**St. Peter's Church in Essex Fells**
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***The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost***
***August 16, 2026***

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able. Help us make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

## *Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church*

Voluntary *Prelude, 'Amazing Grace'* *Gerald Near*

Entrance Hymn 362 *Hymnal 1982* NICAEA

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

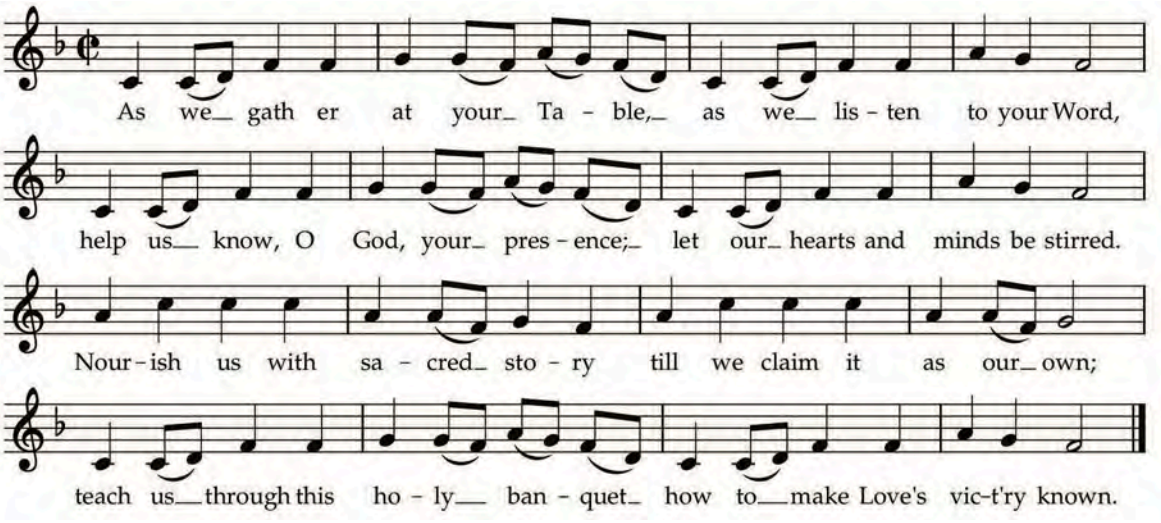
*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People*** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity *BCP, page 355*

*Song of Praise*

HOLY MANNA
*Text: Carl P. Daw, 1989; Tune: Columbian Harmony*



Collect of the Day *Proper 15, BCP, page 232*

*Presider* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

First Reading *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

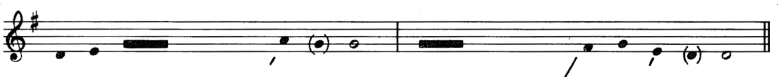
Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.... And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please remain seated and sing*

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur* *Tone VIII*



*Cantor* May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

*ALL* show us the light of his counte/nance and *come* to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon *earth*, *
your saving health a/mong all *na*tions.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O *God*; *
let all the /peoples *praise* you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for *joy*, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the /nations *on* the earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O *God*; *
let all the /peoples *praise* you.

6 The earth has brought forth her *in*crease; *
may God, our own God, give /us his *bles*sing.
7 May God, give us his *blessing*, *
and may all the ends of the earth/ stand in *awe* of him.

Second Reading *Romans 11:12a-29-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.... for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

*Please stand for the Gospel procession and sing*

Hymn 671 *Hymnal 1982* NEW BRITAIN

Gospel Reading *Matthew 15:21-28*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.
***People*** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon *The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder*

Nicene Creed *BCP, page 358*

Prayers of the People *from 'Enriching the Christian Year'*

*Leader* Lord of life,

***People*** **In your mercy, hear us.**

Confession of Sin and the Peace *BCP, page 360*

## The Holy Communion

*All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code (right). Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.*

