



Friday Bulletin

Good Shepherd E-News

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This Upcoming Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

25 September 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Musician: Marsha Reilly

Lector: Jack Flemming

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Lynn
Graham

**Eucharistic Minister/Prayer
Leader:** Gregory Proctor

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham

Coffee Hour Host: Lois Wagner

LESSONS for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21-Tract 2):

Old Testament – Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Psalm 146 (SUNG)

New Testament – I Timothy 6: 6-19

Gospel – Luke 16: 19-31

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Reflection

***“The Lord didn’t put you here
just to consume the oxygen.”***

A Reflection on Presiding Bishop Curry’s Homily

On September 21, 2022, The National Cathedral in Washington DC held a memorial service for Queen Elizabeth II. In attendance were many of our country’s political leaders and the homily was given by our own Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Michael Curry. You can watch his entire homily on the [National Cathedral’s YouTube channel](#).



In his homily, Bishop Curry talked about how the many tributes and messages of grief at the Queen’s death all mentioned her life of service, one that included personal sacrifice. We don’t often think about service and sacrifice when we think of royalty. We think of privileges like education, property, wealth, status, and importance. The Presiding Bishop reminded us Elizabeth the person sacrificed much to serve her country, which is like how we in the United States refer to those who serve in the military.

As I listened to Bishop Curry talk about service and sacrifice, I was reminded of the many people who mentioned the beauty of the Queen’s funeral service. Some Episcopalians on social media like Facebook took the opportunity to say that in the Episcopal Church that same beautiful liturgy is for all people, of all walks of life. In God’s eyes, we are more the same than we are different because we are all God’s beloved children whether we are queens, priests, plumbers, writers, librarians, teachers, presidents, musicians, actors, celebrities, doctors, entertainers, technicians, maintenance care givers.... you get the idea. God loves us regardless of our age, race, gender identity, education, political affiliation, ability, and economic stability.

Queen Elizabeth said in her Christmas speech of 2014 that her faith in Jesus inspired her to serve others. Her message is not just for royalty. All of us, Bishop Curry reminded us in his homily, have been given the breath of life to live life to the fullest. That means more than consuming the oxygen. It means giving, it means loving and caring for each other, it means kindness, it means being curious instead of judgmental, it means helping at what we can when we can.

I realize many people have recently discovered they had been over extended and needed to step away from many of their volunteer and work commitments. It is important to care for yourself. It is also important to make sure selfcare doesn't inhibit helping, caring, and loving each other. There are still things we can all do to help. And when we all step in and help, the workload is lighter for everyone. I believe that is something Bishop Curry wanted us to hear in his sermon: you don't have to be royalty to serve. We all can. Its why God made us, and it is one way we honor God, by caring for and serving each other.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, September 28, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 2, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 9, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 16, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)

Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 12, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. -- Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 26, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

Sunday, October 30, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

CrossRoads Café is open 9:30-11:00 weekdays & Sundays after church.

Coffee Hour Schedule

Sept. 25 Lois Wagner

October 2 -- David Burton

October 9 -- Lynn Graham

October 16 -- Sharon Huges

October 23 -- Alex Buckley

October 30 -- Anne Walker

Events Looking Forward

Oct. 7-10 (Friday – Monday) College Student Retreat in the Hocking Hills

Nov. 6 (Sunday) Newly Refurbished Organ Celebration 3pm (first in a series)

Nov. 19 (Saturday) Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Hybrid zoom and in person in Cincinnati

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day service 10:30 am

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners 1:30 pm

Dec. 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve 7pm

Dec. 25 (Sunday) Christmas Day 10:30 am

Notes & Announcements



We Congratulate and Prepare to Say Goodbye to Eleanor

We are excited to announce Eleanor has a new job with Athens County Job & Family Services. At the same time, it means we will be saying goodbye to her as she moves into the next phase of her career path. One of the goals/purpose of CrossRoads

Café is to provide employment for someone who needs to establish themselves in our community as they seek a job that can provide more sustainable, full-time, long-term employment. While it is sad to see Eleanor go, this is one of the things CrossRoads is intended to do: to support our employees as they grow. We are so proud of Eleanor for growing with us, for taking the chance to apply for this job, and for how she showed Athens County Job & Family Services the intelligent, capable, dedicated worker we have come to love and will miss. We will be saying goodbye to Eleanor on Sunday, September 25 at the 10:30 am service. Please join us in wishing Eleanor Godspeed.

Volunteers Needed to Serve as Ushers

If you are interested in or feel called to serve as an usher, please contact Mother Deborah.

The ministry of ushers is:

- Warmly greeting people coming into church service by giving them bulletin and mask (if they don't have one already).
- Passing the collection plate at the offertory hymn.
- Be available to answer any questions visitors might have (ex. where restrooms are located).
- Help collect discarded bulletins after the service and put them in recycling.
- Assist Treasurer with counting and reporting on the money collected that day.

How often a person serves depends on how many people volunteer. Scheduling can be flexible. Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to this ministry of welcome and hospitality.



CROP WALK

Crop Walk will take place on **Sunday, Oct. 2 at 1:45 pm** at the Athens Community Center. Interested walkers should contact David Burton (740-593-5634 or email: drabeja02@yahoo.com).

