsend, 9/1
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Anniversaries

Rene & Carol Van Erven, 9/3	
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Blessing

Recessional Hymn

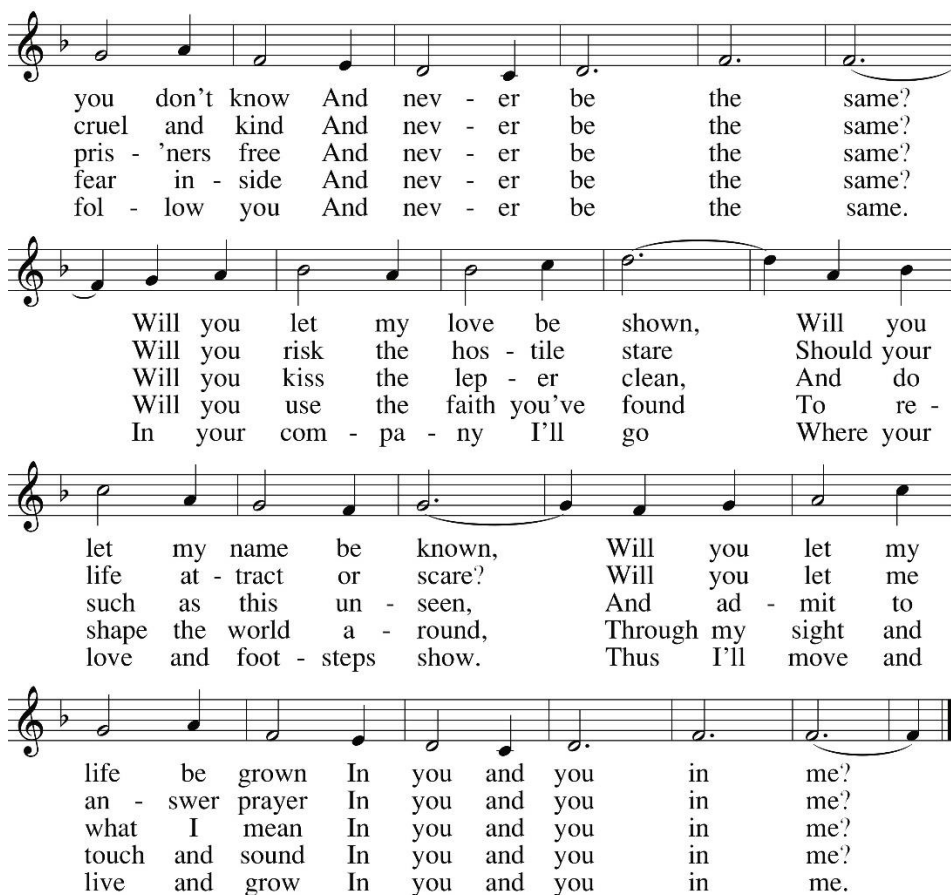
The Summons (Will You Follow Me)



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call	your	name?	Will	you	go	where
call	your	name?	Will	you	care	for
call	your	name?	Will	you	set	the
call	your	name?	Will	you	quell	the
call	my	name.	Let	me	turn	and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
Will you use the faith you've found To re -
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
what I mean In you and you in me?
touch and sound In you and you in me?
live and grow In you and you in me.

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Sending Forth

Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a
smile on your face. The world needs our joy, Alleluia, Alleluia
Let us go to share it. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

This Little Light of Mine

E. Childs

Thank you Anne & Tom DeMarco for hosting Fellowship hour.

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

<u>Monday - August 31</u> 11:00 am - Finance Meeting <u>Tuesday September 1</u> 8:30 am - Prayer Group <u>Wednesday - September 2</u> <u>Thursday - September 3</u>	<u>Friday - September 4</u> OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 am - Vestry Meeting <u>Saturday - September 5</u> OFFICE CLOSED <u>Sunday - September 6</u> 8:00 am -Holy Eucharist 10:00 am -Holy Eucharist
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Vestry Members

Margot McConnell Sr. Warden	Connie Greenhawk, Secretary	Margaret Munsch, Registrar
Dick Deerin, Treasurer	Bill Ritchie & Michelle Mactavish, Co-Junior Wardens	Gordon Fronk - Emeritus
Martha Callahan	Tom DeMarco	Susan Grauel
Dick Deerin	Art Dent	Trish Malin
Laura Cassidy	Walda Roseman	Al Sikes

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders	8:00 am	10:00 am
Reader	Laura Cassidy	Allison Walk
Acolyte	Susan Grauel	Mickey Terrone
Usher	Marty Sikes	Mike McConnell
Vestry Greeter	Al Sikes	Margot McConnell
Altar Guild	Nancy Roberts, Kaen Walbridge, Linda Wilson, Carla Todd	
Flower Guild	Ingrid Blanton, Pam Dent, Susan Middleton, Karen Parker, Chloe Pitard	



Coat of Many Colors

Dolly Parton

Back through the years I go wonderin' once again Back to the seasons of my youth I recall a box of rags that someone gave us And how my mama put the rags to use	So with patches on my britches And holes in both my shoes In my coat of many colors I hurried off to school Just to find the others laughing And are making fun of me In my coat of many colors My mama made for me
There were rags of many colors Every piece was small And I didn't have a coat And it was way down in the fall Mama sewed the rags together Sewin' every piece with love She made my coat of many colors That I was so proud of	And oh, I couldn't understand it For I felt I was rich And I told 'em of the love My mama sewed in every stitch And I told 'em all the story Mama told me while she sewed And how my coat of many colors Was worth more than all their clothes
As she sewed, she told a story From the Bible, she had read About a coat of many colors Joseph wore and then she said Perhaps this coat will bring you Good luck and happiness And I just couldn't wait to wear it And mama blessed it with a kiss	But they didn't understand it And I tried to make them see That one is only poor Only if they choose to be Now I know we had no money But I was rich as I could be In my coat of many colors My mama made for me Made just for me
My coat of many colors That my mama made for me Made only from rags But I wore it so proudly Although we had no money Well, I was rich as I could be In my coat of many colors My mama made for me	