Offertory *Pastorale for Flute and Organ* *Charles Callahan*

Hymn 380 *(stanza 3) Hymnal 1982* OLD HUNDREDTH

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP, page 361*

*Sanctus* *Hymnal 1982, S-129*

Lord's Prayer *BCP, page 364*

Breaking the Bread *Hymnal 1982, S 161*

*ALL* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

Invitation

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.*

Voluntary *Prelude for Flute* *Ulysses Kay*

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**
**and grant us strength and courage**
**to love and serve you**
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

*At the Dismissal, all respond*

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

*Please remain standing and sing*

Hymn 336 *Hymnal 1982* WERDE MUNTER

## This Week's Parish Notices

### Stewardship and the Summer

Our annual stewardship drive, *Gifts from Our Souls*, continues. While you're on vacation this summer, please remember to keep your pledge up to date. Pledges can be made online using the QR code on page 4 of this leaflet. Contact a member of the Vestry to find out more about how you can support the many ministries of St. Peter's. ***Thank you for all you do to keep our Beloved Community strong!***

### Coffee Hour—*A special time for fellowship!*

Every Sunday after the 10 am service, we gather in Upper Room to meet and greet fellow parishioners. All are welcome to attend Coffee Hour. This ministry depends on volunteers to provide light refreshments and to help with set up. Please consider being a part of this fellowship by signing up for a Sunday to host! During the summer, we'll have cold lemonade and cookies, etc. There are serving platters, paper goods and utensils available for use in the kitchen. Directions on setting up are provided. Use the *QR* code here, or contact Barbara Gargiulo at barbara.gargiulo9@gmail.com.

### Parish Choir

The Parish Choir (Adults and older teens) will resume Thursday evening, September 10 at 7:30 in the Choir Room. Everyone is welcome to come and sing with us! Singing is great fun, Christian formation, and a wonderful way to be a part of a great community. A highlight of this fall will be a presentation of the *Requiem in D minor* of Gabriel Fauré in honor of All Souls on the afternon of November 1 at 4, joined by the Caldwell University Choir and Holy Innocents', West Orange. For more information, contact Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org, 973.226.6500). *Everyone is welcome to give choir a try!*

### Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir rehearsals will resume after Labor Day on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the south transept of the church. Everyone is welcome to come and ring with us! For more information, contact Mark Trautman. *Everyone is welcome to give Handbell Choir a try!*

## Welcome Back Sunday

*Welcome Back Sunday* will be September 13. There will be blessing of backpacks, students, and educators. The Parish Choir will return, Sunday School and SPY registration will follow the 10 am service, and we will celebrate the many ministries of our parish community. We will also have our annual Fall Family Picnic. Be sure to mark your calendar, and invite a friend to come and see the many great things that are happening at St. Peter's.

## August is Make A Will Month

The Book of Common Prayer includes a specific direction to reflect and act upon: "The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provisions for the well-being of their families, and for all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses." (BCP, page 445)

An abundance of people serve St. Peter's with deep love and devotion, and we are blessed by their dedication and commitment. We strive to serve everyone with the sincerity and grace God has given us; ultimately the church is a community, not a building. We seek to minister to the church, the Diocese and in the world. It is that ongoing community of faith that is supported by our financial estate planning and by our financial giving. To find out more, contact members of the Vestry.

## Flower Ministry

Beautiful flowers adorn our church weekly. Flowers may be given at any time in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, or any other occasion of thankfulness for God's creation. A check for $50 may be made to St. Peter's—put 'altar flowers' in the memo. To reserve a date, email Carolyn Wescott (cwescott1028@gmail.com).

## Ushers

Grow our St. Peter's community—join the ministry of ushers! Ushers are often the first people whom worshippers meet when they arrive at the church. Working in teams, the ushers assist in the ministry of hospitality by welcoming people, especially guests or strangers, at services. Ushers hand out the worship bulletins, collect offerings, and more. The commitment is once per month and schedules are worked around your availability. Contact Wayne Copeland (waynecopeland@keyconsult.com).

