



# St. Boniface Episcopal Church

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August 29, 2021 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Improvisation *James W. Guyer* / Swing Low, Sweet Chariot *Spiritual; arr. Patricia Cota*

## The Word of God

Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Song of Praise S-202**

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10** *8:00 all say 10:00 sung by the choir*

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

**James 1:17-27** Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

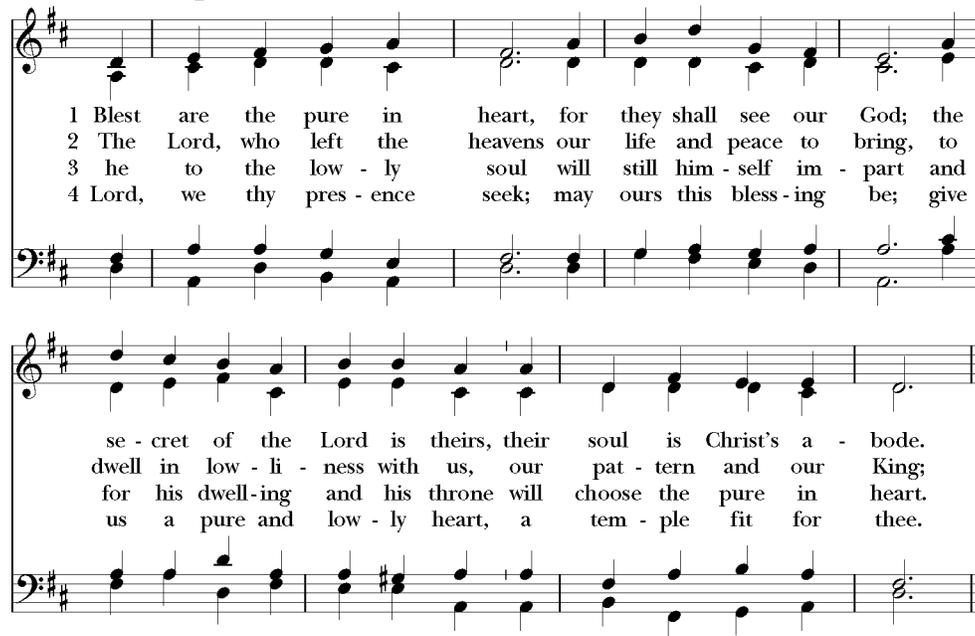
You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

10:00 Hymn 656 **Blest are the pure in heart**



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23** When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Very Rev. Wayne Farrell*

## **The 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 the 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Dabney, our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our President and Ronald our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome / Minute-for-Ministry *Second Heart Homes*

### **The Holy Communion**

*Celebrant* If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

8:00 Offertory **Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise** (*see page 1*)

10:00 Offertory Anthem

*Amazing Grace Trad. American; arr. Kathleen Wissinger*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.*

*I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see, I see.*

*T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fear relieved.*

*How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed, believed.*

*When we've been here ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,*

*We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.*

10:00 **Presentation Hymn 213 vs. 5**

*Hallelujah we sing, to our Father and King, and his rapturous praises, repeat:*

*to the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again, sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,:

**Sanctus S-114** *8:00 a.m. all say 10:00 a.m. all sing*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Fraction Anthem** *8:00 a.m. all say 10:00 a.m. all sing Hymnal S-158*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

*The people may join the Celebrant in saying*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God. To those who, due to this pandemic, are unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine; I assure you that all of the benefits of this Holy Communion are received spiritually, even though the Sacrament is not received physically.

*People may pray* **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I offer my praise and thanksgiving in communion with those who are receiving the blessed bread and cup at this Holy Eucharist. As I embrace you with all of my affections, send your body and blood to dwell spiritually in my life. Amen.

10:00 a.m. Communion music:

Instrumental

Great is Thy Faithfulness *William Runyan; arr. Cynthia Dobrinski*

Choir

God be in my head *John Rutter*

*God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;*

*God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;*

*God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

**Hymn 628 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths**



1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that  
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that  
stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.  
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## Closing Hymn 372 Praise to the living God!

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

### Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *Beethoven; arr. Jason Krug*

*St. Boniface Episcopal Church continues in Christ's love to invite, welcome, and include all in worship, healing, teaching, fellowship, and service in our diverse, inclusive Christian community.*

### Announcements

**COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE** Bishop Smith, supporting the CDC guidelines, is calling again for everyone to wear masks for all indoor church gatherings. This includes worship, visits to the office, and class or small group meetings indoors on campus. Masks are available at the Welcome Table. In addition, at the 10 am service we return to the standing Communion station at the Baptismal Font. As before, please remain masked to line up and receive the Bread. Then, as your return to your seat, unmask and consume your wafer. Fellowship after worship will be on the Courtyard. Masks are not required outside. Finally, there are plenty of seats in the church if you choose to spread out. Thank you for understanding.

#### *Fellowship*

- ❖ Blessings and best wishes to those celebrating **birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Chris Coston, Annika Guyer, Doug Hall, Courtney Hawk, Jan Hinch, D'Arlene Llewellyn, Alyssa McManus, Maria Thacker, Barbara & Hap Haskins.
- ❖ Stop by the Courtyard following worship for **fellowship and conversation** over a beverage and individually pre-wrapped goodies. Please contact the church office if you would like to provide items for an upcoming Sunday (941-349-5616 x318).
- ❖ Join us for **virtual coffee hour** at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays, contact Lisa Wolf for the Zoom link, [lwolf@bonifacechurch.org](mailto:lwolf@bonifacechurch.org).
- ❖ **Men of Boniface** gather Fridays at 8:30 a.m. at the Serving Spoon restaurant (Osprey Ave.), contact Reg Irvine for information, [reg.irvine@verizon.net](mailto:reg.irvine@verizon.net).
- ❖ The **Watercolor Group's Summer Show** is on display in the Parish Hall. Most paintings are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting our parish ministries.

