



The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

6909 Maryland Avenue • Braddock Heights • Maryland 21714

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:
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** Please stand as you desire*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Prelude

"Be Thou With Me"

J. S. Bach

The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

307, vs 1, 4, 5; *Hymnal 1982*

* Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

* 8:00 AM Song of Praise "Gloria" (*All say*)

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 God the Father. Amen.

* 10:15 AM Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

S-278; *Hymnal 1982*

* Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:1-8

Let us pray today's psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you * **and praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

224, vs. 1-2; *Glory to God Hymnal*

* The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

224, vs. 3-4; *Glory to God Hymnal*

Sermon

Rev. Lisa Bornt

* The Nicene Creed

Presider Please stand as you are able, and let us proclaim our faith in the words of 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.***

* The Prayers of the People Form VI

The people may stand, sit or kneel as 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.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Carrie, our own Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers; ***For all who serve God in God's 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 thanksgivings.

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.

Closing Collect

by the Presider

Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Thanksgivings:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Presider and People

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.

The Presider prays

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

* The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you always

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

10:15 AM Offertory Hymn

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

629; *Glory to God Hymnal*

* 8:00 AM Presentation of our Gifts & Doxology (*Spoken*)

***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. Amen.***

* 10:15 Presentation of the Gifts & Doxology

"As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought"

705, v.3; H1982

tune: FOREST GREEN

***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.***

* The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The People remain standing as able.

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 God thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

* 8:00 AM Sanctus (*All say*) & 10:15 AM Sanctus

S-128; Hymnal 1982

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (sung 2x)
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.***

The Presider continues. The People stand or kneel as they desire.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

10:15 AM Fraction Anthem

"Jesus, Lamb of God"

S-164; Hymnal 1982

***Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.***

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

10:15 AM Communion Hymn

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

660; Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing (*All stand as able*)

* 10:15 AM Recessional Hymn
“Fight the Good Fight”
846; *Glory to God Hymnal*

* Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People ***Thanks be to God!***

10:15 AM Postlude
“Masique Royale”

M. Delalande

Adult Study Class meets in Memorial Hall today at 9:00 AM.

Please join us in Memorial Hall for fellowship following the 10:15 AM.

Today's Ministers

Presider: The Rev. Lisa Bornt
Co-Presider: The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz

Next Sunday

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Bill Spare
LEM Marusia Zearfoss

Tellers: Judy Hubbard & Bernadette Roche

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10:15 AM

Lector Scott Myers
LEM Heather Hinkle

Tellers: Vince Parmesano and Hamp Tisdale

Parish Prayer Lists

Diocese of Maryland

St. John's, Hagerstown; St. Paul's, Sharpsburg;
St. Peter's, Lonaconing; Portia R. Hirschman;
John T. Smith; Annette M. Chappell; Brian K. McDonnell

September Prayers for Body, Mind & Spirit

John Rolph, Toni Beaird-Wilson, Mary Belcher, Dorothy Beaird,
Stuart Delchamps, Ian Tisdale, Linda Galloway, Pearl O'Hara,
James Belcher, Jr., Richard & Andi Galliher

Weekly Parish Cycle of Prayer

Bill Spare & Bernadette Roche, the Staup family,
Emily Stetler & Robert Reddy

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Margi Smariga, Jasmine Malcolm, Tony & Christine Traini

Prayers for Returning Health and Healing

Linda Myers, The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz, Mary Belcher, Andy Davis, Judy
Willson, Erica Wood, Linda Turbyville, James Belcher, Jr., Eileen Ward,
Pearl O'Hara, Celeste Wood, Michael Staley, Sydney Heimbrock,
Marusia Zearfoss, Rachel Payant, Steven Ronquillo,
Joe Ferraro John Killian, Roberto & Dory and their two sons,
Jim Hubbard, Laura Adack, Carmen Calderon, Don Smith, Karl Kaefer,
Ronnie and John Pawson, Carole Garvar, Eugene Roberts, Jackie Galliher,
Bridget Hubbard, Todd Evans, Marilyn Roche, Marcia Shingleton

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middletown Valley Food Bank

Middletown Valley Food Bank (MVFB) has particular needs for toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toiletries, and any / all food stuffs. Our Outreach Team has extended a challenge to donate 60 *food & toiletry items* each month in 2026. For the first 2 weeks of September, we gave 100 items, 72 rolls of toilet paper, 8 rolls of paper towels, 8 boxes of tissues and 8 boxes of Ziploc bags! We have exceeded our goal every month this year – let's keep it going! Thank you for offering these gifts of care for our community.

Adult Education Group

This informal group is held at 9:00 AM in the Memorial Hall. It is open to everyone and all are welcome. Come and share a donut and coffee as we discuss books about our faith. The book being discussed next is *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 4th

Anyone wishing to bring in their beloved pet(s) or a representation of their pet(s) in remembrance of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4th, are welcome. We will have a special time of prayer and blessing for our animal companions during both services.

2026



2027

EPISCOPAL YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDER

9/12

FORMATION CELEBRATION DINNER

11
20-21

DIOCESAN CONVENTION:
PAGES & DELEGATES

12/5

MOUNTAIN DEANERY ADVENT
CELEBRATION

1
2-3

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

1/18

MLK JR DAY OF SERVICE

2
26-28

HAPPENING #20

3
14-15

SEEKERS RETREAT

4
2-4

PROVINCE 3 YOUTH EVENT

4
9-10

NEW YORK CITY: NIGHTWATCH

4
23-25

NEW BEGINNINGS #14

5
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CHESAPEAKE DEANERY
END OF YEAR PARTY

7
2-7

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can be arranged by calling the office.*

*The Rev. Lisa Bornt
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Ms. Jackie Galliher, Minister of Music
Mr. Scott Myers, Senior Warden
Mr. Tony Traini, Junior Warden

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Adult Study in Memorial Hall

10:15 A.M. Holy Eucharist with Music
(in Sanctuary and Live Streamed)

Prayers for Healing and Anointing
on the 2nd Sunday of the month

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