

# WEEKLY NEWS

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Est.2020 SIMCOE, FRIDAY 1st AUGUST 2025

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** 

**SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST** 

8:00AM Holy Eucharist Traditional (BCP). Said service

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Contemporary (BAS) Sung service

Refreshments & fellowship follow in the Parish Hall

(Choir & Sunday School are on summer break)

TRANSFIGURATION 6th AUGUST (Chapel)

10:30am Holy Eucharist

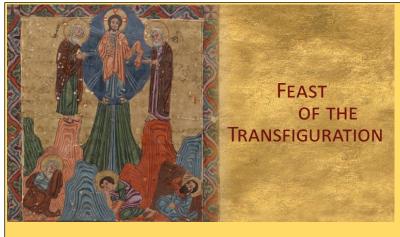
Traditional (BCP). Said service.





FRI 8th AUG **Migrant Worker** 2:00-8:00pm Ministry

(Foundations)



All are invited to a:

# **FESTAL EUCHARIST**

Wednesday 6th August 7:00pm St. Andrew's, by the lake, Turkey Point







Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm

\$13 for dinner \$3 pie slice (Kids 6-12 eat for \$6)

Cash Only Thanks! Wed., August 13<sup>th</sup>,5-7pm \$20 for burger, corn on cob, coleslaw, beverage, pie slice. (Kids 6-12 eat for \$10, 5 and under eat free)



WHO WORE IT

#### RETHINKING YOUR SPIRITUAL PATH

The woman sitting across from me was warm, sincere, and intelligent. She belonged to the church I was serving and had asked to meet so we could get to know each other better. "I'm not exactly Christian," she said. When I asked her to say more, she explained that no single tradition—including Christianity—could claim the whole truth. "So I've woven together a spiritual path that fits who I am," she said. Her approach was thoughtful and intentional, shaped by a desire to live authentically. In many ways, she was doing what our culture encourages: finding a path that expresses the self within. But I've come to believe that the



deepest authenticity is not something we construct—it's something we receive. At the risk of oversimplifying, let's say she walks the path of self-expression. I walk the path of vocation. Here's the difference:

The Path of Self-Expression: We look inward to discover and accept who we are. We choose a spiritual path that helps us express and affirm that inner identity.

The Path of Vocation: We respond to a voice beyond us. A call draws us forward, and by walking that path, we become who we truly are. The letter to the Colossians urges us to walk the path of vocation:

"As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him." (Colossians 2:6)

Just as Jesus once called the first disciples to follow him, he now calls each of us. The way of Jesus is not something we choose to validate who we already are. It's a life we're invited into—a way that reshapes us, that forms us into who we're meant to be. At the same time, Colossians warns that the path of self-expression can become a dead end:

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

The Colossians were cobbling together a spiritual mix from various sources. It was a kind of religious buffet: a little of this, a little of that—whatever seemed helpful, appealing, or empowering. But when we pull isolated practices or ideas out of their original context, we cut them off from the deep roots that gave them life. What we're left with may look spiritual, but it often lacks the power to sustain real transformation. We end up wading in shallow water. What's more, when we select only what aligns with our preferences, we risk turning our spiritual life into a mirror of our own desires. A faithful spiritual path doesn't just affirm us—it confronts us. It names our limits. It surfaces our sin. And in doing so, it opens us to grace. That's how growth happens. That's how we become more than we already are. Those of us who walk the path of vocation believe that we discover our true selves not by curating a spiritual identity, but by answering the call of the One who already knows us and loves us.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jake Owensby (W. Louisiana)

Humility is the ability to give up your pride and still retain your dignity.

God of freedom, God of justice, you whose love is strong as death, you who saw the dark of prison, you who knew the price of faith—touch our world of sad oppression with your Spirit's healing breath.

Rid the earth of torture's terror, whose hands were nailed to wood;

Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood -move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience quick to hear, to act, to plead; make us truly sisters, brothers of whatever race or creed teach us to be fully human, open to each other's needs.

Words by Shirley Erena Murray
(Submitted by Grace Brubacher AFP)





If anyone is doing any jam making or canning over the summer please consider doing a bit extra for the bazaar. Things like pickles, chutney, jams, marmalade,

salsa, pasta sauce, lemon curd etc. We would be most grateful. For more information please talk to Deb Vankerrebroeck at church or give her a call \$\frac{12}{2}\$ 519-582-2292. Many thanks.







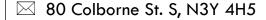




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Visitors always welcome.

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