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“Joyfully seeking and serving Christ”
Please join in singing.

**HYMN 620** (Hymnal 1982  Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.)  Music: Land of Rest, American folk hymn)

Jerusalem my happy home

1 Jerusalem, my happy home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glory great; they
3 There David stands with harp in hand as
4 Our Lady sings Magnificat with
5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows end?
2 see God face to face; they triumph still, they
3 master of the choir: ten thousand times would
4 tune surpassing sweet, and blessed martyrs’
5 grant that I may see thine endless joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still rejoice in that most happy place.
3 one be blest who might this music hear.
4 harmony doth ring in every street.
5 of the same partaker ever be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.  Music: Land of Rest, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
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OPENING ACCLAMATION  (Enriching Our Worship, p. 50)

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY  (Book of Common Prayer, p. 355)

All  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.

SONG OF PRAISE (Enriching our Worship p 37-38 from 1 John 4:7-11))

All  Beloved, let us love one another, *
    for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, *
    for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
    that God sent an only Son into the world,
    so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
    and sent a Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
    we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
    and God’s love will be perfected in us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY  (Book of Common Prayer, p. 233)

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.
Celebrant  O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People  Amen.
THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST LESSON
A reading from the Book of Exodus (14:19-31)

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
We will say the appointed Psalm responsively by half verse.

PSALM 149  (St. Helena Psalter)

Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
   the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became God’s sanctuary *
   and Israel God’s dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled; *
   Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, *
   and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled; *
   O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams; *
   you little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, *
   at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
   and flint-stone into a flowing spring.
SECOND LESSON
A reading from the Epistle to the Romans (14:1-12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Go Down Moses

1. When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
2. The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go;
3. They journeyed on at his command, let my people go;
4. Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;

1. oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.
2. to lead the children of Israel through, let my people go.
3. and come at length to Canaan's land, let my people go.
4. and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;

tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.
Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’
Please stand as you are able.

**THE NICENE CREED**  *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 358)*

**Celebrant**  Let us stand together with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, and affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

**All**

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, a
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.
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.
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant  As we turn toward God in all that we are and in all that we do, let us respond to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”

Leader  We pray fervently for the stop of the spread of the Corona Virus, for the development of an effective vaccine, for those who are immune compromised, for medical and other essential workers and for those who have been infected, especially Tommy C.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Leader  We pray for the end of racism and the racial injustice we have wrongly tolerated, and that we may be part of a new creation that honors all of God’s children.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Leader  We pray for the people of the United States in the upcoming election, that we have the willingness and ability to select leaders who will seek the truth and do your will.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Leader  We pray for the world you have created. Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Leader  We pray for those beginning a new school year as students, parents, teachers and administrators, that they may stay safe and find enrichment and community, especially those who we now name.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Leader  We pray for our families: for patience with each other in close quarters and connection with those at great distances, especially those we now name.
Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.
Leader We pray for those of our parish family who celebrate birthdays this week. Vivianna Bermeo on September 13, Charlene Dalton, Carol McCarthy, Daune Slater, Connor Sutton & Maggie Walsh on September 14, Anthony Cardoza, Larysa Cohen, Dean Harris & Kasey Schneider on September 16, Denny Calabrese & Timothy Weir on September 18, and Jon Coates, Evie Moore & Robin Waldron on September 19.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for those members of our parish family who are sick or troubled, especially: Dan H, Mitchell, Jeff, Barbara S, Sharon A, Ginni Z, Ed B, Tom L, Carol A, Jiyeon P, Mary C, Kayla H, and those we now name.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for those who are isolated in care facilities and other places of quarantine – that they may find connection and the peace of Christ’s presence, especially Elena L, Adrianna D, Marie, Thomas, Lili, John M, Betty M, Liz S, Ellen M, Suzanne P, Marcelle G, and those who we now name.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.


Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for all who have died, especially Alice Adeseyin Oyegbite on September 5 (Mother of Kayode Oyegbite).

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.
Celebrant  As we walk with God, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other. Give us patience to do your will and help us find ways to be the tender embrace of God to our neighbor. Lord, in your mercy.

People  Hear our prayer.
THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION  *(Book of Common Prayer)*

**Officiant**  Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

_Please kneel as you are able. Silence will be kept._

**All**  Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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.

**People**  Amen.

THE PEACE  *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 360)*

**Officiant**  The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People**  And also with you.

The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Zoom attendees will be unmuted at this time and after the service so we may greet one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

During the announcements a collection is offered as we look to give back to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings in our life. As stewards of our gifts of treasure this opportunity to give back allows the church to continue its work in the world serving those in spiritual, emotional and financial need. You may donate electronically via Zelle to donate@slechurch.org or by texting “ThanksB2God” to 73256. You may also donate via our Realm database.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361/377)

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
   Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
   Hosanna in the highest.
Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All AMEN!
**The Lord’s Prayer**  
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 364)

Feel free to pray in whatever language and words that bring you closer to God.

