



Ask the Lord of the harvest to
send laborers to the
harvest.

The Episcopal Church of the Atonement
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021
8:00 am & 10:00 am

The Word of God

All stand.

The Hymnal 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Priest and People offer the Collect of Purity

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.

At 8 am

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

At 10 am

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,

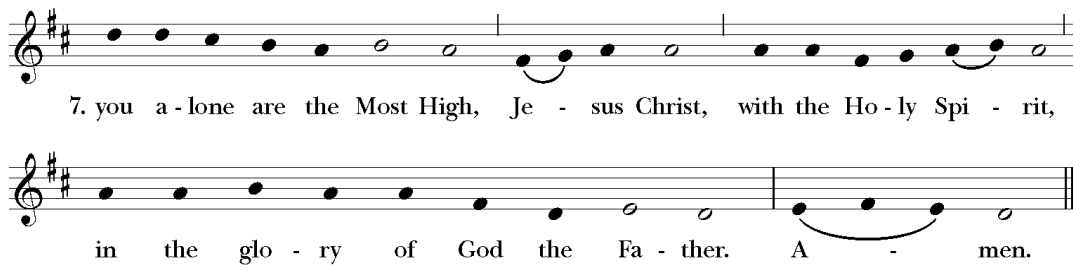
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



The Celebrant then says

God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Job 38:1-41

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

At 10 am **The Hymnal 602**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

The Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud,

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Bishop, Nancy our Priest, Jess our Seminarian, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph, our President, Charlie, our Governor, and Donald, our Mayor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We remember Jock Glidden buried this week and Seth Kellogg, recently departed and Ruth, Norman, Bruce, James, and John Oyler in whose memory altar memorials have been given and in whose memory the Sanctuary Lamp burns. Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We offer thanks for the twenty fifth birthday of Connor Turgeon, in whose honor Altar memorials have been given by Jean Turgeon.

The people may offer names or concerns either silently or aloud.

The celebrant offers a concluding collect

From *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare

Suffering God, in whose name we seek glory for ourselves; cast down the idols that serve our fear and guilt, our need for blame, for punishment; direct our angry hearts to him who bears our wounds where there is no more need to fight; through Jesus Christ, the true God and servant of all. **Amen**

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant

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

The People stand.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

When we gather, we are happy to receive an offering of “our life and labor” which we present to God. If you are in person, you may offer your gift in the plate at the door of the worship space. In-person or online, you may give at Tithe.ly.

At 10 am **Hymn 583**

O holy city, see of John

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

Enriching Our Worship I

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People (spoken at 8 am, sung at 10 am)

Sanctus: S124

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

At 8 am

Celebrant

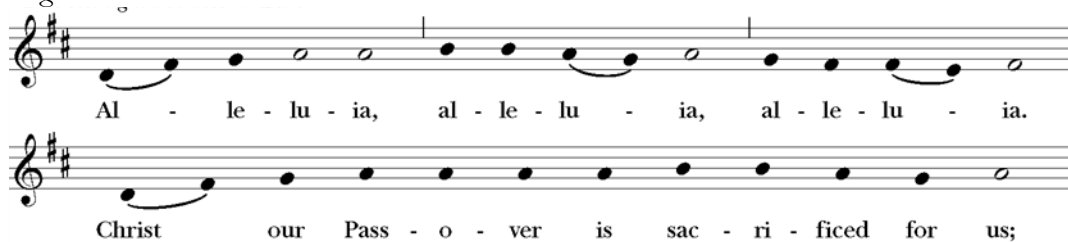
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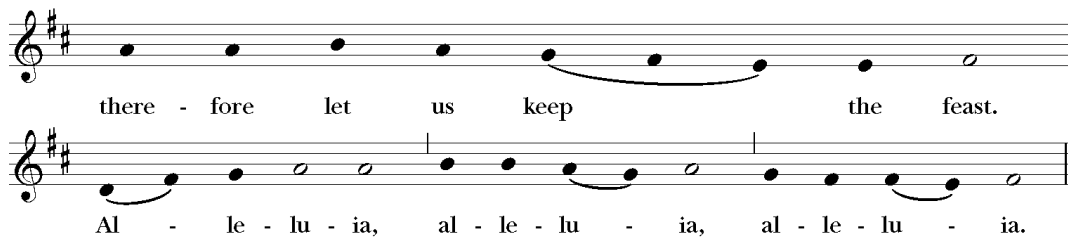
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

