

Good Shepherd
Episcopal Church



The Village of Pine Grove, Virginia

Love one
♥ ANOTHER ♥
as I have
LOVED
you
-JOHN 15:12

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021

Welcome to Good Shepherd Church. We are so glad you are here!

We are blessed to have The Rev. Deborah (Wood) Rutter celebrating our Eucharist with us today. Debbie retired in 2017 after 22 years as Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Front Royal, VA. She is a graduate of The College of William and Mary (1970) and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (1982). Debbie started here at Good Shepherd in September 2020 and will be with us at least through June.

Guidelines for indoor worship in this time of COVID-19:

- The Sanctuary and restrooms were all disinfected prior to the worship service.
- Masks must be worn at all times, except by individual readers, soloists, and speakers who are well distanced from others.
- Everyone must keep physical distance of six feet or more in every direction at all times. Family groups, however, may remain together. Ushers will assist in seating and directing communion traffic flow.
- Please check in at the welcome table in the Narthex. Bulletins, masks, and hand sanitizer are also available there.
- We will keep a record of all attendees at each service to facilitate contact tracing, should it ever be necessary.
- Attendance is limited based on social distancing guidelines. Ten pews are closed. Six are available for seating.
- Worship leaders all had their temperature checked before the service and displayed normal temperatures.
- No congregational singing is permitted. Only soloists, who are social distancing at an extended distance, may sing.
- The Peace will be shared with a bow, wave, or peace sign and will not include handshakes, hugs, or any physical touch.
- Communion will be celebrated with wafers only (no wine) in individual cups near the altar. Those who would like to receive a wafer or a personal blessing should proceed in single file to the altar while maintaining social distancing of 6 feet. Please wait in your seat with your wafer until the priest has finished all the blessings before consuming the wafer.
- Restroom traffic flow: from the sanctuary, go through the Parish Hall and down the stairs to the basement. To return to the sanctuary, go outside and around the building, and re-enter through the front doors.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Celebrant: Rev. Debbie Rutter

Readers: Kelly, Kendra

Prayer Intercessor: Lois

Prelude “Now Thank Thee All Our God”

~*Organ*

Nun Danket

~*Richard M S Irwin*

Welcome and Introduction

Opening **Hymn 400** “All Creatures of our God and King”

vv 1, 5, & 7

Lass tuns erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant prays

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.**

The Gloria

Said in Unison

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The Reader introduces the first lesson, saying

A Reading from the book of Acts.

The First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Said responsively by half verse

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of
the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Reader introduces the second lesson, saying

A Reading from the first letter of John.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual **Hymn 705** “As those of old their first fruits brought”

Forest Green

As those of old their first fruits brought
of vineyard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first fruits bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind, and heart, and hand.

With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love
with all humanity.
O thou who gavest us thyself
in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Then, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Rutter

The Nicene Creed

The People stand

**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.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for the Province of
Jerusalem & the Middle East, and for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray today for St. Mary's,
Goochland; St. Paul's on the Hill, Winchester; and St. Paul's Memorial,
Charlottesville. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop; for Michael, Presiding Bishop; for Susan, Jennifer and Porter, our Bishops, for Debbie, our Supply Clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

The Confession and Absolution are omitted for the Easter season.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share the peace with only nods, waves, and peace signs!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer C

The Offertory

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The offering plate will not be passed. Please leave your offering to God in the plate by the exit.

Offertory Anthem LEVAS 151 “One Bread, One Body”

(a cappella)

John B. Foley

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

[Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast [Alleluia].

The Celebrant says the following

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them spiritually in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please come forward to receive the communion in one kind, as directed

After communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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 379** “God is Love, let heaven adore him”

Abbot's Leigh

God is love, let heaven adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him
And exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is love, eternal love.

God is love; and love enfolds us,
All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp God holds us,
Ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching
Deep within the heart of God.

God is love; and though with blindness
Sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
Guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain:
God is love, so love forever
O'er the universe must reign.

The Dismissal

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CALENDAR

SUN May 9 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter

SAT May 15 – AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.

SUN May 16 – The Seventh Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Josette Keelor

THU May 20 – Vestry Meeting @ 6:30pm, via Zoom

SAT May 22 – AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.

SUN May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter

SAT May 29 – AA Meeting, in person or via Zoom, 8:30 p.m.

SUN May 30 – Trinity Sunday

11:00 a.m. Healing Service, with The Rev. Debbie Rutter

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PRAYERS

*Please continue to pray for our neighbors
and for ways that our church can serve the community.*

Friends and Family: Melanie Edmonds and her family, Kathy Ingram, Bobbie Wilhelm and the Wilhelm family, George Rutter, Terri (Josette's mother), Charlene Fu and her father, Karen Tapscott, Martha Hayes, Roger (hospice care) and Sheila Tapscott, Donny McCarty (Lois' brother), Jeanette Carter, David Carter, Ralph & Maeva and Maeva's daughter Hillary, David Aikman (Charlene's husband), Tim Ingram, Michael Mohn, Kathleen Franz (Kelly's mother), Paul Sauer (Cindy's uncle), and Judith Refo (Judy's mother).

In thanksgiving for the life of Charles Leslie Smith, Tim Hall's "Uncle Deacon", born on 25 March 1935 and departed this world on April 25.

In thanksgiving for the life of John Edmonds, 1948 – 2021, who departed this world on April 20.

In thanksgiving for the life of Henry Bradley Kilgour, born on October 1, 1925 and departed this world April 17.

In thanksgiving for the life of Anna Lee Pellock Purnell, Richard's mother, born on 4 March 1927 and departed this world on 12 April 2021.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

To add someone to the prayer list, please send an email to prayerlist@goodshepherdblueumont.org

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NOTICES

GIVING

The work of the church goes on and our bills need to be paid even while we're gathering online. ***Pledge checks or donations*** may be sent to Good Shepherd Church, P.O. Box 324, Bluemont, VA. 20135.

You may also ***give online***, thanks to our Diocese. Use this link: <http://bit.ly/DOVChurch> and be sure to put the name and town of our church, "Good Shepherd, Bluemont," in the memo line. We will receive a giving statement and check from the Diocese each month.

If you haven't done so yet, you can still ***make your stewardship pledge*** to Good Shepherd for 2021. Send a note to the above mailing address or an email to info@goodshepherdblueumont.com. Please give as generously as you can so that our service in this community, by God's grace, may continue and thrive. Thank you so much!

For this Easter season, please consider making a gift to Good Shepherd Church designated for The Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Good Shepherd will match these donations dollar for dollar from our 2021 outreach budget.

OUTREACH



Please bring much needed donations for **FISH of Clarke County** to the church and drop them in the Narthex. Lois takes them to FISH, by appointment. We didn't make a donation in March, but in April we donated 42 pounds of food. Thanks for your gifts, as we continue to help the ***needy in our midst*** in Clarke County.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our **Parish Directory** is available in both print and electronic formats. Contact Tim (timhall00@aol.com, 540-454-0564) for a copy. In these challenging times, let's be deliberate about keeping in touch and reaching out to each other for support and blessing.

OUR FACILITY

We now have Internet service!

We are moving ahead on replacing our Parish Hall ceiling. We also plan on replacing the carpet at the same time. If you would like to help with planning for this project, that would be awesome. Please contact Tim.



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