

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 11

Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE & ZOOM INFORMATION

The ZOOM link is: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>

For those just calling in, dial: 1-646-876-9923 (enter meeting number 570270415#)

NOTE: The ZOOM link can also be found on the website. Click on the word "join" in the text on the home page to link to ZOOM.

PLEASE NOTE

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A PASSWORD IS NOW NEEDED FOR ZOOM MEETINGS

WHEN PROMPTED, OUR PASSWORD IS:

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Zoom Worship Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Morning Prayer 10:15 “coffee hour” 10:45-11:45 Bible Study		10:00 am Morning Prayer		10:00 am Morning Prayer		
5:00 Prayer for Racial Healing for the Nation (IN PERSON, OUTSIDE AT THE CHURCH)			6:30pm Evening Prayer		6:30 Evening Prayer	



A PRIEST’S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

The expression “weeping and gnashing of teeth” occurs seven times in Christian Scripture, six of them in Matthew. It’s Matthew who likes to separate the sheep and the goats, the wise and foolish virgins, and who says that Jesus condemns various people to the furnace of fire or outer darkness, while others are rewarded handsomely in this world and the next.

I’ve been reading a “Quick and Easy Guide to Queer and Trans Identities,” because conversations with almost anyone under 30 show me how much the world of sexual identity

and orientations has expanded since I was a teenager. The book cautions against trying to fit all humans into binary categories of “male” and “female,” gay or straight. It describes a lifetime exploration of how to become most fully oneself, I would say the self God has created every single person to be.

I “have a little list” of people I would cheerfully condemn to hell, while I join my like-minded friends in the sun of God’s kingdom—but after a moment’s glee, I don’t really like myself for thinking that. And when I am lamenting my sins, or even just coming to realize that certain actions or attitudes may be sinful, I expect God to be merciful and forgiving, at least to me. Binary “good and evil,” sinner and saint, typically don’t leave much room for compassion towards self or others.

That’s why I love Romans 8. “The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; . . . We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now.” The Holy Spirit is ceaselessly working to free all of creation “from its bondage to decay [so that it will] obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God,” a gradual, painful, non-linear, liberating process of growth.

The world as we know it—COVID (not to mention a host of other nasty illnesses like cancer and Parkinson’s and dementia) and greed and fear and hatred, healers and generosity and courage and love—is a field of weeds and wheat. So is my life. Compassion towards self and others seems like much needed medicine in a time of polarization and quick judgment. Of course we need to name and respond to evil and sin and suffering, but in ways that mend rather than tear the fabric of creation. Next week we hear that “the Spirit helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.” May we drink deeply from the Spirit’s well of compassion as we work for a better world.

Prayers for healing of the nation: injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere

Throughout the summer, we will gather in person **Sundays from 5:00-5:30 p.m.**, 6’ apart with masks outdoors at the church. We will use prayers from the Book of Common Prayer and various sources, with silence and space for participants’ petitions. We will ensure that everyone who participates is observing all safety precautions. I’m not clear whether we can create a Zoom component—we’ll see!

Bring your own chair!

Sundays 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. outside at St. Andrew’s

ST. ANDREW'S REOPENING PLAN UPDATE

The Reopening Committee met this week, and we're struggling with details of how to worship safely. Just one example: if we are going to celebrate the Eucharist, I need to wash my hands with soap and water in the service, so you all can see, just before beginning the prayer! It makes sense because washing is more effective than sanitizing, and there will be times for sanitizing too for all of us, but it is another series of steps to plan. Including a 20 second hymn!!!! We're going to work out some of these details over the next several weeks, starting with the 5pm Sunday service. Watch for more info as we figure things out!

The first week, we had seven people, the next week, nine. The front has the advantage of public presence, but it's noisy—more than 9 people won't be able to hear.

So we're moving to my backyard/driveway starting July 19. We'll use prayers for the nation for the next two weeks and then become more general in focus. At some point we may try to introduce music, and eventually Eucharist outside, so we can see how "traffic" flows (our sanctuary space is really tight).

Bring your own chair, please—we'll have some available but the more people who bring their own the fewer chairs we have to schlep and clean.

This week we will also experiment with Zoom outside. We need one or more volunteers to stay home and tune in to Zoom at 5 to assess sound quality.

All of that is weather permitting—in a normal world we could just move inside but it's not at all clear yet how to do that safely!

THE PANTRY AT SUNY ULSTER NEEDS

Allison says:

The Pantry at SUNY Ulster is currently out of these popular items: mixed fruit cups, peanut butter, SPAM, ravioli, white rice. If anyone is moved to donate, hooray! I will be going to campus on July 15 and July 29—you can leave items on the vicarage back porch. Thank you!



PLEDGES & REGULAR SUPPORT

Thank you to those of you who are keeping your pledges up to date. St. Andrew's depends on your regular financial support as well as your prayers.

FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL

... A VIRTUAL Brown Bag Lunch with Conversation and Spiritual Reflection, **Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 pm**. All welcome. The group is reading Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower*. Meeting is via Zoom. [See ZOOM connecting information above].

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE

So You Want to Talk about Race, a book discussion group, 5 Tuesday evenings **beginning July 21, 7-8:30 pm**, on Zoom. Ijeoma Oluo is a Nigerian-American editor and engaging writer. 17 short chapters organized by questions including: “What if I talk about race wrong?” “Is police brutality really about race?” “I just got called racist, what do I do now?” Please commit to all five sessions, and register by **Sunday, July 19** so that Ulster Clericus can send materials. Group is limited to 12 people.

Here’s a link to introduce the author (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnyBJZRWigg>).

Contact The Rev. Michelle Meech (michelle.stjohnskingston@gmail.com) or The Rev. Allison Moore (standrewsrev@gmail.com) to register or for more info.

FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

This group is reading Barbara Brown Taylor’s *Learning to Walk in the Dark* and is currently meeting via Zoom. [See ZOOM connecting information above]. All are welcome.



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

St. Andrew’s annual 2020 Ingathering of our **United Thank Offering Blue Boxes** will be postponed until we are able to bring our Blue Boxes to St. Andrew’s to celebrate and give thanks.

Support the 2020 Ingathering by joining UTO in the Great EpisGOpal Virtual Race. For details: <https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/united-thank-offering-presents-inaugural-great-episgopal-race>.

“With Joyful and Grateful Hearts, Let Us Give Thanks”

Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew’s this week, especially Rae, MaryAnn, Julie, Ed, Cathy and Kappa. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry. And thank you to all of you who are on the front lines of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (July 19, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 1):	Valerie McAllister
Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM 2):	Jen Cutter
Lector 1:	Jane Conger
Lector 2:	Brenda Hush

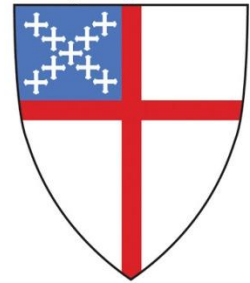
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272; MaryAnn Lis-Simmons, Senior Warden at 845-616-7029; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 702-2552.

**LINKS TO WEEKLY AND OTHER TIMELY MESSAGES FROM THE
PRESIDING BISHOP, MICHAEL CURRY, AND OUR DIOCESAN
BISHOPS.**

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<https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

<https://vimeo.com/438234305> (Bishop Shin's Meditation)

<https://vimeo.com/436208419> (Bishop Glasspool's Meditation)

<https://vimeo.com/427848939> (Bishop Dietsche)

<https://episcopalchurch.org>

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See St. Andrew's Website (www.standrewnp.org) & Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>) for continuously updated information.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

***Visit websites or call the church office to check what is
happening and what is not***

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry

Alternate Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SUNY New Paltz Pantry

**Mondays 12:30 – 1:30, 5:00 – 6:30; Tuesdays
1:00 – 5:00; Wednesdays 1:00 – 6:00; Thursdays
10:00 – 1:00, 2:00 – 6:00; Fridays 5:30 – 7:00**

Volunteers needed

Tops Supermarket Food Ministry

Sunday mornings: Pick up food; Speak with Kappa
or Jane; Community Service hours available.

Courageous Lions

Donate yarn to help crochet courageous lions to
comfort children and families faced with illness.
Contact Cathy Kelly if you know someone who
might benefit by having one!

"Clothe the Cold"

Please place clean clothes in good condition in
the bins provided at the front of the church.

Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center

Food & clothing always needed. **Wed. 10:00 a.m.
- noon & 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.**

Beginner's AA Meeting

St. Andrew's Parish Hall, **Tuesdays & Fridays, 7:30
– 8:30 a.m. & 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

*The 5:30 p.m. AA meetings are now on Zoom. If you would like more information,
please contact Jen B at 716-523-5554 or Ed P. at 914-474-6322.*

Monthly Taize Worship

New Paltz United Methodist Church, **third
Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.**

Companions of Mary the Apostle

Coffee Table Communion, **Fridays, 9:00 a.m.**,
9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493

Join the Companions for Friday morning Coffee Table Communion and Tuesday Evening Bible Study (7:00 pm). Contact the Companions for the virtual link:

www.companionsofmarytheapostle.org or email companionsma@gmail.com

Andy's Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew's community to share scripture, music, readings, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

Helpful links besides the St. Andrew's website and Facebook page are:

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

Village of New Paltz <http://www.villageofnewpaltz.org/>

Presiding Bishop Curry's Statement and Episcopal Church website link on the coronavirus:
<https://episcopalchurch.org/concerning-covid19>

New Paltz Community Foundation Project Help Your Neighbors 2020

www.newpaltzfoundation.org (Contact Eileen Gulbrandsen Glenn if you need a meal voucher: sande2930@aol.com or 256-1945)



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Joe, Brenda and Hush.