



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 30, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.
Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Sicilienne”

David Evan Thomas

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 737

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

***Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

- P** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love;
and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 1:4-10

- ⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
- ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
- ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”
- ⁷But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

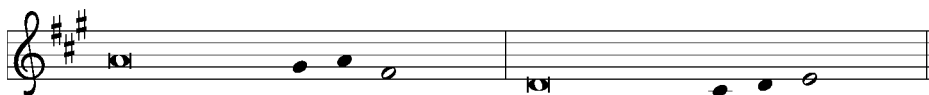
ℒ The word of the Lord.

☛ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 71:1-6

Antiphon: Daniel Kallman

Antiphon: From my mother's womb you have been my strength.



¹In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. Antiphon**

⁵For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD,
my confidence since | I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb
you have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you. Antiphon**

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:1-13

³But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



***Gospel — Luke 4:21-30**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 644

“Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”

***Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓑ hear our prayer.

*Peace

- Ⓐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- Ⓑ And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

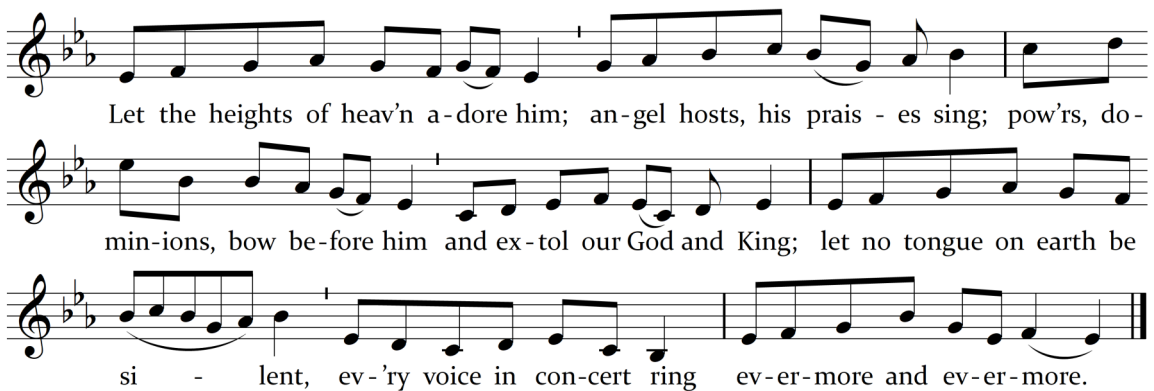
Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Offering Hymn — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" stanza 4 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais - es sing; pow'rs, do-
min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
si - lent, ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

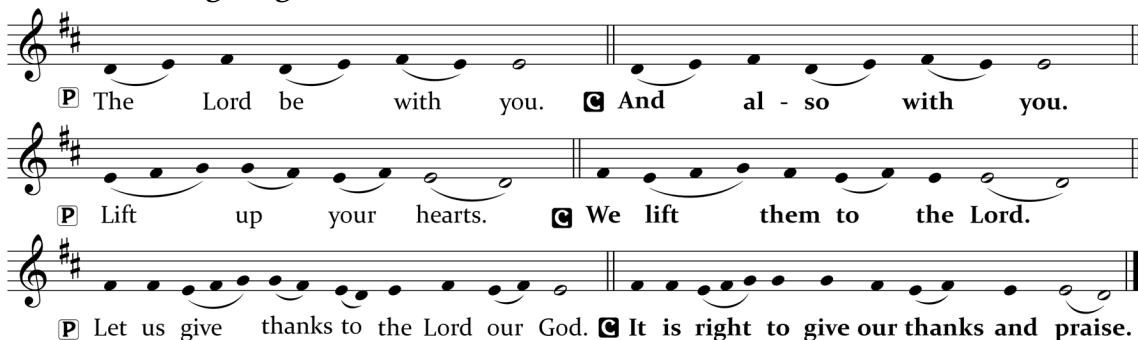
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the
grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of
your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE LORDS SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

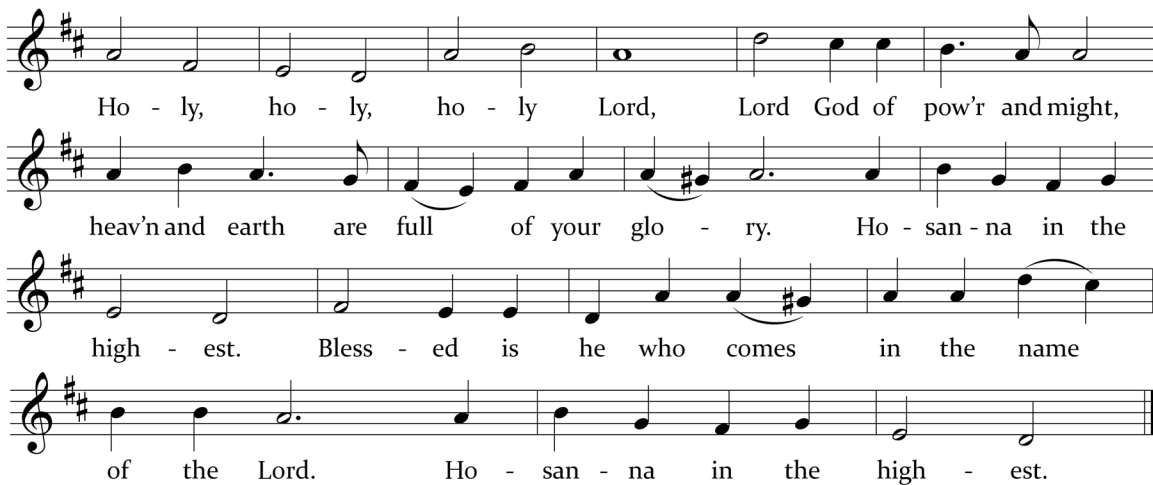


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary;
ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center.
After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice.
The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray.
**If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know,
and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, and every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 551

