



All Saints' Memorial Church

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E-Messenger, June 29, 2023

*Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!*

Dear All Saints' Family,

Our mission statement reads: *All Saints' Memorial Church is a welcoming multicultural Episcopal congregation that strives to grow in the love of God and respond to the spiritual and human needs of our*

neighboring communities. Our vision is to be "a visible and known beacon that engages people in their spiritual journeys and nurtures their minds and souls."

While healing is not specifically mentioned in our mission or vision statements, healing is very much a part of "*growing in the love of God*". In the last few years two healing ministries have emerged within our congregation: our Healing Prayer ministry on the first Sunday and Wednesday of each month and our Healing of Creation Garden.

This Sunday, July 2 our healing prayer ministers, Agnes, Deirdre, and Gigi will be available for private healing prayer during Communion. Next Wednesday, July 5, you are welcome to join us for our monthly Wednesday Eucharist with healing prayer. The Wednesday Healing Service is at noon in the church.

Here is the news on the Healing of Creation Garden:



Over the past month, we have weeded and added plants to our gardens. Noteworthy additions this spring include a planting under the clerestory windows (St. Elizabeth's handicap parking area), a vegetable garden along the south face of the church (tomatoes are currently setting), ground cover under the sycamore, and two spicebushes in the side yard in memory of Harrington Evans.



Spicebushes are members of the holly family and host the spicebush swallowtail butterfly. The bushes have delicate yellow flowers in April and set red berries in late summer that birds love. Among plants planted last year, wildflowers in the west-side window wells are starting to bloom as is the yellow oxeye on the south side.





One of the tenets of those who think about the health of the planet is that if we provide a little help, nature can heal itself, and so we are doing. In the garden along the parking lot and in the window wells, a number of milkweed plants have taken up residence and are now in flower. Milkweed is essential for the survival of the monarch butterfly.

Over the past year we have seen house and gold finches, mockingbirds, robins, mourning doves, and sparrows in the gardens. As our plants grow and provide habitat and food, we will continue to attract insects and birds. Maybe one day we will have spicebush swallowtails and monarchs!

Blessings this July 4th.

Yours in the Spirit,

Julie

Prayer for the Nation (BCP p. 258)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Travelers

O God whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All are warmly welcome to join our Service of Holy Eucharist,
Sunday July 2, 9:30am**

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKekorMGVzMFFeclFiUT09>

Service Program: You will find Sunday's program here:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_program_july_2_2023.pdf

Music Notes



Thank you for your input on the Music program. Please feel free to talk to any member of the committee about your hopes for the Music Program. The next Search Committee Meeting is Sunday, July 9th after the Service.

Barbara Badio

Charlotte Burgess, Chair

Belinda Johnson

Patricia Marshall

Ryan Mott

Lydia Muhlenburg

Sunday's Prelude *Let There Be Peace on Earth* (1955) with David

Moniz as soloist.

Let There Be Peace on Earth was written in 1955 by Jill Jackson Miller along with second husband Sy, in the aftermath of a failed marriage to screenwriter Felix Jackson and considerable self-doubt. It became an immediate success with performances worldwide, including for example, before Nikita Krushchev, many presidents, and the Pope. Jill often said, "Peace has to begin in our own hearts."

Sunday's Postlude *Finlandia Hymn* "This is My Song" composed by Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

It was on July 2nd, 1900, that music including what became the tone poem *Finlandia* by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, including our postlude music this morning, was first performed. Since 1809, Finland had remained a Grand Duchy of Russia, with respect for its constitution; but in 1899, Russia declared that the tsar could rule Finland by his own edict. Jean Sibelius passionately disagreed: "We fought 600 years for our freedom, and I am part of the generation which achieved it. Freedom!"

In October 1899, the Finnish press organized a fund-raising gala as a proxy mechanism to rally support for a free press. For the occasion, Sibelius composed a melodrama depicting episodes from Finnish history and set to a patriotic poem, with music recognizably Finnish but without direct parody of folk music. Ultimately, the melodrama comprised six tableaux, the final two of which he later extracted as *Finlandia*. The

turbulent music of the fifth tableau ("The Great Hostility"), depicting the struggles of Finland, finally gives way to a serene hymn in the sixth tableau ("Finland Awakes"); together, as *Finlandia*, this music remains the most widely known of all the compositions of Sibelius.

Since then, the "Finlandia Hymn" in the final section has been set to numerous poetic texts for singing, beginning with Finnish words by an opera singer in 1937; and then in 1941, after Russian aggression against Finland in 1939, to the patriotic Finnish words that have been used ever since. The tune also was used for the national anthem ("Land of the Rising Sun") of the short-lived African nation of Biafra, during its attempt to secede from Nigeria in the 1960's; for a patriotic hymn in Wales; and for numerous Christian hymns by different titles and texts. Perhaps the most popular English text, however, was written by American poet Lloyd Stone in 1934, about the time he graduated as a music major from the University of Southern California:

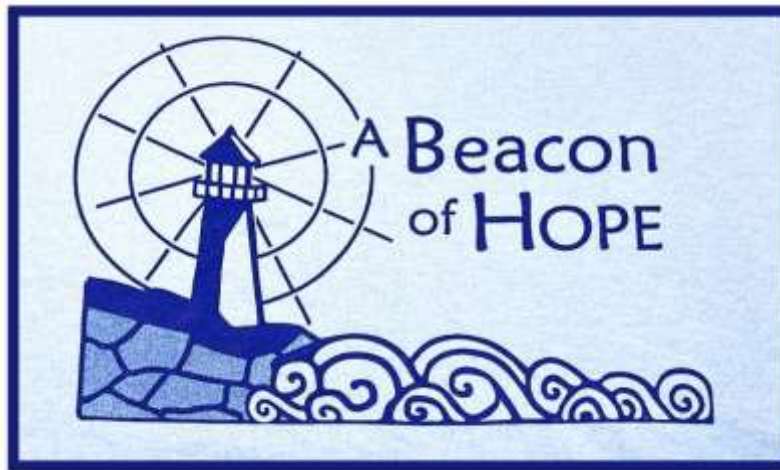
*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

Summer Altar Flowers



Do you have flowers in your garden that might grace the altar on a Sunday? Please contact Marybeth Hanavan (mbhanavan@gmail.com) if you would like to bring flowers on a given Sunday. Please let Marybeth know one week in advance. Thank you!



Outreach News

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 23rd after the Service

Outreach Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- July: Packaged Pasta

Service of Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer

Wednesday, July 5th

All are welcome to this Service at Noon on Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

July 2: Healing Prayer Ministry at the 9:30am Service

July 5: Healing Service, 12:00 pm in the church

July 9: Music Director Search Committee Meeting after the Service

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Theo, Musa, and Barry. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Zo, Marie, Kerry, and Dan.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

July 2, 2023

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Response: Psalm 69:8-11,18-20

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy

Coffee Hour: Elizabeth Toby and Kardi Draper

July 9, 2023

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Response: Psalm 145:8-15

Second Reading: Roamans 7:15-25a

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia

Coffee Hour: Elizabeth Toby and Kardi Draper

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