Celebrant  
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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.

**Breaking of the Bread**  
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 364)

Celebrant  
Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

**Invitation**  
(Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)

Celebrant  
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, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant  
Let us pray together.

All  
In union dear Christ, with the faithful at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you as I live and die in your love. Amen.
Joyful, joyful we adore thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER  (Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)
Celebrant    Let us pray.
All
Eternal God, 
you have graciously accepted us as living members 
of our Savior Jesus Christ, 
and you have fed us with spiritual food 
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. 
Send us now into the world in peace, 
and grant us strength and courage 
to love and serve you 
with gladness and singleness of heart; 
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING   (Book of Common Prayer, p. 339)
Celebrant May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
All
Amen.
Please join in singing.

HYMN 347  (The Hymnal 1982  Words: John Raphael Peacey  Music: Litton, Erik Routley)

Go forth for God

1 Go forth for God; go___ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go___ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go___ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go___ to the world in joy;

be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
strength- en the faint, give courage to the weak;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
to serve God’s people every day and hour,
in God’s good Spirit daily to increase,
help the afflicted; richly from above
render to no one evil; Christ at length
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
till in his kingdom we behold his face.
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit’s power.

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DISMISSAL  (Book of Common Prayer p. 366)

Celebrant  Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People  Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
**WELCOME TO ST. LUKE’S**

*We are very glad that you are able to join us.*

*Please feel free to contact us through our website at slechurch.org.*

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Virtual Coffee Hour
Join us for 10 to 15 minutes after the service to meet other St. Luke’s worshippers. At the end of the 10:00am Sunday service, Zoom will assign folks to “breakout rooms” where a smaller number of people can chat. Each week there will be a thought-provoking question to get the conversation started. We ask that people introduce themselves and then answer the question. This week’s VCH question: “Who is most influential in your life?”

Rector’s Forum – Sundays at 11:30
Each Sunday, The Rev. John Mennell will host a weekly forum after worship at 11:30am using the same Zoom link as the worship service. The Rector’s Forum is an opportunity reflect on the morning service, engage in theological reflection on current events, and get updates about what is happening at St. Luke’s.

- **September 13 - Generosity in the time of COVID.** What does it mean to live in abundance - in what we give and what we forgive. Martin Cowart will help lead the discussion.
- **September 20 - Fairness in the time of COVID.** The crisis of the past six months has heightened awareness of the vast economic differences and opportunities in our country. The Gospel tells us not to be envious of what others have even when it seems unfair.
- **September 27 - Signs in the Times.** We will gather and look at headlines from the past month and reflect theologically on what they mean for us and what our call to action looks like.

If you have questions or ideas for topics you would like discussed at the Rector’s Forum, please contact The Rev. John Mennell at mennell@slechurch.org.

In-Person Worship Update
The committee working to safely execute in-person worship continues to meet and make arrangements for how we can safely gather again together at St. Luke’s. All expert scientific resources continue to highlight the risk of meeting together – particularly indoors. The team is working on both indoor and outdoor options for St. Luke’s, making sure necessary sanitizing protocols are in place before we meet together. Based on current disease trends in New Jersey it is unlikely that we will be able to meet together, in-person in the next month. **If you have a need or desire to be in the church please contact the Rector – The Rev. John A. Mennell (mennell@slechurch.org) directly to see what arrangements can be made.** The committee continues to take ever-changing guidelines into account as they move forward. For more information on the progress of the committee, you may contact the Rector or Sr. Warden Wendy Drake-Schneider (drake-schneider@slechurch.org).
Toni’s Kitchen – The Work Continues
Toni’s Kitchen has continued to expand operations to meet the increased (and growing) need in our greater Montclair community. We salute the volunteers and donors who have made it possible for us to expand from 4,200 meals per week to over 20,000 meals currently sent into the community on a weekly basis—work garnering wide attention through articles in Episcopal New Service and AARP. Please consider supporting the ongoing work being done to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Visit toniskitchen.org to donate, learn more, or register as a volunteer.

Check Out and Update Your Profile!
If you are a regular attendee or filled out a Welcome Card, you have a profile in our database with basic contact information. We would love to see your profile updated with your birthday and even a current photo. This is also a great way to access your giving history or set up automatic payments. You can log in to the database (Realm) via the link at the bottom of the website home page. Not sure of your log-in? Please contact Chris in the Parish Office at corso@slechurch.org, and she’ll be happy to send you an invitation.

