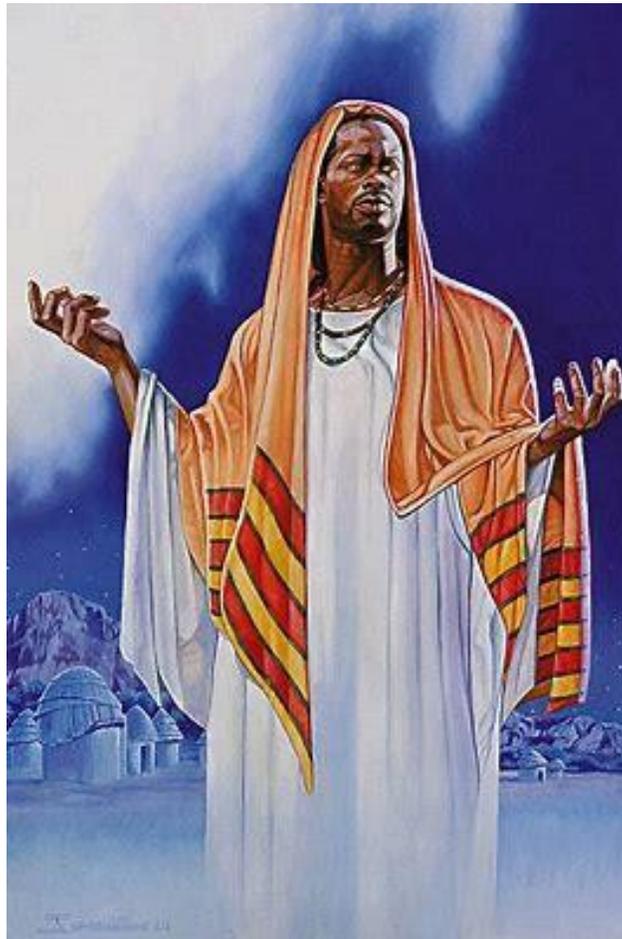


PRAYER SERVICE

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021, 9:00 a.m.



**Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension
Northwoods, MO**

Mission Statement: *To be the Light of Christ that builds relationships in our congregation, our community, and with our God.*

Vision Statement: *Finding Christ in Relationships*

“ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP”

OPENING HYMN *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arm”*

Verse One

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse Two

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse Three

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

THE COLLECT FOR 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 Savior. ***Amen.***

SONG OF PRAISE: *GLORIA* (spoken)

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord, God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us:
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Celebrant God is with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM **Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)** *Benedicam Dominum*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 19 [Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.]

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”*

Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus,
Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen,
Glory, hallelujah.

Verse One

Sometimes I’m up, sometimes I’m down,
Oh, yes, Lord,
Sometimes I’m almost to the ground,
Oh, yes, Lord.

Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus,
Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen,
Glory, hallelujah.

Verse Two

Although you see me going 'long so,
Oh, yes, Lord,
I have my troubles here below,
Oh, yes, Lord.

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus,
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,
Glory, hallelujah.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

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*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 worshiped 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

The Worship Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world.
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Deon our Bishop. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Vincent's-in-the-Vineyard (2008), Ste. Genevieve, and Warren, their Priest-in-charge. We pray for Renee, our Rector, and Jamal, our Assisting Clergy; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and those of others especially:

The Rev. E. Henry Adams	Cleo Anderson	Joey Beeker
Rose Marie Bell	Chazetta Bland	V. Lester Bond
Harold Briggs	Juanita Carroll	Lorenzo Carter
Bessie Clemmons	Stephanie Curry-Edward	
Keyanna Dorsey and Family	Aubrey Escoffery	Carman Gayden
Antonio Graves	Suzanne Harris	John & Sharon Jackson
Doug Jones	Mary K. Jones	Ruby Mathews
Willa McClain	Diana Oliver	Helen Owens

Arvel Parker
Florence Ross
Gerri Sleydin
Larry Williams

Ezell Roberts
Larry Sample
Rodney Weade

Marion Robinson
Sallie Simmons
Douglas Williams

For all veterans and those who are currently serving in the military especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force
Sr. Airman Matthew Heeter- United States Air Force
Captain Jovonny Carrion-United States Army
Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keshar Miller-United States Army Reserve

A Prayer in This Time of Pandemic

Loving God, your desire is for our wholeness and well-being.
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.
We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice masking and social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon. **Amen.**

- Sister Christine Koelhoeffer, IHM

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, O God;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Eternal One, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Louise McElroy, long time member from All Saints, and Colin Powell, former Secretary of State, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Pause

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present, O Jesus, as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again face-to-face. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those whom we love or those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind and may the Divine Mystery that is beyond our ability to know be your companion along the way. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the grace of Christ the Son and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Today's Liturgical Leaders

Celebrant

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Rector

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Jamal Scarlett

Worship Leader

Gaylard Williams

Reader

Joyce Crittenden

Minister of Music

Rick Earley

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Class of 2024

Betty Brown

Michael Griffin,

Clerk



FRIENDLY REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

The Vestry finally finished crafting a new mission and vision statement for our parish. It was a labor of love. It is hoped that each parishioner will take to heart these statements.

Mission Statement: *To be the Light of Christ that builds relationships in our congregation, our community, and with our God.*

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OUT OF OFFICE

Karen will be out of the office this week and will return by Monday, November 1st.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We will return to in-person worship on Sunday, November 7, 2021. It is mandatory that face masks be worn properly. Currently a survey is being conducted to determine the starting time. Suggested times are 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Please submit your time preference via email by October 30th. A Calling Post message will be sent to verify the starting time by Wednesday, November 3rd.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will observe All Saints Sunday on November 7th. A special tribute will be given in recognition of family and friends who passed since November 2020.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Please plan to attend a Thanksgiving Eve Service of Holy Eucharist at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24. We will have in-person service and hopefully via live stream.

UBE CHAPTER IN MISSOURI

At long last, a UBE Chapter(Union of Black Episcopalians) has been formalized here in the Diocese of Missouri! According to the Rev. Shug Goodlow, President, "all paperwork is completed and we have signed a Chapter Affiliation Agreement with the National UBE." Our chapter is appropriately named after someone most of us knew, the Rev. Emery Washington, Jr. We are looking forward to scheduling our first meeting in the very near future. If you are interested in joining the Diocese of Missouri UBE Chapter, please contact the Rev. Shug Goodlow via email. She can be reached at shuggoodlow@aol.com. Or you may contact Rev. Renee by phone or email and she will pass along your contact information.

182nd MEETING OF THE CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MISSOURI

The 182nd meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri will be held November 18-20, 2021. Lay and clergy members from all areas of our diocese are encouraged to participate in diocesan committees. The positions that will be elected are:

- Standing Committee: 1 clergy and 2 lay members for 4-year terms
- Diocesan Council: 2 lay members for 3-year terms
- Disciplinary Board: 1 clergy member for 3-year term

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