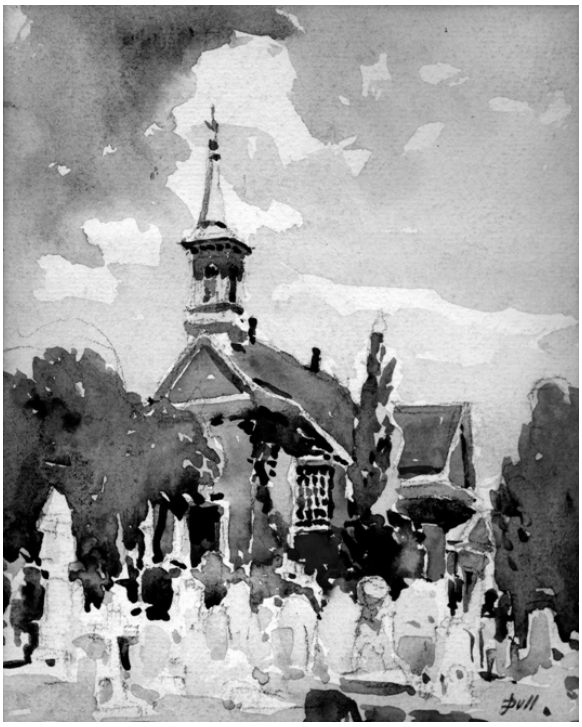

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June 9, 2024
Third Sunday after Pentecost
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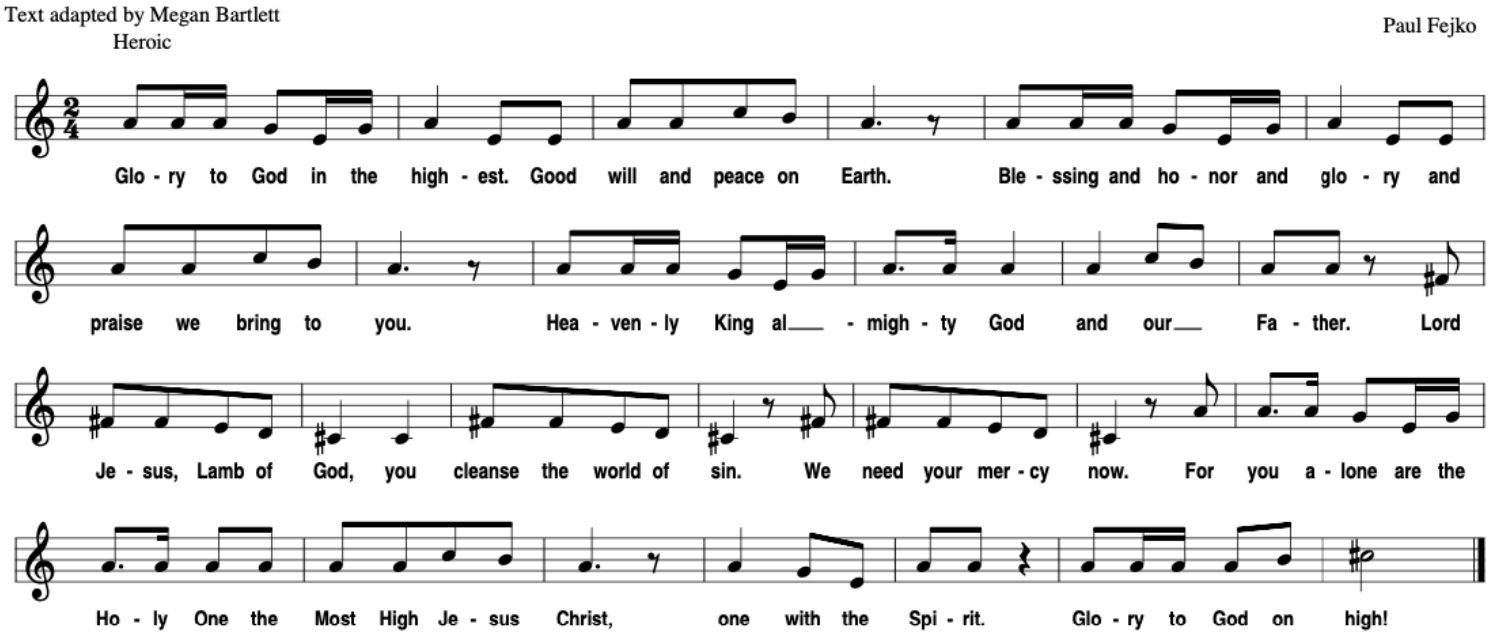
Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The green cloth on the Altar today is a reminder that we have entered the season of "Ordinary Time." This term actually comes from the Latin word for counting, because we count the Sundays from Pentecost until Advent (today is the third Sunday after Pentecost). However, it is also appropriate for us to focus in this season on the ordinary, mundane things of life. As we study the Gospel of Mark over the next several months, you are invited to reflect (and pray!) about what Jesus' teaching and ministry means for your everyday life. Because, in the end, God wants to use even the ordinary things in our lives to tell a beautiful story of love and healing and grace.

