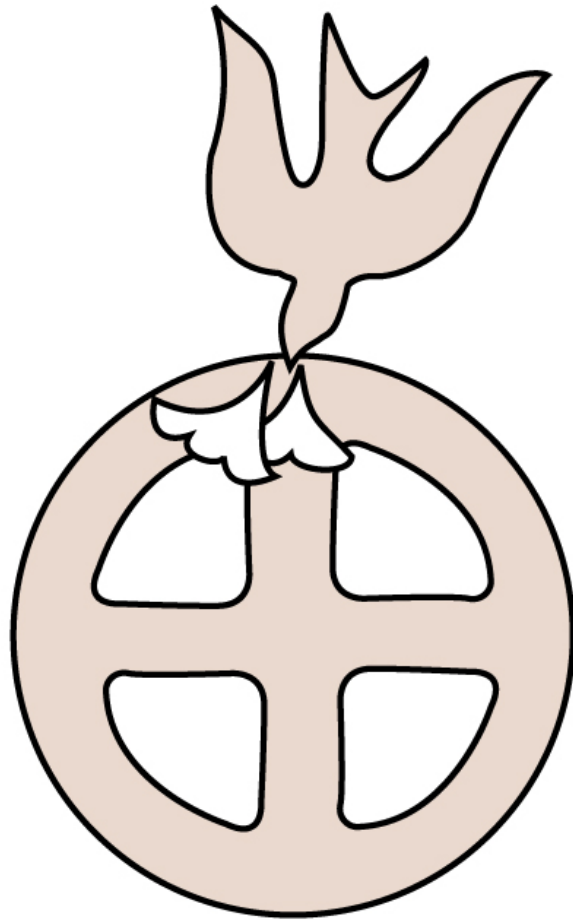


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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *

What happens when you are spiritually prepared and desire to receive communion, but can't? Such a case is referenced by a paragraph in the 1979 Prayer Book:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.

A nation-wide shut down due to a pandemic fits, I'm sure we'll agree, with the words "by any other impediment" listed in the first Prayer Book. Our Lord will not cut us off from his grace. If we truly desire him, he will come to us, even if we cannot receive the Sacraments he has instituted so that we may receive his grace. This is not a new idea. St Thomas Aquinas, writing nearly 800 years ago, said:

before receiving a sacrament, the reality of the sacrament can be had through the very desire of receiving the sacrament. Accordingly, before actual reception of this sacrament, a man can obtain salvation through the desire of receiving it, just as he can before Baptism through the desire of Baptism, as stated above (Summa, III.73.iii)

Desiring to receive the spiritual grace of the Most Holy Eucharist (and being prevented from receiving it sacramentally) is known as Spiritual Communion. It is so very important to note that this gift is given to us when we cannot, for very good reason, be present at mass.

When you are watching a live-stream or recording of our liturgies, any of the following prayers may be said at the moment of communion when you would normally leave your pew and make your journey to the altar:

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now 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. Let me live and die in Your love. Amen.

OR

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (from *Enriching Our Worship 2*)

OR

**"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already in my heart
and unite myself to you completely.
Please do not let me ever be separated from you." (by St. Alphonsus Liguori)**

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THE HOLY VIRTUAL EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

The Shepherd's Farewell

Hector Berlioz

Processional Hymn 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT



1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the



1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring;
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:



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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 351

Celebrant: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my / shepherd; *
I shall not be in / want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures *
and leads me beside still / waters.
- 3 He revives my / soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no / evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running / over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for / ever.



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THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 664

My Shepherd will supply my need

RESIGNATION

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; one word of thy sup -
 all my days; oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.
 or a guest, but like a child at home.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to John.*

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Christina Dondero

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

(said by 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, 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, Form III

BCP 383

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially Michael, Rob, and Don, and all priests and deacons, especially Nikki, Christina, Carol, Ellen, Doug, Dutton, and Lin;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. ...

We give special thanks for ...

The Celebrant adds a Collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep

Philip Ledger

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand, None can pluck me from thy hand.
I would praise thee ev'ry day, Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above Happy in thy precious love.
Loving Shepherd, ever near, Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray From the straight and narrow way.
Where thou hearest I would go, Walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne, I shall know as I am known.