At 10 am is sung

Fraction: S154





The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the presence of God in the Holy Eucharist. During times of pandemic (including this time) the church has adopted habits to mitigate the spread of disease and still share in the bread of heaven and cup of salvation. Those sitting in the choir area will receive first. Then the priest will bring the bread down the stairs to the floor of the nave. Please come forward, one person at a time. Receive the bread in your hand and know that both the body and blood of Jesus are present in the wafer. While we cannot safely share the common Cup, a member of the Altar party will receive the Wine on behalf of all.

Spiritual Communion

Those who are unable to receive communion in person are invited to offer this prayer of Spiritual Communion:

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from you; let me live and die in your love. Amen.

At 10 am **Voluntary**

Communion

Alexandre Guilmant

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People stand to pray.

from Enriching Our Worship I

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The priest may bless the people, who respond **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The priest dismisses the people, who respond **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymnal 680

O God, our help in ages past

Voluntary

Sortie

François Benoist

PERMISSIONS

Except as noted within the text of the service leaflet: The structure and words of our service are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, *Enriching Our Worship*, *The Book of Occasional Services*, and *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*, by Steven Shakespeare (all by Church Publishing). The Biblical texts of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel lessons are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA. Hymns are taken from *The Hymnal 1982*, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, and *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (all by Church Publishing) and *Songs & Prayers from Taizé*, (GIA Publications, Inc.). Permission to print/post hymns for congregational use is granted by Rite Song and/or One License and permission to podcast/stream the music in this service is granted by One License: #A-723294.

THE MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Altar Guild: Bill Stroud, Josh Velez
Linens: Debbie Bruno
Flower Guild: Sally Angers
Stream Team: Curt Hahn, Rob Hayes

8:00 am

Lector: Jacquie Hasko
Usher: Debbie Bruno
Eucharistic Minister: Irene Ring

10:00 am

Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Mueller
Lectors: Candy Oyler, Karen Newman
Ushers: Mark Mueller, Chris Steger

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please use this list in your daily prayers. We are happy to add your concerns.

Contact office administrator Tanya Woodbury at program@atonementwestfield.org or call 562-5461 ext. 100.

Altar Memorials have been given by Jean Turgeon to the Glory of God in celebration of Connor Turgeon on his twenty-fifth birthday.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth, Norman, Bruce, James, and John Oyler, given by Candy Oyler.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Diocesan Prayer Cycle Good Shepherd Episcopal / Grace Lutheran, West Springfield;
The Episcopal Chaplaincy at Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center, Daily Bread Food Pantry, Milford; Gideon's Garden, Great Barrington

At this time of pandemic we remember before God all who died and all who are suffering due to the COVID 19 virus and we thank God for all doctors, nurses, medical technicians, hospital workers, essential workers, research scientists, those working to distribute vaccines, and those developing new treatments.

For the departed: Jock Glidden buried this week and Seth Kellogg recently departed.

For these families and individuals Art, Anne, Jean, Ruth, Virginia, Ruby, Thelma, Vivian, Connie, Seth, Candy, Betty, Jeff, Bonnie, Irida, Bryan, Jayden, Jillian, Jasmin, Steve, Mary, Kris, Florence, David, Lesley, Ciro, Christina, Ted, Ginni, Bill, Mark, Iris, Hilda, Brad, Skip, Marcia, Ruth, Paul, Dick, Jennie, Marcel, Maria, Mark, Derrick, Jan, Gordon, Hedley, Gary, Sally, Asher, Loretta, Bob, Anne, Jess, Philadelphia, Toni, Rich, The Kellogg Family, John, the Glidden Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS Our office is open 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Tuesdays through Fridays, staffed by our new Office Administrator, Tanya Woodbury. Please wear a mask when visiting the office. Contact Tanya by email at program@atonementwestfield.org or by phone at 413-562-5461, ext. 100.

