



St. John's Episcopal Church

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"

August 30th 2026

9:00am

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Join Us for Sunday Worship
at 10:00am starting September 13th
and
at 8:00am and 10:00am starting September 27th*

Organ Voluntary

Toccata in F Major, BWV 540 - J.S. Bach

Opening Acclamation

One: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And Blessed be God's Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)

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.

Processional Hymn

Blue Hymnal #423 - *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we
praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring
above
thy clouds, which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and
small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on
the tree,

then wither and perish; but nought
changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in
light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their
sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to
see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

The Collect

One: The Lord be with you
Many: **And also with you**
One: Let us pray

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound

incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26:1-8 *Judica me, Domine*



1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind. **Refrain**

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked. **Refrain**

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides. **Refrain**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #558 - *Faith of our Fathers*

Faith of our fathers! living still
in spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
whene'er we hear that glorious word:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer
shall win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from
God,

mankind shall then indeed be free.

Faith of our fathers! we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife:
and preach thee, too, as love knows
how,
by kindly deeds and virtuous life.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,

“God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 358)

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,

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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He 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

O Lord, remember us and visit us, and help us amidst the changes and chances of this life, that we may feed on your Word, and that you might be the joy and delight of our hearts; for we are called by your Name, and you are with us to save:

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

You have summoned us to the highest of standards in our relations one with another in the community of the Church. We are to hold fast what is good and love one another with a genuine love; we are to outdo one another in bestowing honor and mutual affection, patience and prayer, and often we fall short. So grant us your gracious presence and transforming Spirit:

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

We are called to bless those who persecute us, to forgo vengeance, to offer sustenance to our enemies, and to be a noble people; so grant us courage to choose the right over and against our penchant for avoiding conflict:

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

Be with our sick in healing power and consolation, O God, naming before you those near to our hearts. In Thanksgiving for the marriages of Claire & Kaleb and of Isabella & Alan. For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Kent, Ann, Mannone, Patrick, R & L., Loretta, David, Jane, Henry, Kelly, D., M., L., Robin, Katie, Ross, MarLynne, Esther, Russell, Jane, Kurt, Earlene, Donald, Jane, Sean, Susan, Elena, Jay, Susan, and Mikenzy. Grant them a sense of your strong presence:

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

We would rebuke even our own Lord when our minds are set on the temporal rather than on those things of eternal value; so chasten our hearts, that we might better serve your purpose:

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

We want to follow Christ and to become his disciples: so make us to discern the ways in which we must deny ourselves, and the crosses which are ours to carry, both as individuals and as a parish family, for we are taught that those who wish to preserve their lives will lose all:

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

We pray for all who are seeking a relationship with God and a church community to support their faith. Lord God, bring them to our community so we may know and share the love of God with them and be blessed by the gifts they bring.

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

The people may offer their prayers.

Confession of Sin (Enriching Our Worship)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

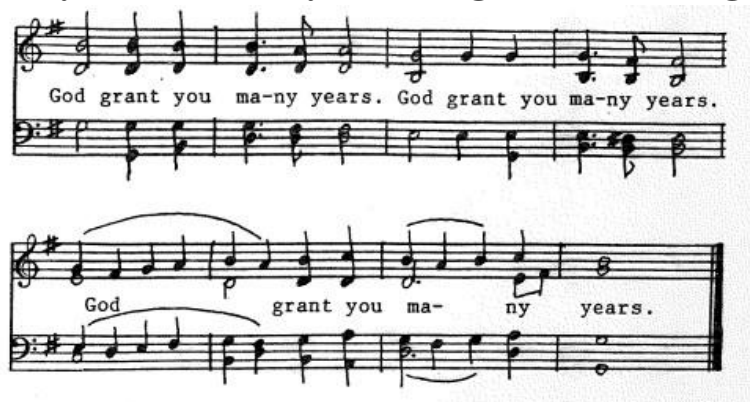
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings and Healing Prayer



The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The Old Rugged Cross

soloist Addison Rochette

Doxology with Alleluias

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda (Enriching our Worship)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Blue Hymnal # S125 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,

abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (BCP p. 363)

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

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (BCP p. 364)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Blue Hymnal # S 161 - *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 364)

Communion

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #530 - *Spread, O spread, thou mighty word*

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
 spread the kingdom of the Lord,
 that to earth's remotest bound
 all may heed the joyful sound;

word of how the Father's will
 made the world, and keeps it, still;
 how his only Son he gave,
 earth from sin and death to save;

word of how the Savior's love
 earth's sore burden doth remove;
 how forever, in its need,

through his death the world is freed;

word of how the Spirit came
 bringing peace in Jesus' name;
 how his never-failing love
 guides us on to heaven above.

Word of life, most pure and strong,
 word for which the nations long,
 spread abroad, until from night
 all the world awakes to light.

Blue Hymnal #314 - *Humbly I adore thee*

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest 'neath these
shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole
heart is bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined
within the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern
thee fail;
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces
through the veil.
I believe whate'er the Son of God
hath told;
what the Truth hath spoken, that for
truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's
own death;

living Bread that givest all thy
creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may
live,
to my taste thy sweetness
never-failing give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith
behold,
what my soul doth long for, that thy
word foretold:
face to face thy splendor, I at last shall
see,
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord,
of thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

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.