Opening Hymn # 594 ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** Hymnal 1982

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Celebrant 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.
All **Amen.**



Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(Congregation is invited to sit for the readings.)

First Reading **Genesis 3:8-15** ***Susan Steele***

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."
The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Hymn # 666 ***Out of the Depths I Call*** Hymnal 1982

Gospel Reading

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (3:20-35)
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon **Rev. Chris Micklewright**

The sermon is an opportunity to reflect on and interpret the readings in light of the whole of Scripture and Christian tradition. You are always free to disagree with Rev. Chris, and you are more than welcome to reach out for further discussion of the readings and the ideas presented in the sermon.

After the sermon, there will be a few moments for quiet reflection. Then the congregation will stand to reaffirm our faith using the Nicene Creed. Some elements may be strange or confusing – and you are invited to engage in future conversation and reflection around the Creed. In the life of faith, we sometimes confess more than we fully understand, and God's grace is faithful to meet us wherever we are on the journey.

The Nicene Creed

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 *(the leader and the people pray responsively)* ***Cathy Ufheil***

Celebrant In awe of the God who is Love, and who invites us to ask for what we need, let us prepare ourselves for prayer with a few moments of silence. *(Silence)*
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Justin, Michael and Daniel, our Bishops; for Chris, our priest, for our Vestry, and for all ministers of the Gospel;
People **For all who serve God in the Church and in the world beyond our doors.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: **Bob, Luca, Caroline, Richard, Georgette, Ron, Eileen, Marcine, Aiden, Barbara, Richie, Peggy, Margie, Wayne, Bonnie, Jennifer, Kathryn, Mara, Keith, Connie, and Jack.**
(Long pause for people add their own petitions)

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(Long pause for people to add their own thanksgivings)

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
(Long pause for people to add their own petitions)

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept.)*
All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant 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 & Announcements

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.** *(Please share the peace by greeting your siblings in Christ.)*

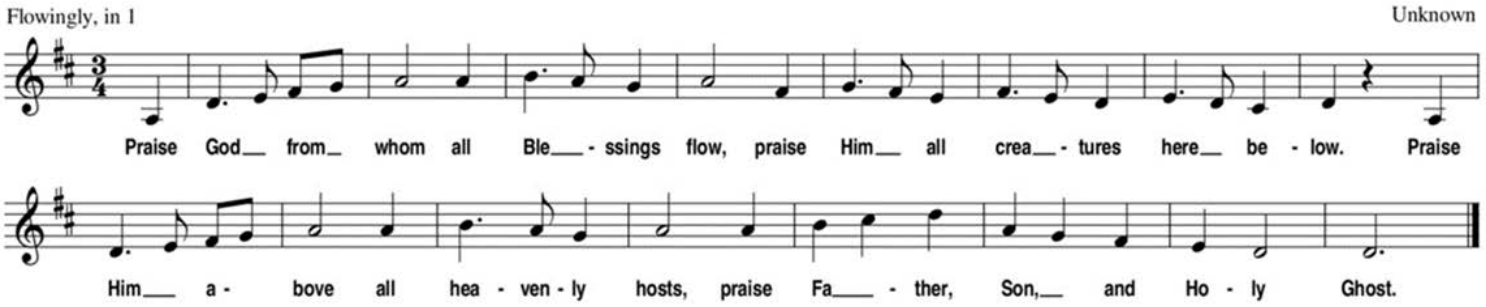
Pre-Offertory Hymn # 527 **Singing Songs of Expectation** Hymnal 1982

