

# CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 1, 2023**

**A community praising God,  
Growing in Christ, and  
Joyfully serving others.**



*Welcome. We are so happy to have you with us! If you are visiting us for the first time, please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the offering plate which is in front of the baptismal font. The last six pews on the left side of the church are reserved for those who are more comfortable wearing face masks and some social distancing. For the rest of the left side and the right side of the church, masks are optional. Masks are available if you need one. Thank you for your consideration.*

In celebration of Rev. Annette's successful surgery from your Transfiguration family

## Processional

## Sing, Ye Faithful

H 492

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

*People*

*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

*Celebrant and people*

*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.*

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. It is in 3/4 time and D major. The score consists of three systems of music. The first system begins with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The vocal line has a rest for four measures, then enters with the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics '— and peace to his peo - ple on earth, — Lord God,'. The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support. The third system concludes with the vocal line singing 'heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship'. The piano accompaniment features a long, sustained chord in the right hand and a moving bass line. Pedal markings include '(senza Ped. ad lib.)' at the end of the second system and '(Ped.)' at the end of the third system.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth, — Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship

(senza Ped. ad lib.)

(Ped.)

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. —

(♩ = ♩ of preceding – same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Fa - ther, —

(♩ = ♩ of preceding – same beat as before, not slower) Fa - ther, —

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: — have mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

Fa - ther: re - ceive

Fa - ther: re - ceive

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

*mf*

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*ff*

## *The Collect*

*Celebrant    The Lord be with you.*

*People        And also with you.*

*Celebrant    Let us pray.*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## *The Lessons*

### **First Reading**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

#### *A reading from the Book of Exodus*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

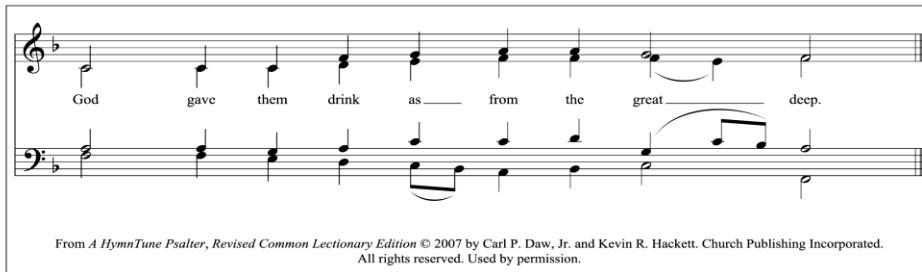
The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

***Thanks be to God.***

# Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

## RCL Proper 21A (C Track) Psalm 78: 1–4, 12–16



God gave them drink as from the great deep.

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. [ANT.]
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done. [ANT.]
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls. [ANT.]
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers. [ANT.]

## The Epistle

## Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*Thanks be to God.*

## In Christ Alone

Shawn Craig  
Don Koch

G/B C G/B  
 In Christ a - lone I place my trust and find my  
 3 Am<sup>7</sup> C/D G Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>/D  
 glo - ry in the pow - er of the cross. In ev' - ry  
 5 Cmaj<sup>7</sup> Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>  
 vic - to - ry, let it be said of me, my  
 7 Am<sup>7</sup> C/D G  
 source of strength, my source of hope is Christ a - lone.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Annette Mayer**

## **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.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Brothers and sisters, in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Humbly then, let us approach our God, saying, “To will and work for your good pleasure, *O Lord, enable us.*”

Christ Jesus, strengthen our tongues to declare you as Lord of our lives. May we, your Church, glorify your Heavenly Parent in word and deed.

To will and work for your good pleasure,  
*O Lord, enable us.*

Christ Jesus, you chose not to exploit your equality with God, but humbled yourself to be with us. Give us your heart for the marginalized and poor. And may all people, especially those in power, follow your example of humility.

To will and work for your good pleasure,

***O Lord, enable us.***

Christ Jesus, by your birth in human likeness you blessed all of creation. Remind us that your feet have trod our soil and tasted our waters. Give us the will to care for this precious planet. We pray for those in the military and first responders, especially Alex, Anthony, Frank, Edilio, Jason, Alexander, Jacob, Will, Michael and their families. Are there others?

To will and work for your good pleasure,

***O Lord, enable us.***

Christ Jesus, you rule the world with love and compassion. Give to our local leaders compassion and vision that the people of our region might live as neighbors, looking out for each other's interests.