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

***Dismissal**

- ℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
☞ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Fanfare”

Paul Spicer



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	Dave and Ruth Legvold
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Counters	David Norman, Bob Tabery, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger, John Ophaug (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson, Keri Peterson

Children and Youth Ministries

Virtual Sunday School (Pre-K through Grade 5)

Sundays, 10:00–10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Virtual Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12)

Sundays, 10:00–10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Children's After School Programming (K-Grade 5) Temporarily Placed on Hold

Due to the rise in COVID cases, Wednesday programming is taking a break. Please check the weekly **children's ministry email** to receive programming schedule updates and details. Contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you have any questions.

Confirmation and High School Youth Group

This Wednesday from 6:15–7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Find the Zoom links for each group in the weekly youth ministry emails sent to families. Contact Emmanuel Kaghondi at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org with any questions. Plan to return to in-person programming on Wednesday, February 9.

No School Day, Monday, February 21

Watch for more information about Movie Morning at St. John's for Grades K-5.

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Elmer & Cora Schultz and Ken Struss by Marie Struss and family. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30–9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Dates available: March 6, 20 & 27. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee Fellowship Hour Has Been Placed “On Hold”

Due to the elevated COVID case numbers coffee fellowship hour will not take place today. We will resume coffee fellowship time when it is safer to do so.

Pub Theology via Zoom

Monday, January 31, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Topic: *White Supremacy: What's Love Got to Do With It?*

We will discuss the MLK Day event, and Rev. Otis Moss's presentation called *White Supremacy: What's Love Got to Do With It?* Please watch it to prepare for our discussion. Find the link to the presentation in last Thursday's E-Voice (January 20 or 27) or search for it by name on YouTube. If you would like to be added to the Pub Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan Davis at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Courageous Conversations Presents: “Sinner and Saint: The Church and Racism”

Thursday, February 3, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Pastors Pam Fickenschier and Jonathan Davis will offer frank discussion of the church's complicity concerning racism while acknowledging the good work that has been happening to build the beloved community. Registration required: www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous. Sponsored by the Women of St. John's.

Dialogues on Race Discussions

Begins Sunday, February 13, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library and via Zoom

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you to participate in discussions of *Dialogues on Race* each second Sunday of the month from February through June. Each month's discussion will focus on one section of *Dialogues on Race* (Sparkhouse, 2019), facilitated by Jo Franklin, Debby Nitz, and Dawn Tommerdahl. A schedule of the readings and more details will be emailed to participants at the end of January, along with instructions for those connecting electronically. The Adult Ministry & Education Board has purchased copies of the book through Content, and will have them available for \$10 between worship services on January 16, 23, and 30. Alternative arrangements will be made for those who indicate on the registration form that they are unable to pick up the book at St. John's. Please register by contacting Marilyn Calcutt.

Announcements (continued)

Invitation from St. John's Peace & Justice Group

**Book Study: *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* by Karen Gonzalez
Tuesdays, February 8, 15, 22, and March 1, 6:30–7:45 p.m. via Zoom**

We invite you to join in this book discussion that explores immigration through the lens of Scripture with an understanding of God's call to welcome the stranger. Abraham and Sarah, Ruth and Naomi, Hagar, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were all migrants that crossed borders and sought refuge from insurmountable challenges within their home communities. To register and for addition information, go to: <https://form.jotform.com/220197129368158>. This study is sponsored by the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Please consider packing/rolling a Personal Care Kit (or two) for LWR. We'll be collecting completed kits in the Commons under the St. John's Women bulletin board until March 15. Lists of necessary items and rolling instructions are there as well. Online instructions at: www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/missions.

New Missionary Sponsorship

The Benevolence & Social Concerns Board is pleased to announce that St. John's will now be sponsoring Kaitlynne Larson, a peace-building and human rights educator accompanying the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia). This new sponsorship follows the recent retirement of Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich and Rev. Dr. Mark Rich from their service to Tanzania. Learn more about Kaitlynne Larson in the February/March edition of *The Voice* when it comes out next month.

January Focus: ELCA Global Mission

During January, we ask you to consider a special gift to ELCA Global Mission. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world together. The ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God's reconciling mission through proclamation and service. We can do more together by sharing our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and hunger and meeting human needs, fight HIV and AIDS, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the Good News throughout the world. You may donate online at elca.org or by check, noting Global mission on the memo line.

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Jo Dahlin, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Dick Kleber
Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Howard Thorsheim

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim,
Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Howard Thorsheim,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Elaine Feroe, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 6):

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13 † Psalm 138 † 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 † Luke 5:1-11

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This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Jan. 31	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology via Zoom
Tuesday, Feb. 1	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Feb. 2	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Nfld Grief Coalition: Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Confirmation and High School Youth Group via Zoom
Thursday, Feb. 3	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations via Zoom
Friday, Feb. 4	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Feb. 5	9:00 a.m.	Council Retreat, Undercroft
Sunday, Feb. 6	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Virtual Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5) via Zoom Virtual Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12) via Zoom Worship, Sanctuary Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.