The Offertory

Celebrant If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

-Matthew 5:23-24

Collecting an offering is a way for us to remember that all we have is a gift from God, and that we are responsible to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Guests should feel no obligation to give. Electronic giving is possible using the QR code found on the back of the bulletin. After the collection, the offering is brought forward as we stand to sing together the following song of thanksgiving.



The Holy Communion – Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

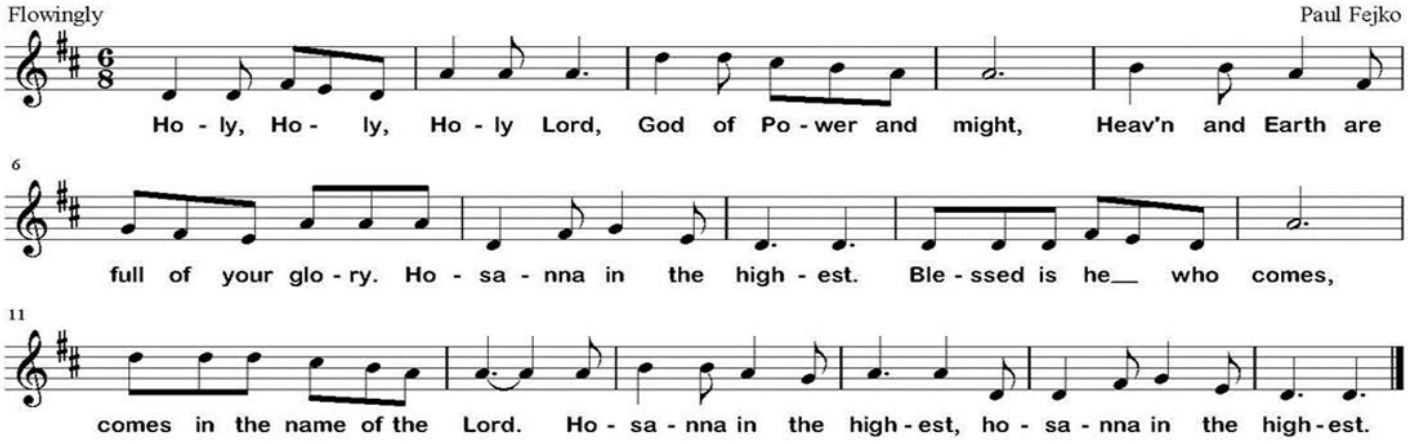
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



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Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

Celebrant On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.

People *(In a loud voice!)* ***AMEN!***

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

All
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.

Fraction & Invitation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant This is the table not of the church but of our Lord Jesus. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is Jesus who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

All those interested in receiving communion should make their way forward to the rail, while the priest and the altar guild assistant prepare to distribute the elements to the congregation.

Episcopal theology recognizes baptism as the formal entry into the Christian community, and baptism is normally a prerequisite to receiving communion. However, we also recognize that God meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Moreover, Jesus regularly welcomed and ate with people from outside of his normal community.

Therefore, all are welcome at this table (including children!).

Kneel or stand at the rail, as you are comfortable. Gluten free wafers are available – just hold up one finger. The priest will distribute wafers, which you receive in your outstretched hands. You may sip from the cup or dip your wafer. If, for any reason, you prefer not to receive communion, you are still warmly invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.