To will and work for your good pleasure,

***O Lord, enable us.***

Christ Jesus, you became obedient to the point of death that we might have abundant life. Work marvels in the lives of the sick and sorrowful. May they recount to generations the wonderful deeds you have done in their lives. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, especially Chelsea, Georgianna, Marilyn, Chuck, Pam, Bill, Ed, Steven, Michael, Rich, Patrick, Annette, Christopher, Lorna, Cathy, Pura, Lana, Will and their baby Ellen, Pam, Joe, Laura, Michael, Jude, Lois, Jack, Rich, Wayne, Chris, Michael, Annette and Gayle. Are there others?

To will and work for your good pleasure,

***O Lord, enable us.***

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially Tom Kirby, Mike Healy, Luka Brticevich, Logan Brticevich and Beth Ryniak and for anniversaries, especially John and Cathy Carroll.

To will and work for your good pleasure,  
*O Lord, enable us.*

Almighty God, you reward each one according to their works: Give to the dead rest from their labors and life everlasting. Let us remember Gayle Fish and Dr. Mitchell.

To will and work for your good pleasure,  
*O Lord, enable us.*

### *Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon*                      *Let us confess our sins to God.*  
*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 the Lord be always with you.

*People        And also with you.*

### **Announcements**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

The Lord be with you.

*All :        And also with you. Leader:*

Let us pray.    Collect for St. Francis

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Prayer of St. Francis(said in unison)

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

## **THE BLESSING OF EACH PET (INDIVIDUALLY).**

"N., (name of animal) may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and (the name of the "owner") enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you."

## **THE BLESSING PRAYER**

Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honour and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. *Amen.*

## **Birthday Prayer**

*Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## **Anniversary Prayer**

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Please stand for the presentation of the gifts.

## Offertory Anthem

## Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring

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*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* *And of thine own have we given thee.*

## The Holy Communion

*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 God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

This system consists of a treble and bass staff in 6/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff has a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fifth system concludes the main melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

*\*Optional text:*

Bless - ed is the one

This block shows the optional text with its corresponding musical notation. The treble staff has a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.



*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## **The Invitation to Communion**

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you. It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

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 with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

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## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

*Celebrant: In the name of Christ, and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing the body and blood of Christ to those who cannot be with us today.....Take God's holy Word, the prayers of this congregation, and this holy food for holy people.*

*People: We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.*

## Blessing and Dismissal

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

## Recessional Hymn

## The Church of Christ

## The church of Christ in every age

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing  
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
 fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.  
 eat and nev - er live un - til they die.  
 fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

**Celebrant**     *Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

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

**This week at Transfiguration:**

<b>Today</b>	<b><i>Adult Formation</i></b>	<b><i>Leach Hall</i></b>	<b><i>9:00am</i></b>
	<b><i>Holy Eucharist</i></b>	<b><i>Church/FB</i></b>	<b><i>10:00am</i></b>
	<b><i>Pet Blessings</i></b>		
	<b><i>Coffee Hour hosted by The Vestry</i></b>	<b><i>Leach Hall</i></b>	<b><i>11:15am</i></b>
<b>10/3</b>	<b><i>Silent Prayer</i></b>	<b><i>Church</i></b>	<b><i>5:30pm</i></b>
<b>10/8</b>	<b><i>Adult Formation</i></b>	<b><i>Leach Hall</i></b>	<b><i>9:00am</i></b>
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	<b><i>Coffee Hour</i></b>	<b><i>Leach Hall</i></b>	<b><i>11:15am</i></b>

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

***THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE:*** Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Natasha, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia, Anita.

- It's time again for BUNCO! We are holding bunco night a little earlier this year, so please mark your calendars for SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> FROM 6:00-9:00 pm in Leach Hall. Bunco is a fun game of dice played at tables of 4 people. It is a great time to get to know the other players, because the players are always rotating at the tables! A sign-up sheet is on the board in the hall. Please be sure to sign up so that we know how many tables to set up. Feel free to bring a friend! You may also sign up to bring a dessert, appetizer or special drink of choice. Water, soda, tea and coffee will be provided. If you have an extra card table, please check that off as well. This year we will charge \$10 per person at the door and all the money collected will be donated to the Venezuelan ministry. If you have any questions, please see Sue Ann Beardsley or Jeanne Preston. Thank you, and we look forward to a fun evening. (P.S.-there will be prizes 😊).
- A free will collection will be taken on the first Sunday of each month to help support our Venezuelan Families ministry. A basket will be placed on the table in front of the baptismal font for this purpose. We will begin this initiative on this coming Sunday, October 1st. If you have any questions concerning this message, please call me at 708 989-9806.
- Please sign up to help with Sunday services. We need acolytes, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers. The website is: <https://rsvp.church/r/qPGqaHFf>
- **Also, A QUICK REMINDER**-Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up.  
**THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!**

- **Our Beds Plus Outreach program** volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line.
  - If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at [zottinger@gmail.com](mailto:zottinger@gmail.com) Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter
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