EVENSONG AND CHOIR On Thursdays beginning at 6:30 pm, we are in person! Our service of sung Evening Prayer is also streamed on Facebook. Following Evensong is choir rehearsal. On Sunday mornings, choir members are encouraged to come to the 10 am service and lead the congregational singing (in masks when indoors). We will continue to make adjustments to our plans as the pandemic conditions warrant.

OFFERING One of the safety protocols we are following is not handing things to one another. That is why you will find the offering plate at the door of the church. On the floor near the offering table are baskets for non-perishable food that we will distribute through our Little Free Food Pantry. We invite you to be generous!

COFFEE HOUR You are invited to gather following the service, on the lawn between the church and the parking lot, as weather permits. If you wish to offer refreshments, please sign up on the board in the Narthex.

PRAYERS ON THE PLAYGROUND/FRONT LAWN

THIS WEEK, October 17, join us back on the playground at 9:15 am for 20 minutes of story, song and prayers. We will continue on the playground each week, weather permitting.

ALTAR MEMORIALS It is our custom to offer memorials or thanksgivings in the form of oil for the Sanctuary Lamp or flowers for the Altar. (If there are funds leftover after paying for the oil and the flowers, they go towards keeping our livestreaming equipment up to date.) If you would like to offer a memorial, please be in touch with the Office Administrator at 562-5461, ext 100.

FLOWER GUILD We are eagerly seeking new members to help us arrange flowers for the Altar on Sunday mornings and decorate the church for Christmas and Easter. The work is fun and creative—and you can plan it in advance! Questions? Call Donna Tatlock-Calkins or Mother Nancy.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS are invited to use our big building and spacious grounds for activities that support community life. At this time, we host five 12-step recovery groups, two music classes for little children, and a dog training class, as well as offering storage space for Hampden County Emergency services. **WE HAVE MORE SPACE TO OFFER!** If you know of a group that needs a place to be, please be in touch with Office Administrator Tanya Woodbury at 562-5461, ext 100.

COVID POLICY Because our first protocol is always *love for one another*, we must wear masks when indoors, and practice social distancing as much as possible. We ask you to observe this during our church services, when visiting the building for any reason, and when attending meetings of our Community Partners. We are happy to help anyone get a vaccine or booster who is eligible to do so. We also recognize that a small number of folks cannot receive the vaccine for medical reasons. And of course, children are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. Until the time that vaccinations protect more of us, mask-wearing, social distance, and hand hygiene are as important as ever!

IN LOVING MEMORY of parishioner Seth Kellogg: Calling hours are today, here at Atonement from 2:00 pm till 3:30 pm. Seth's funeral is here tomorrow October 18, 2021 beginning at 2:00 pm.

THIS WEEK AT ATONEMENT

The Church Office is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Sunday, October 17	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 9:15 am Prayers on the Playground 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person and livestreamed 2:00 pm <i>Calling hours for Seth Kellogg</i> 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15
Monday, October 18	2:00 pm <i>Funeral for Seth Kellogg</i> 8:00 pm <i>AA</i>
Tuesday, October 19	4:00 pm <i>Canine Learning Center</i> 6:30 pm <i>Music Together</i> 7:00 pm Spiritual Reflection for Troubled Times on Zoom
Wednesday, October 20	12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm <i>OA</i>
Thursday, October 21	10:00 am <i>Music Together</i> 6:30 pm Evensong and Choir Rehearsal in person 7:30 pm <i>NA</i>
Friday, October 22	7:00 pm <i>Stairway to Serenity Al-Anon</i>
Sunday, October 24	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in person 9:15 am Prayers on the Playground 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in person and livestreamed 6:00 pm Sunday Worship on Westfield Channel 15

Drawn in by Grace; Reaching out in Love"

God calls people of any age, race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality to join us in worship and work in the world. God's grace draws us in: straight, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer—all of us.

And together all of us reach out with God's love.



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