#### *Worship*

- ❖ **Today we welcome RingSide** This handbell ensemble is comprised of 6 players from Ring Sarasota and always impresses with their technical prowess as they cover many more bells than is usual for a handbell group.
- ❖ **10:00 a.m. Tuesday**, Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.
- ❖ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom bi-monthly at 10:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (**September 1 & 15** ID: 886 9678 4674 Passcode: 077733).
- ❖ Wednesday **worship and potluck** gathers in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm for Evening Prayer (Eucharist first Wednesdays of the month) followed by a Pot Luck supper outside. Please bring a salad, main dish, drink or dessert to share. Contact Katherine Johnson for info, 941-927-2066.
- ❖ **Recital & Evensong September 5** Join us in-person or online at 5:00 p.m. for a recital with Boniface Young Artist Showcase classical guitarist Wade LeCain, performing works by Mozart, Sor, Arabe, Tarrega, and Debussy. The Evensong service following includes compositions by Hildegard von Bingen, Christopher Tye, and C.H.H. Parry.

## *Healing*

- ❖ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love. Contact Meg Larrabee by email [meqlarrabee@hotmail.com](mailto:meqlarrabee@hotmail.com).
- ❖ **Beyond the Broken Heart** Everyone must deal with the issues of loss at some point in life. People we care about die. People we care about stop caring about us. Jobs disappear. Health diminishes. Security is lost. The Grief and Loss support group can help navigate such difficult times. We have extended our meeting times to twice a month, gathering on the second and fourth Sundays (**September 12 & 26**) in the Healing Mission at 11:30. For more information contact Rita Piovane 610-442-0984 or [driritav@gmail.com](mailto:driritav@gmail.com).
- ❖ The **Healing Mission** is suspending in-person appointments at this time. A prayer session is available over the phone. Call 941-349-5616 x335 and leave a message.

## *Teaching*

- ❖ **Nursery care** resumes for our youngest parishioners. The Nursery, located along the Courtyard, is staffed with our licensed, professional caregivers, and with COVID safety protocols in place.
- ❖ **Church School** *Weaving God's Promises* Children in Pre-K4 to 5th grade gather Sundays at 10:00 a.m. A greeter at the Welcome Table can direct you and your child to the classroom. The children return to their parents in church just before Communion.
- ❖ **Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Bible Study** with Fr. Jeff Hamblin ([jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com](mailto:jlh@jeffreyhamblin-md.com)) meets in the Library and on Zoom.
- ❖ **The Church's History with Racial Equality** Our parishioner Maria Thacker invites you to join in a four-week book study in September of *The Color of Compromise*, by Jemar Tisby. The small group will provide an intimate setting to discuss a difficult topic, sharing our own personal experiences and understandings. For more info or to sign up, email Maria Thacker ([mmthacker@gmail.com](mailto:mmthacker@gmail.com)).
- ❖ **Literary Ladies** next meet in the Library (and by Zoom) on Thursday, **September 9** at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the book *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. Contact Marilyn Hill for more information and the Zoom invite, 941-374-1990.

## *Service*

- ❖ **Minute-for-Ministry today** *Second Heart Homes* is a Sarasota-based organization that houses and provides a myriad of services to those who are homeless or risking homelessness due to mental health issues. Founder and Executive Director Megan Howell, MS, will join us for a Minute for Ministry during the 10:00 service and further conversation during coffee hour.
- ❖ **Church Office** summer hours 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., or by appointment.
- ❖ **St. Nicholas Fair**—Your help is needed for our December 4th event! Look for the green *Sign Up Helpers Needed* poster outside and volunteer at one of the many tables, publicity, or set-up/take down opportunities.

- ❖ **Special Offering** in August supports the work of our Pastoral Care Ministries – our Healing Mission, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, and Beyond the Broken Heart Grief and Loss program. Through these ministries, we are present with fellow parishioners and friends in the community struggling through times of trouble, crisis or need. *Above and beyond our regular giving, we have two opportunities to support our caring ministries at St. Boniface. You may make your gift in thanksgiving or in memory.*
- ❖ **All Faiths Food Bank** Later this year we hope to have the food bank’s familiar bright yellow barrels out again. In the meantime you may donate non-perishable items at the food bank (941-379-6333), Salvation Army of Sarasota (941-952-0349), Meals on Wheels of Sarasota (941-366-6693), or any Sarasota County Goodwill location. *We cannot accept items at the church at this time.*
- ❖ **Covid vaccinations**—no appointment needed at the Sarasota County Health Department (2200 Ringling Blvd), offered daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also available at Publix, Walgreens and CVS pharmacies.
- ❖ **Relief Aid for Haiti** A 7.2 magnitude earthquake followed by Tropical Storm Grace have left the impoverished island of Haiti reeling. Over 2,000 have lost their lives. Hundreds of thousands more have lost homes and livelihoods. Episcopal Relief and Development is there working with long-established partners to bring aid and help with long-term recovery.  
**To double your kindness, up to \$5,000 from the St. Boniface Discretionary Aid Fund will match your gifts, dollar for dollar.** *You may make your gift via St. Boniface Church (make your check payable to the church, with ERD-Haiti on the memo line) or directly to Episcopal Relief & Development ([episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief](http://episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief)). If you give directly to ERD, contact the church office to let us know your gift amount, so it will be included in the challenge.*