Presentation Hymn 380 vs. 3

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

* Sanctus S-130

Holy, holy, holy

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People *We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Gregory and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion Hymn 663

The Lord my God my shepherd is

CRIMOND

1 The Lord my God my shep - herd is; how
 2 To whole - ness he re - stores my soul and
 3 Yea, e - ven when I must pass through the
 4 Thou hast in grace my ta - ble spread se -
 5 Then sure - ly I can trust thy love for

1 could I want or need? In pas - tures green, by
 2 doth in mer - cy bless, and helps me take for
 3 val - ley of death's shade, I will not fear, for
 4 cure in all a - larms, and filled my cup, and
 5 all the days to come, that I may tell thy

1 streams se - rene, he safe - ly doth me lead.
 2 his Name's sake the paths of right - eous - ness.
 3 thou art here, to com - fort and to aid.
 4 borne me up in ev - er - last - ing arms.
 5 praise, and dwell for ev - er in thy home.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship 2

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot physically consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I embody your desire, and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Closing Hymn 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

SICILIAN MARINERS

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
 learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
 People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



*The altar flowers are dedicated by Jane Hudson
to the honor and glory of God,
and in thanksgiving for Ron Balthazor,
whose birthday is today!*

Prayers of the People

In our Parish we pray for Jason Vogt, Susan Dunn & family, Donna Hall, Don Musholt, Beth Massey, Cayden Mitchell, Harry Stooksbury, Billy Hale, Bill Alworth, Stephen Morris, Barbara Johnson, Sue Bush, Janice Rusk, Jennifer Polzin, Susan Williams, Dan Williams, Pat MacKinnon, Shelby Welch, Don Downie, Olivia Carlisle, Angie Defalco, Ken Packer, Rosina, Eliot, Patricia, Ben, Mobley, Scott, and Lynn.

In thanksgiving for those celebrating their birthday this week: Ron Balthazor, Linda Morris, Susan Risler, Julie Dingus, Dakota Hamlin, and Albert Laing; **and for those celebrating anniversaries:** Ben & Gaby Compton, Vince & Nikki Mathis, Don & Kathryn Musholt, and Doug & Becky Adkins.

The people listed here are prayed for by name at each Sunday service. To request prayer for yourself or someone else, please call the office (706-546-7553). If at the beginning of the next month the person needs to remain on the list, please call and give the office an update.

TODAY

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING | 12PM

Parish Life will meet today after the 10:30AM service. We have had a rousing revival with two receptions in a row!! Now we will meet and get organized. Grab a cup of coffee and we will figure out the best place to meet. If you are interested, but can't make the meeting, please contact Maggie Reinberger 706-338-1471, or Shelby Welch 706-224-2835.

MERIDIAN WOMEN'S CHORUS CONCERT | 4PM

The women of Meridian Women's Chorus invites you to their spring concert, *Mother Earth and Her Gifts*, on Sunday, April 30 at 4PM at Friendship Presbyterian Church. This free concert includes three pieces by local composers; two will be world premieres.

UGA CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT | 5PM

The UGA Chamber Music Society will have their Spring Concert today at 5PM in the St. Gregory's Sanctuary. The Chamber Music Society is a student organization that allows people from all majors to play music in a chamber environment. The recital is the culmination of the semester's work. On this semester's program, there are works from the classical repertoire, including pieces by Beethoven, Mozart, and Dvorak, and beyond, including a Disney Medley and a original composition. The event is free and open to the public.

FAMILY PROMISE

St. Gregory's next Family Promise week begins today! Thank you to those who signed up to host or bring a meal. We still need volunteers for evening and weekend host shifts. It's a short commitment of several hours. This is a good activity for parents and grandparents to do with their kids. The families generally keep to themselves and we are there as a resource for them. The families stay at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church. Sign up by clicking on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-2022#/>. Scroll down until you find the week of April 30-May 6. For questions, email Annette at bateskannette@gmail.com or call 706-255-5839. We can be Christ's body here in Athens.

