

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 2020

The Christ who died but rose again (St. Magnus) H#447

Offertory Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee (Wer nur den lieben Gott) H# 635

Communion Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians (A3#109)

King of Glory (A3#163)

Recessional Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (Duke Street) H# 544

Morsel for Meditation

Freedom is not a state; it is an act. It is not some enchanted garden perched high on a distant plateau where we can finally sit down and rest. Freedom is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society. The work of love, peace, and justice will always be necessary, until their realism and their imperative takes hold of our imagination, crowds out any dream of hatred or revenge, and fills up our existence with their power.

John Lewis, *Across That Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change* (New York: Hachette Books, 2012), np.

Readings

[Genesis 29:15-28](#)

[Psalm 128](#)

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

[Matthew 13:31-33,44-52](#)

Stewardship Today

Give us a reverence for the earth as Your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to Your honor and glory.

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 388.

Frank E. McKee

Stewardship Chairman

Lay Ministry

Lector:	7 – 26 – David Clegg	8– 02 - TBD
Acolyte:	7 – 26 – TBD	8 – 02 - TBD
Altar Guild:	7 – 26 - Georgianna Harrison	8 – 02 – Georgianna Harrison
Vestry Person of the Day:	7 – 26 – Joe Bleier, Dana Medford	8– 02 – J-P. Ballard, Elizabeth Porter

Vestry Highlights

At the July Vestry meeting, the Vestry:

- Discussed ways to become a friendlier church when we have face to face services again.
- Heard that the Diocese continues to seek candidates (especially lay candidates) for open positions on Diocesan committees.
- Heard that future Vestry meetings will likely be via Zoom.
- Heard that as of July 5th, we're only doing online services. There's no indication from the Diocese as to the date when we'll be able to resume face to face services.
- Heard that the Rector will take a personal retreat at All Saints Camps at the end of July.
- Heard that Angela Dryer will return from maternity leave next week.
- Thanks were given to Elizabeth Porter and Bill Rolston for their help during Angela's absence.
- Heard that there may be a schedule for Vestry members to attend School Board meetings.
- Was challenged to complete the Safe Church training modules required for Vestry members.
- Heard that the Diocese will be sponsoring an online Alpha course. The training for this is on August 18th, with kickoff on September 10th. More information forthcoming.
- Approved a Disaster Policy for the parish.
- Approved the following motion: It is moved that the Vestry commence a Mini-Capital Campaign on the first Sunday of August for the purpose of repairing the Clardy Hall roof. Campaign to consist of an appeal to parishioners to pledge an additional \$1000 over and above their current pledge for a period of 3 years. The Vestry will review the status of the campaign on a monthly basis. Stand by for more information in August.

January – June total income = \$105,873.27; budgeted income = \$121,360.00; total expense = \$96,093.79; budgeted expense = \$100,565.04.

June total income = \$11,188.74; budgeted income = \$12,172.00; total expense = \$17,115.53; budgeted expense = \$16,038.53.