Sending out Eucharistic Visitors (as needed)

[*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and
blood. With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors: (they say the names of those they will visit.)

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one
cup.]**

Litany of Farewell

Good Christian people, I bid you now pray for the saving presence of our Living Lord:

In this world,
Christ is risen.

In this Church,
Christ is risen.

In this community,
Christ is risen.

In the hearts of all faithful people,
Christ is risen.

But Especially I bid you pray and give thanks now for Josh, who is leaving our midst:

For expectations not met and grievances not resolved,
Lord, have mercy.

For wounds not healed and anger not dissolved,
Lord, have mercy.

For gifts not given and promises not kept,
Lord, have mercy.

And also, for this portion of your pilgrimage with these people in this place:

For friendships made, celebrations enjoyed, and for moments of nurture,
Thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given, promises kept,
Thanks be to God.

For bread and wine, Body and Blood,
Thanks be to God.

And so, to establish a home in another place with other members of the family of Christ,
Go in peace.

To continue the journey with new friends and new adventures,
Go in peace.

To minister in wisdom and experience, competence and compassion,
Go in peace.

With our faith in you, our hope for you and our love of you,
Go in peace.

(Here the people may add their own petitions.)

The Lord watch between us while we are absent from one another. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Go in peace.

Final Blessing (BCP p. 366)

Live without fear: your Creator has made you and restored you in holiness, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at Retiring Procession

Blue Hymnal #344 - Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
 fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 let us each, thy love possessing,
 triumph in redeeming grace:
 O refresh us, O refresh us
 traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
 for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
 may the fruits of thy salvation
 in our hearts and lives abound:
 ever faithful, ever faithful

to thy truth may we be found;

 so that when thy love shall call us,
 Savior, from the world away,
 fear of death shall not appall us,
 glad thy summons to obey.
 May we ever, may we ever
 reign with thee in endless day.

Dismissal

One: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Turn and greet your neighbors, especially someone you have not met yet.

Organ Voluntary

Carillon de Westminster - Louis Vierne

Liturgy Note: During the summer season we will be using worship materials from Enriching Our Worship (EOW) which is a supplemental liturgical resource approved by the Episcopal Church. EOW is a source for expansive language liturgies which bring previously neglected images of God into our worship as well as language that is less likely to gender God. You will notice that the Rector prefers expansive language except in the case of references to the Trinity where modified language detaches God's revelation from history.

Serving on Sunday August 30th at 9:00am:

Lectors – Richard W., Ben O. and Chris M.

Acolytes - Grant P., Isaac P. and Dakota M.

Chalice Bearers - Jacquie W. and Cassy P.

Ushers – Ken H. and John H.

Counters – Marsha C. and Mary W.

Serving on Sunday September 6th at 9:00am:

Lectors – Brandon, M., Katherine F., and TBD

Acolytes - Eric G., Obi O. and Ruth G.

Chalice Bearers - Nancy D. and Richard W.

Ushers – Jeff P and Zach W.

Counters – Roger G. and Jim B.

Thank you to all who volunteer as **Lectors, Acolytes, Chalice Bearers** and **Ushers**. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, please let us know.

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Parish Prayer list

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers@stjohnsbangor.org.

In Thanksgiving for the marriages of Claire & Kaleb and of Isabella & Alan.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer: Kent C., Ann C., and Mannone. **Continued prayers for** – Patrick, R & L., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Henry L., Kelly M., D., M., L., Robin S., Katie B., Ross M., MarLynne M., Esther R., Russell M., Jane M., Kurt K., Earlene B., Donald K., Jane Z., Sean C., Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., and Mikenzy

For our Homebound Members: Bonnie A., Kathy C., Ginny F., Carolyn L., Evelyn L., Roberta D., Carolyn S., Esther R., Gary S., Deborah T., Lee W., Donna W., Lura W., Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and for the people in the Middle East and Sudan. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Susan Hawes our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. For all members of our military currently in harm's way. We pray for peace.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Odi O. and Anthea B.

For the Departed: for our service members killed in the current conflict.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of eight years of faithful service by Joshua Singer

RALLY SUNDAY!!

Kick-Off the School Year
with some Fun & Games.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
AFTER 10 AM WORSHIP

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Bouncy House!
- Dunk Tank! (Dunk the Rector!)
- Corn Hole, Badminton
- Friendship & Fun

**AS
ALWAYS,
ALL
WELCOME!**



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CAT Conversation and Ice Cream Cones

Join the exciting conversation about our Church Assessment Tool (CAT) results after the 10:00am service in the Undercroft on September 20th. The congregation did such a great job responding to the survey, now you get a chance to explore the results and give input that will lead to strategic planning. Activities for children in the chapel. Teenagers invited to participate in the CAT discussion.



ALPHA

Begin Again with God

A space & time to ask every question and explore a relationship with God in a group of fellow seekers.

- Does God exist?
- Does God care about me?
- What is God's will for me?
- How do I pray?

Is this right for me? Try it out at the first, introductory session!

When: Sundays 2 pm
Sept. 27 to Nov. 15 - 8 Sessions

Where: 225 French St.

Who: All WELCOME!
FREE of CHARGE

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The Ministers: *All the members of this church because we believe in the “priesthood of all believers” (1 Peter 2:5).*

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