THIS WEEK

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: GENE BIANCHI | MAY 5/6

Please save the date(s) and join us in celebrating the life of Gene Bianchi. We will be gathering to celebrate Gene's life twice, one for anyone in the Atlanta/Emory community and another, the next day, in Athens. For Atlanta, we will gather Friday, May 5, at the Luce Center at Emory from 11AM until 1:30PM. Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe will conduct the celebration. Reflections and stories are welcome. A light lunch is planned. For Athens, we will gather Saturday, May 6, at the National Restaurant on 232 W Hancock Ave., from 11AM until 1:30PM. Rev. Dr. Porter Taylor will conduct the celebration. Reflections and stories are welcome. A light lunch is planned.

ACT PRESENTS: MOON OVER BUFFALO | MAY 4-6

Come get a good laugh (Dallas Bono is going to be performing the role of George Hay) at *Moon Over Buffalo* next weekend at Quinn Hall in Memorial Park in Athens from May 4 - 6 at 7:30 PM. The show was originally written for Carol Burnett, and is a delightfully funny and somewhat irreverent play about a couple of has-been theater performers trying to keep their theater troupe alive while trying (and failing) to defy the natural laws of aging.

COMING UP ...

SACRED GROUND

Sacred Ground is a thoughtful, sensitive, and faith-based resource created and financed by The Episcopal Church to assist local congregations in creating safe space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. Inviting participants to reflect on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story, the program is one path we can take in seeking to become God's Beloved Community.

St. Gregory's is offering the 10 session Sacred Ground program during this 2023 Sabbatical Summer as an opportunity to gather, pray and share a meal together, and to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest written materials, films and facilitated conversations. The meeting dates will be Wednesday evenings from 6-8:30pm from **May 10-June 7** and **June 28-July 26** with a two week break (June 14 and 21) to allow each participant to more intensively pursue a particular topic of their choice. We are seeking 8-10 people to participate with one another and 2 facilitators.

If you would like to sign up for this journey, please notify Kendall Kookogey at the St. Gregory's church office office@stgregoryathens.org or at 706-546-7553 by Friday, May 5, 2023. There is no cost to participate other than your time and commitment.

For questions, contact Ellen Richardson at ellenrichardson52@gmail.com or 912-660-0151 or Ron Balthazor at ron.balthazor@gmail.com or 706-338-0625.

If you would like to read more about the program, follow this link: <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground> I hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity at this important time of seeking understanding and healing in our fragile communities and our wider world.

YOUNG DESIGNERS FASHION SHOW | SAT., MAY 13

The Young Designers Sewing Program is a non-profit organization serving girls from Gaines Elementary School, Hillsman Middle School, and Cedar Shoals High School. Participants in the program learn to design, customize, and sew garments of all types. In addition to creative sewing, the girls learn many other life skills to prepare for leadership and success in the world. Travel abroad, field trips, speakers and other enrichment make this a unique program. Every year YDSP holds two fashion shows and this year the first one will be held at St. Gregory's on Saturday, May 13 at 3PM. The show will last about an hour with light refreshments afterward. I began volunteering in 2016, and I love this program, the girls, and other volunteers.

The fashion show is free, donations happily accepted. Friends and families of the girls, members of the community, and I hope that many Gregorians will come and see the creative efforts of these girls. **I would like to have some volunteers to help set up and put away chairs in the Parish Hall, and help make tea, coffee, and lemonade.**

Please contact me if you are willing to help out, interested in coming to the show, or just want to find out more about this amazing program.

With many thanks, *Jenifer Borg* 706-614-4895 or jeniferaborg@gmail.com

NOTES

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour needs your help! Danielle keeps us well-supplied with coffee and lemonade, but we need parishioners to sign up to bring either homemade or store-bought goodies...nothing fancy, just cookies, muffins, fruit, pastries, or cheese/crackers. There is a sign up sheet next to the kitchen counter in the Christian Education building.

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Those Who Serve

Vestry: Gail Eilers
Reader: Lynn Hanna (8AM); George Krause
(10:30AM)
EMs: Barbara Kuhn & June Ball
Crucifers: Anna Thornton & Wade McGlamery
Torches: Mariel Sanford & Julia Sanford

Flowers: Lane Norton
Altar Guild: Jane Sheridan & Jenifer Marquardt
Ushers: Anthony & Deb Garner
Counters: Alice Mohor & Gail Eilers
Livestream: Alec Nelson

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