If you are not a walker, that's OK. Donations are joyfully welcomed. In the past Good Shepherd has been quite generous in helping feed the hungry through this program. Athens receives 25% of the total raised. This year that amount will be divided equally between the Athens County Food Bank and the Community Food Initiative. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to October 2.

Hiring New CrossRoads Café Staff

Please help us get the word out: we are hiring new staff for our coffee shop ministry. If you or someone you know is interested in working mornings, contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

Pay starts at \$12 an hour. No experience necessary, we provide paid training.

The Job description is available on our website chogs.org (printable pdf file) and or request one from Mother Deborah.

ALTAR FLOWER PROCEDURE

Email Lynn Graham (grahammowery@aol.com) or phone her (740-593-5098) to give her your dedication. Lynn will order flowers through Hyacinth Bean Florist and give your name and address for billing. The cost is approximately \$90.00 for the arrangement and delivery. Lynn will print your dedication so that it appears in the e-news and bulletin.

If you wish special flowers or a more elaborate arrangement you can call Polly Creech (740-594-9302), our florist, and make those arrangements with her. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

OPEN DATES FOR FLOWERS FOR 2022

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November - 13
December 4, 11, 18

Retreat for College Age Adults

Take a weekend to rest and relax with other college age adults at a cabin in the Hocking Hills. Enjoy a variety of restorative activities like hiking, making art, and having conversations while preparing meals to share. Thanks to the generosity of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio this retreat is free. To learn more or register, contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com



OCT 7-10
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NOURISH
RETREAT

**Feeding our souls through
connecting, restoring, & relaxing**

**Location: Hocking Hills,
"Lazy Bear Cabin" in Logan, Ohio**

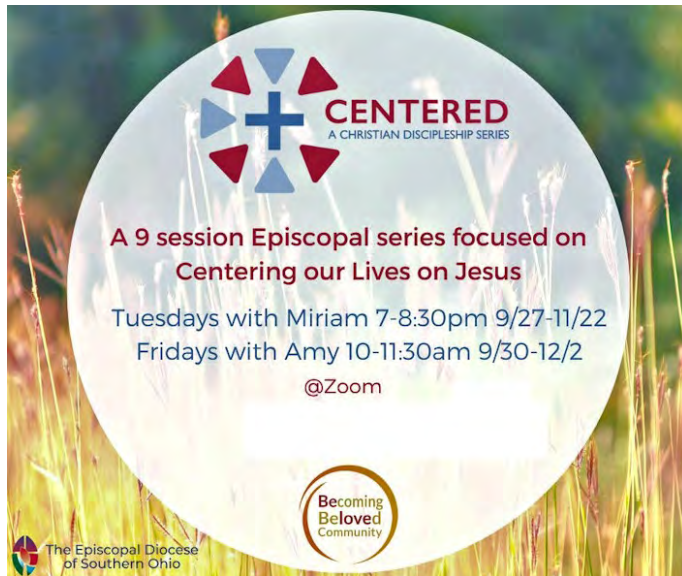
**FOR STUDENTS
AND YOUNG ADULTS**

**CONTACT YOUR CAMPUS
MINISTER TO REGISTER BY
SEPT. 30TH**

FREE!

Becoming Beloved Community of Practice

You Are Invited: Centered Discipleship Circles (Beginning next week!)



CENTERED is a discipleship series guiding small gathered communities to get deeply rooted in love with God and one another so that we all may grow to look, act, and love more like Jesus. For the last fourteen months, Miriam McKenney worked on CENTERED with The Episcopal Church's Office of Evangelism and a diverse team of lay and ordained leaders across The Episcopal Church.

In each of the nine sessions, people gather to share a meal and prayer; view two short films; discuss questions about God, belonging, and living a meaningful life; and support each other in committing to follow Jesus and his Way of Love intentionally.

Our first offering of CENTERED will take place in 90-minute sessions on Zoom so that you can participate from anywhere in the diocese. Join us on Tuesday evenings or Friday mornings. Limit 12 people per session.

Tuesdays with Miriam; 7-8:30pm; 27 September - 22 November.
Fridays with Amy; 10-11:30am; 30 September - 2 December.

[Register here.](#)

For Bishop Transition News and Updates

-- [Follow this link](#) --

Diocese of Southern Ohio 80th General Convention

Saturday, November 19. Delegates and clergy may attend in person or via zoom. For more see the [DSO E-Connections newsletter](#). Keep up with the latest [Convention information HERE](#).

Follow this link if you want **HELP WITH EASTERN KENTUCKY FLOOD RELIEF** directly vis the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington.

Follow this link to support Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine via ERD.

Alternatively if you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by climate disaster and war **anywhere** in the world please consider contributing to **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)** which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Contacts & Information

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

[DONATE to Good Shepherd](#)

This takes you to the Parish Home page where you can donate on line via PayPal. If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the seller" section the purpose of the donation—e.g. Covid Memorial, plate collection, etc.

Check out the Church's [YouTube Channel](#).

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Office Hours:
10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m., Monday

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through Thursday.

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Guidelines request
all persons wear
masks inside the
church building
regardless of
vaccination status.**

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