### St. Mark & St. Paul office and CAC is closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.

All elementary school-aged children are invited to join us for our new Children's Choir! Rehearsals continue on Wednesdays at 2:45pm in Kennerly Please contact Meghan Mazur (mjmazur@sewanee.edu) if you would like more information, are interested in signing a child up to sing, or would like to volunteer to ensure this program's success.

**Anyone who likes to sing** (including older youth) **is invited to give the re-established adult choir a try.** Rehearsals begin Sept. 10 following the late . If you are interested or would like more information, please be in touch with incoming Organist/Choir Director Ken Miller at <a href="mailto:ksmiller@sewanee.edu">ksmiller@sewanee.edu</a>.

**Youth:** Sunday School takes place at 9:45 am in Brooks Hall. Youth Group Kickoff Cookout will be held Sept 10, at Lake Cheston. Rite 13 for middle schoolers will be held Sunday evenings 4-6pm beginning Sept 17.

Want to join our EfM group? Education for Ministry is a 4-year theological education program that "helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together." EfM meets on Monday nights during the academic year. For more information, email Jeannie at <a href="mailto:formation@stmarkstpaul.org">formation@stmarkstpaul.org</a>.

We have several openings for altar flower donation sponsors this fall. Flower donation is a wonderful way to commemorate a deceased loved one, acknowledge a special family occasion such as a birthday, wedding, anniversary or to celebrate the joy of a new baby or grandchild's birth, or to honor someone. Please notify Cheryl Lankhaar, Altar Flower Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:cheryllankhaar@gmail.com">cheryllankhaar@gmail.com</a> if for additional information. The donation amount is \$40.00 per donation.

**Centering Prayer** is a method of meditation in which we consent to God's presence and action within us. A weekly support group meets in the church on Monday nights at 7:00. Beginners are always welcome! For more information about the practice, see <a href="https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/centering-prayer-method/">https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/centering-prayer-method/</a>. For more information about the group, contact Jennifer Michael (<a href="mailto:jmichael@sewanee.edu">jmichael@sewanee.edu</a>) or Beth Chamberlain (<a href="mailto:chamberlainbeth@gmail.com">chamberlainbeth@gmail.com</a>).

The Sewanee chapter of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross is meeting at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, September 9, at Susan Holmes's house in Sewanee. The Rev. Giulianna Gray will present the program. She will introduce the book Looking for God in Messy Places, by Jake Owensby. The chapter will be studying the book together this year. SCHC is an international Christian women's prayer group. The Sewanee chapter meets monthly during the school year, and visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Susan Holmes at <a href="mailto:susanbholmes54@gmail.com">susanbholmes54@gmail.com</a>.

#### The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is

to worship God, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to serve the world for which Christ died, to educate and nurture our community, and welcome all.



## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

**Welcome** to this morning's service of worship! **Restrooms** are available in Claiborne Parish House, the building directly behind the church.

Nursery care is available during both services (more information on page 3).

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Prelude** Partita on Wer nur den lieben Gott Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

**Hymn 10** (*blue book*): "New every morning is the love"

Kedron

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity** 

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Gloria in excelsis: Hymnal, S-280

**Collect of the Day** (insert)

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15:21 (insert)

**Psalm 26:1-8** (insert)

**Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21** (insert)

**Sequence Hymn 635**: "If thou but trust in God to guide thee" Wer nur den lieben Gott

Gospel: Matthew: 16:21-28 (insert)

**Sermon** The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn

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**Announcements** 

### **Offertory Hymn WLP 779** (green book): "The Church of Christ in every age" Dunedin

#### **Presentation of Food for the Community Action Committee**

- V. The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord;
- R. And you give them their food in due season.

Let us pray (in unison): Almighty God, we offer this food in obedience to your command that we love our neighbors as ourselves, and that together we may know the fruits of faith, hope, and charity. Grant that as bodies are fed, so might spiritual hunger be satisfied as well through your Son Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life. AMEN

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Sanctus: S-129

**The Lord's Prayer** (Contemporary)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

#### At the Breaking of the Bread: Hymnal, S-163

#### **Communion:**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest. You may choose to receive the consecrated wine from the common cup to your left or from a chalice to share within your household to your right (placing the empty chalice on the table near the piano.)

#### **Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors** (when needed)

(in unison) In the name of this parish, we 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. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

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**Hymn 675:** "Take up your cross, the Savior said"

Bourbon

Blessing

**Dismissal** 

**Postlude:** Chaconne in G Major

Georg Böhm

The arrangement at the altar today is given to the greater glory of God by Ray and Lynda Gotko in thanksgiving for their 59th wedding anniversary Sept 5.

Altar Guild — Beth Wiley, Dorothy Gates Bread Baker—Diane Jones Tellers—Lynn Stubblefield, Carolyn Davis Flowers—Betty Barton Blythe Coffee Hour—Ann Seiters

8:30 am service Vestry—Lynn Stubblefield Server— Robin Bates Chalice Bearer—Robin Bates Readers—Joel Cunningham, John Reishman Intercessor— Robin Bates Usher(s) -- Diane Jones 11:00 am service
Lynn Stubblefield
Julia Bates
Julian Price
Lane Price, Julian Price—
Julia Bates
Beth & George Chamberlain

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Agnes Mission, Cowan

**Prayer Requests:** Ellen Armentrout, David Baker, Paul Cahoon, Bill Davis, Margaret Edsall, Pam Fogelson, Michael Fowler, Sue Hawkins, Carl P. Hill, David Kearley, Pat Kirby, Theo Maedgen, Paul Mooney, Mollie McMurry, Evelyn Raines, George Ramseur, Alice Spraggins, Sarah Margaret Roberts, Freddie Tucker, the people of Ukraine, and those impacted by wild-fires on the islands of Maui and Hawaii.

**Departed:** Those killed in the fire in Johannesburg

**Birthdays:** Michael Thompson, Sandy Baird, Lauryl Tucker, Jane Mauzy, Scott Lee, Peggy Peterson, Mary Ming Lynch, Sally Hubbard, Joshua Mauzy, Matthew Mauzy

**8:30** am Holy Eucharist in the church and is also livestreamed on our  $\underline{\text{Face-book page}}$  and remains available there afterward. The second service is at 11 am.

**Godly Play for Children**: Two Montessori-based classes meet 9:45-10:45am in the Godly Play rooms. Today there will be a combined class: The Great Family & The Story of Abraham: Storyteller: Julia Bates; Doorkeeper: Aaron Elrod



**Nursery services**: Infants and toddlers through three year olds are invited to gather on the playground on Sunday mornings from 8:15 to noon. The nursery will be held at the playground of St. Mark and St. Paul, or in the child care classroom at the lower level of Claiborne Hall.

**CAC serves those in need** with food and in other ways 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927. Today, is CAC Pantry Sunday and they are in need of cereal, canned chicken, jelly, and paper towels.

**Dr. Robin R. Bates, Emeritus Professor of English at St. Mary's College of Maryland, will kick off the 2023-24 Sunday Forum on Sept. 3** at St. Mark and St. Paul on the Mountain with a talk on the relationship between spirituality and creativity. The theme of this year's forum is "Creating in God's Image."

One has only to think of Homer invoking the muse, Bates notes, to realize how artists have long seen themselves as channels for divinity. One of the first philosophers to explore the issue was Plato, who questioned whether divine inspiration was in fact a good thing. John Milton saw his muse as the Holy Ghost, the Romantic poets believed in a Spirit blowing through the universe, and various contemporary authors have found their own ways of describing the source of their inspiration. The talk will touch on a number of these articulations.