Spiritual Explorers Book Club – Monday, September 14 at 7:00pm via Zoom
In this election year, our theme for our September gathering is the role of religion in the public square. To help us consider this, we'll be reading and discussing two articles: 1) From the Reno Gazette Journal "Is religion in the public square appropriate or not?” and 2) From the Huffington Post, "Religion In The Public Square: 8 Rules For The Age Of Trump," by Rabbi Eric H Yoffie. Please contact Walter Booker at booker@slechurch.org for links to the articles and the Zoom meeting.

Congregation Connection – Thursdays at 7:00pm via Zoom
We have started a pilot using Zoom for community gathering in small groups during this COVID time. It’s made a real impact on us to have the opportunity to meet virtually, sometimes over coffee (sometimes over wine) and catch up, share what’s going on in our lives, and even kvetch a little. We encourage you to consider joining this effort. It’s a great opportunity to get a respite from quarantine fatigue and connect with your community at St. Luke’s. Send an email to info@slechurch.org to be included, and join us via the Zoom link in the St. Luke’s calendar at slechurch.org.

SPAM Alert
People have received e-mails looking like they were from John Mennell asking people for “a favor.” The email may look like it is from John Mennell, but unless it is from johnmennell@gmail.com or mennell@slechurch.org, it is not from John. Do not respond to this hoax! Report the sender’s e-mail address as spam. John Mennell will ask for pledges to St. Luke’s, but not gift cards. If you have questions about the authenticity of an email from John, call his cell number (646-515-2700) or email the Parish Office at info@slechurch.org.

Community Resources
Our St. Luke’s family continues to support one another in this time of separation. Please also know of the following resources in our community:

- NJ Mental Healthcare (866)202 HELP (4347)
- Peer Support and Suicide Prevention (855)654-6735
- Domestic Violence (800)572-SAFE
- Addiction Resource has compiled a list of resources at this link: https://bit.ly/3i64R02
**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**
- 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Celebrate!
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 11:30am Rector’s Forum
- 4:30pm - Virtual Dance on the Lawn
- 5:00pm Toni’s Kitchen Dinner

**Monday, September 14, 2020**
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live
- 7:00pm Spiritual Explorers Book Club

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020**
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live
- 6:00pm Contemplative Prayer
- 7:00pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live
- 7:30pm Vestry Meeting

**Thursday, September 17, 2020**
- 11:30am Toni’s Kitchen Meal
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live
- 7:00pm Congregation Connection

**Friday, September 18, 2020**
- 11:30am Toni’s Kitchen Meal
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live

**Saturday, September 19, 2020**
- 10:00am Morning Prayer
- 11:30am Toni’s Kitchen Meal
- 12:00 Noonday Prayer on Facebook Live

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**
- 8:00am Worship
- 9:00am Celebrate!
- 10:00am Worship
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 11:30am Rector’s Forum
- 5:00pm Toni’s Kitchen Dinner

**Upcoming:**
- Drive-Up Pet Blessing on October 4

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**Celebrant:** The Rev. John A. Mennell  
**Organist:** Jim Millar  
**Preacher:** The Rev. John A. Mennell  
**Cantor:** Maddie Meier  
**Audio Eng’r:** Stephan Wojtecki  
**Virtual Verger:** Stevie Tryson  
**1st Reading:** Walter Booker  
**Psalm:** Matthew & Denise Price  
**2nd Reading:** Shahri Griffin  
**Intercessor:** Tim Mannion

**Happy Anniversary!**

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund has been made in Celebration of the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Kris and Michael O’Connor at St. Luke’s Church on September 15, 1990.

To make a donation or dedication, please contact Chris in the Parish Office at corso@slechurch.org.

**Zoom links for all events can be found on the St. Luke’s calendar on our website, slechurch.org.**

**Zoom Connection**

We hope you have been able to join us for Zoom conferences and meetings. If you have any issues connecting, please reach out to Chris Corso in the (remote) Parish Office at corso@slechurch.org and she will do her best to guide you.

**Join Our Lector Team!**

As we gather via Zoom each Sunday morning, we enjoy the many voices of St. Luke’s that offer our readings, psalms, and prayers. We would love to expand our team! Please volunteer to add your voice from wherever you are worshipping. Email Martha at thalheimer@slechurch.org to learn more.
On-Line Training for Licensed Worship Leaders – Mondays, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00pm
If you currently are or wish to be a worship leader here at St. Luke’s, you are invited to participate in the Diocesan training being offered this month. Topics will include proper use of the voice, basic liturgy, and the rubrics governing this ministry. If you are interested, please register by September 12 by contacting the Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook at ahasselbrook@optonline.net.