Post Communion Prayer

All **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, 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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn # 490 ***I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*** Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Join us for 10 Minutes of Prayer on Zoom

Every Monday at 9:00am, hosted by Christine Pickup.

On Mondays at 9:00am, Christine Pickup will lead a ten-to-fifteen-minute prayer. She shares a PowerPoint presentation in the Zoom session. After prayers, the time closes with a few minutes of discussion. (The PowerPoints are available on request).

Meeting ID: 748 3341 8409 *Passcode:* 8C3fDK

Tuesday Musical Meditation

Tuesdays in June, and July 2nd at 6:00pm in the Church.

The program will be led by our sextons, Jim & Paula Minacci, who want to create a welcoming and relaxed atmosphere that everyone will enjoy. Join us for a refreshed version of our popular service. Paul Fejko will be performing on our beautiful Hook & Hastings organ. Keep an eye out for some interesting guest guitarists, a drum circle, and discussions that we hope will inspire you throughout the rest of the week. ***Note:*** **We will be on summer hiatus from July 9 to Sept 3.**

Church Kids Adventure Club

June 9 & 23, July 7 (summer hiatus will then start, returning August 11)

Every other Sunday, Rev. Chris Micklewright and Carol Jenkins will be leading an adventure on church grounds for kids of all ages. These adventures, which will include things like climbing the bell tower and exploring the graveyard, are a chance to learn about the life of the church, to have some fun, and to talk about faith. Immediately following the service, kids are invited to grab a snack and gather in Riverside Hall while Rev. Chris gets ready. Parents are welcome to come along if that helps your kids feel more comfortable.

Anti Gun Violence Book Discussion

Tuesdays, from June 4 – July 2, 7:00pm in Riverside Hall

Join us for a book study group, looking at *Beating Guns* by Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin. Shane's work to counter gun-violence and to build community in Kensington was referenced in Rev. Chris' sermon on April 14 (which is still available on the Gloria Dei Facebook page!). This is a chance to read and talk more deeply about the epidemic of violence in our country, and to consider where we might find glimmers of hope that a better world is possible. You do not need to have read the book to participate, but spare copies are available if you are interested in reading further.

Jazz & Joe

Thursday, June 27 7:30 – 9:30pm in Riverside Hall

Jazz & Joe is a "coffee-house" style venue. Active listening, quiet conversation and mingling are all equally welcome. Complimentary coffee & cake served, feel free to BYOB wine & beer.

Grow Natives Gardening

Sundays, Weather Permitting, 12:00-1:00pm

The Friends of Old Swedes, the native garden group started by the Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation, meets every Sunday this spring to beautify the church grounds. This group is open to anyone interested in planting, watering and cultivating native plants. Prior experience is not necessary.

Our goal is to turn the church grounds into an sustainable and educational garden space by:

- Planting natives
- Weeding & watering
- Removing invasives
- Developing signage
- Discovering varieties
- Install fencing

Conversations with your Clergy

By appointment – email Rev. Chris, rector@old-swedes.org

As noted in the welcome, Ordinary Time is a season when we focus on growth. Especially as things are slower at Gloria Dei over the summer, you are welcome to sit down with Rev. Chris if there are areas of growth or challenge in your life that you'd like to talk and pray about. Feel free to email to set up a time!

June Newsletter Update

After some recent updates to our email system, we have had heard reports that the June newsletter was either not received or that it went to people's junk folders. If you did not receive the newsletter, please do check your junk folder and make sure that info@old-swedes.org is on your trusted sender list. We are working to resolve the problem, and will resend the newsletter when everything is fixed. If you would like to read the June issue now, it is available on our website www.old-swedes.org. You may find it by scrolling down to the very bottom of the first page, right below our contact information.

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For those who are interested, it is possible to give to Gloria Dei on our website,
https://www.old-swedes.org/give, or using the QR code below.
There are options to make a one-time gift, or to set up an automatic recurring gift.

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