## Monthly Prayer Vigil Outside Delaney Hall

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the Episcopal Diocese of Newark holds a brief prayer vigil outside the Delaney Hall ICE detention facility, 451 Doremus Avenue in Newark. The next prayer vigil will be 3 pm, Sunday, August 23. Visit https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/prayer-vigil-at-delaney-hall for details, guidelines for attendees, and flyers to share.

## Are You A Member of St. Peter's

Have you actually joined St. Peter's Church, or are you still attending as a guest? Joining the Church is like taking a relationship to the next level—there is something wonderful and different about being committed to your parish. If you would like to join St. Peter's, please contact the Parish Office at info@stpetersef.org

### Ministers of the Liturgy

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| *Altar Guild* | Debra Chance, Alice Samuels, Carolyn Wescott |
| *Usher* | Barbara Gargiulo |
| *Acolyte* | Joseph Wohltmann |
| *Reader* | Valerie Felix |
| *Eucharistic Minister* | Eloise Monzillo Hiris |
| *Flutist* | Laura Paparatto |
| *Director of Music* | Mark A. Trautman |
| *Presiding* | The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder |

### Prayer List

St. Peter's is a community of prayer and service. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together as a parish family. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family. We invite you to add yourself or others to the St. Peter's prayer list by submitting a request to the Parish Office.

*Laurie Alcott, Joan Aliotta, Stanley Au, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, Carl, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Gabriel Cowell, Arnie Hartelius, Stanley Haynes, Tania Jenkins, Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Robert Kazimir, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Neal King, Lauren L., Bill Musser, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Brenda Restivo, Richardson & Dickhaus families*

Anglican Communion—*The Church in Wales*

Diocese of Newark—*Grace, Nutley and Holy Communion, Norwood*

Birthdays/Anniversaries—*Ken Carr; James & Kris Blake*

Flowers—*given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gary Samuels*

## St Peter's Episcopal Church

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### The Vestry

Jim Irwin and Barbara Gargiulo, *Wardens*;
Christine Albano, Erika Grothues, Sarah Latson, Karen Mosher, *Vestry Members*

### The Staff

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Mulder, *Interim Rector (mulder@stpetersef.org)*
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Lindsay Thompson, *Director of Sunday School (thompson@stpetersef.org)*
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DJ Elmore, *Bookkeeper (bookkeeper.stpeters@gmail.com)*

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## Vacation Bible School 2026

We had a great time at VBS this summer! We welcomed 41 campers to St. Peter's for "Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God." Each day, they participated in five activity centers: Bible Stories, Crafts, Science, Music, and Recreation. They reflected on Philippians 4:13–"I can do all things through him who strengthens me"—and served others by making greeting cards, decorating bags to hold shelf-stable lunches, and organizing donations for Christine's Kitchen and The Apostles' House.

We are so grateful for our VBS volunteers: Leana Aniyan, Kris Blake, Sarah Blake, Hazel Boyd, Lex Boyd, Sadie Boyd, Stella Butler, Ryley Capra, Massimo Carlinhos, Christina Doyle, Caitie Evers, Lauren Evers, Kayla Felix, Lexie Felix, Claire Grothues, Grace Hemesath, Max LaBruno, Dana Leach, Payton Mabee, Beth Manfre, Kat Manfre, Andrew Matheis, Abby Mills, Katie Mills, Lilliana Mills, Peter Murray, Laura Paparatto, Natalie Russo, Eleanor Scheidel, Luke Scheidel, Caroline Ten Broeck, Lindsay Thompson, Emery Vonderahe, Jennifer Vonderahe, Koen Vonderahe, Kurt Vonderahe, Kelsey Walsh, Lilly Ward, and Joseph Wohltmann. We really appreciate the time and effort they put in behind the scenes and throughout the week.

If you're interested in learning more about VBS and supporting this ministry, please email us (spefvbs@gmail.com). Thank you! *—Luke, Jack, and Sarah Latson, Co-Chairs*