Please note that although all are welcome to participate in this course, our Rector or Wardens must request licensure and the Bishop issues the license. Please email Rev. John Mennell at mennell@slechurch.org before signing up for the training.

Diocesan Conversation – Thursday, September 17 at 6:00pm via Zoom
The diocese will hold a Lay Conversation with Bishop Hughes to reflect and consider on what has been experienced and learned in this extraordinary time. This conversation is open to all members of the diocese, and the link will be sent to recipients of The Voice Online. Learn more on the diocesan website at https://bit.ly/2F1tLPc and email info@slechurch.org for the Zoom link if you would like to attend.

Pop Up Youth Ministry – Sunday, September 20 at 4:00pm via Zoom
Whether you go with the flow or the flow is more stressful than your style, Back to School can be hard. Decompress with friends and reconnect with God with “Going with the Flow: A Back to School Zoom Event” from Diocesan Pop Up Youth Ministry. Register online at http://bit.ly/POP092020.

Cross Roads Offerings
Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center has designed creative virtual offerings for reflection and action in this challenging and uncertain time. Learn more and register for these opportunities for connection at crossroadsretreat.com (registration fees support the work of Cross Roads).

- **Women’s Retreat “The Way of Love”** Choose from several dates to partake in a one-day virtual retreat. Join via Zoom from 10:00am to 4:00pm on 9/26, 9/27, 10/10 or 10/11.
- **Wednesdays Away:** A time of spiritual renewal held on the first Wednesday of each month from 10:00am until Noon.
- **Rally for Cross Roads:** This virtual 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday, October 3.

**Join us throughout the week for these opportunities to Connect, Worship and Contemplate**

Join Us for Noonday Prayer – Monday - Saturday via Facebook Live
Each day, we join together on Facebook Live for Noonday Prayer. This service lasts 10-15 minutes and is accessible to all at facebook.com/pg/SLECMontclair/videos; you do not need a Facebook account to participate. Find The Order of Service and Prayers of the People on the website.

Contemplative Prayer – Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm via Zoom (link in calendar on website)
Does your soul long for quiet in this time of anxiety? St. John of the Cross said, “Silence is God’s first language. Everything else is a poor translation.” We invite you to join our meditation group that meets virtually at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings to transform our fear into love.

Join Us for Wednesday Evening Prayer
Rev. John Mennell and Rev. Peter Savastano continue to offer Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. You may access the service on Zoom via the worship link on our website.
Please join us in these prayers, and your own, this week:

We pray fervently for the stop of the spread of the Corona Virus, for the development of an effective vaccine, for those who are immune compromised, and for those who have been infected, especially Tommy C.

We pray for the end of all gun violence.

We pray for peace in Syria, Israel, Palestine, all areas of unrest, and for those suffering the effects of natural disasters.

We pray for the end of racism and the racial injustice we have wrongly tolerated, and that we may be part of a new creation that honors all of God’s children.

We pray for those beginning a new school year as students, parents, teachers, and administrators, that they may stay safe and find enrichment and community.

We pray for the people of the United States in the upcoming election, that we have the willingness and ability to select leaders who will seek the truth and do your will.

We pray for the world you have created. Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy; wardens; vestry and people of Grace Church; Union City and St. James' Church; Upper Montclair.

We pray for those of our parish family who celebrate birthdays this week, especially:
  Martin Cowart on September 9,
  Vivianna Bermeo on September 13,
  Charlene Dalton, Carol McCarthy, Daune Slater,
  Connor Sutton & Maggie Walsh on September 14,
  Anthony Cardoza, Larysa Cohen, Dean Harris & Kasey Schneider on September 16,
  Denny Calabrese & Timothy Weir on September 18, and
  Jon Coates, Evie Moore & Robin Waldron on September 19.

We pray for those who are isolated in care facilities and other places of quarantine – that they may find connection and the peace of Christ’s presence, especially Elena L, Adrianna D, Marie, Thomas, Lili, John M, Betty M, Liz S, Ellen M, Suzanne P, and Marcelle G.
We pray for those putting themselves at risk to serve others, including first responders, delivery persons, grocery store clerks, Toni’s Kitchen workers, and other essential workers.

We pray for our families, that we may have patience with each other in close quarters and connection with those at great distances.

We pray for those members of our parish family who are sick or troubled, especially: Dan H, Mitchell, Jeff, Barbara S, Sharon A, Ginni Z, Ed B, Tom L, Carol A, Jiyeon P, Mary C, and Kayla H.

We pray for all who have died, especially Alice Adeseyin Oyegbite on September 5 (Mother of Kayode Oyegbite).


To include someone on the prayer list, please email The Rev. John Mennell at mennell@slechurch.org.