



St. Boniface Episcopal Church

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September 5, 2021 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Sonata in F Major *Georg Philipp Telemann* - Jen Weinstein, flute

The Word of God

Hymn 375 Give praise and glory unto God

Unison or harmony

1 Give praise and glo - ry un - to God, the Fa - ther of all bless - ing;
2 The host of hea - ven prais - eth thee, O Lord of all do - min - ions;
3 What God hath wrought to show his power he ev - er - more sus - tain - eth;

his might - y won - ders tell a - broad, his gra - cious - ness con -
and mor - tals then, on land and sea, be - neath thy sha - dowing
he watch - es o'er us ev - ery hour, his mer - cy nev - er

fess - ing. With balm my in - most heart he fills, his
pin - ions, ex - ult in thy cre - a - tive might that
wan - eth. Through all his king - dom's wide do - main, his

com - fort all my an - guish stills. To God be praise and glo - ry.
do - eth all things well and right. To God be praise and glo - ry.
right - eous - ness and jus - tice reign. To God be praise and glo - ry.

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 Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125 *8:00 all say 10:00 sung by the choir*

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a

seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

10:00 Hymn 604 (omit vs. 2) When Christ was lifted from the earth

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his arms stretched out a -
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and al - ways, near or
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di - vide us to our
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may I in Christ be

bove through ev - ery cul - ture, ev - ery birth, to
 far, he calls and claims us as his friends and
 shame, he sees not la - bels but a face, a
 free to wel - come and ac - cept his own as

Optional interlude between stanzas Final Ending

draw an an - swering love. (love.)
 loves us as we are. (are.)
 per - son, and a name. (name.)
 Christ ac - cept - ed (me.) me.

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

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

Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being.

8:00 Offertory **Hymn 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing**

10:00 Offertory Anthem

Giver of every perfect gift *K. Lee Scott*

Giver of ev'ry perfect gift, you shape my life from womb to grave.

Reveal your good and gracious will that plants me in this time and place.

Display the gifts assigned to me. Make them a witness of your name.

You planned and know the gifts I have; Creator, God, from you they come,

Unique and special, from your heart, intended for a chosen role.

Thrill me to find and recognize the talents only you can give.

Revealing Word, sent Son of God, Proclaimer of the Kingdom's dawn,

It is for you, because of you, that ev'ry talent is bestowed.

You have a part for me to fill, a purpose of this life of mine.

Enabling Spirit, Gift of gifts, empower me, stir up my faith,

Make me an instrument of grace, of mercy, blessing, peace, and joy.

Let me not miss another day in seeing what your gifts can do.

10:00 **Presentation Hymn 493 vs. 1 & 6**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

*Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.*

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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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

Fantasia to IV in B Major *Georg Philipp Telemann*

Choir

Cantate Domino *Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni*

Cantate Domino canticum novum, cantate et benedicite nomini eius, quia mirabilia fecit. Cantate et exultate et psallite, psallite in cithara et voce psalmi, quia mirabilia fecit.

Translation: *Sing unto God the Lord, sing ye a new song O sing ye to God the Lord, sing and bless ye his Name Wondrous, wondrous are the works of the Lord God: O sing ye with exultation, and praise the Lord, Praise him on the merry harp and voices, The merry harp and voices with a psalm: Wondrous, wondrous are the works of the Lord God.*

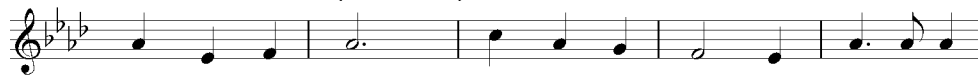
Hymn 482 Lord of all hopefulness

1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm,
 whose trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace,
 whose voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm,
 be there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab-ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray,
 your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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 412 Earth and all stars (vs 1, 4, 5)



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
 5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
 6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
 2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
 3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
 4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
 5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
 6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



Refrain
 He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

The Collect for Labor Day

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Epilogue *Norman Gilbert*

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 requiring 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 Communion is received at the Baptismal Font. 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 is on the Courtyard. Masks are not required outside. Thank you for understanding.

Fellowship

- ❖ Blessings and best wishes to those celebrating **birthdays and anniversaries** this week: Suzanne Barksdale, Harry Davant, Zoe Dougherty, Marty Faust, Bill Fell, Hannah Gregory, Moises Lopez, Audrey Pinney, Michael Piovane, Al Poppen, Meryl & Bill Fell, Lillian & Glen Ridgeway, Judy & Dan Stickler.
- ❖ Stop by the “Front Porch” 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ 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

- ❖ **Recital & Evensong Today** 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **9/11 Twentieth Year Commemoration** 6:00-7:30 pm Saturday September 11, 2021 at the Sarasota National Cemetery's 2800-seat Patriot Plaza amphitheater. Bishop Dabney Smith will speak joining local leaders, military officials, and a 70-voice choir. Masks are recommended for all

attending. No reservations needed. 9820 Clark Rd/SR 72 (three miles east of I-75). (Rain date: Sunday September 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m.)

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 meglarrabee@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.
- ❖ 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) meets in the Library and on Zoom.
- ❖ **Literary Ladies** next meet in the Library (and by Zoom) on Wednesday, **September 8** 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.
- ❖ **Center for Spiritual Transformation educational offering** Saturday, **September 11, 10:00 a.m.** by Zoom: "Outreach, the Soul of the Church." Parishioners Helen & Doug Francis talk on how outreach has enriched their spiritual lives. Their belief is that these ministries have brought God's love into the community, and without the church's support there would be less opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. (Zoom ID: 849 5849 3207 / passcode: 596368).

Service

- ❖ **Giving Tree** Our parish outreach this month supports **Second Heart Homes**, providing housing and critical support services to homeless adult members of our community with mental health issues. Their high-touch, tailored-service approach revives dignity, establishes stability, and teaches independence. Clients come to their programs based on their commitment to address their health, remain sober and achieve personal goals toward self-sufficiency. You can help with your purchase of any of the basic necessities on this wish list. If you are shopping on line, consider having your items sent to the church office (5615 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota, FL 34242) Attn: Giving Tree. Please drop off your items by Sunday, September 26.

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **September’s Special Giving** supports our **Center for Spiritual Transformation** at St. Boniface Church, now entering its third year. Long-standing and newly emerging ministries are combining to create a center where parishioners and community members can further explore and deepen their spirituality. In times that can seem increasingly troubled and fractured, we give thanks for the Center, offering pathways to draw closer to our Creator’s love. To learn more, visit <http://www.bonifacechurch.org/cst>. Your gift may be made in thanksgiving or 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.
- ❖ **The Disaster Relief Fund** of Episcopal Relief & Development helps partners and dioceses reach people in vulnerable communities devastated by recent catastrophes. Your gift enables ERD to respond immediately, and aid in 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). 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.*