

The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

6909 Maryland Avenue • Braddock Heights • Maryland 21714

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** Please stand as you desire*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Prelude

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

J. S. Bach

The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

81; *Glory to God Hymnal*

* 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and

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

The First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-13

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

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * ***and forget not all his benefits.***
- 3 He forgives all your sins * ***and heals all your infirmities;***
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, * **nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

411, vs.1-2; *Hymnal 1982*

* The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had

mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn
“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”
411, vs. 4-5; *Hymnal 1982*

Sermon

Canon Kate Riley

* 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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

65; *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

"Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus"
336; 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

“Praise to the Lord”

390; *Hymnal 1982*

* Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People ***Thanks be to God!***

10:15 AM Postlude

“Trumpet Gavotte”

D. Wolfe

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 Heather Hinkle
LEM Hamp Tisdale

Tellers: Barbara Collins & Hamp Tisdale

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

Parish Prayer Lists

Diocese of Maryland

St. John's, Deer Park; St. Mark's, Lappans;
St. Matthew's, Oakland; Jane G. Mayrer;
Scott G. Slater; Walter V. L. Eversley; Richard A. Ginnever

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

Lee Schafer & Pat Benedict, Margy Smariga, Donald Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dorothy Beaird

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 week of September, we gave 72 items, 34 rolls of toilet paper and 0 rolls of paper towels! 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.

Canon Kate Riley Visits

Today we will welcome Canon Kate Riley, our Canon for Youth & Young Adults, next week as part of our mission conversation series.

Welcoming our Diocesan Intern, Britt Jones

Our Diocesan Intern, Britt Jones, also begins his ministry among us today. Britt will be with us through January 10th as part of his on-going Diocesan discernment process towards the priesthood. Please wear your name tags or let the Parish Office know if you need a new one.

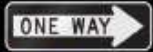
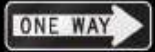
Women's Coffee Klatch

The next Klatch will be on Sat. Sept. 19th, at 10 AM in Memorial Hall.

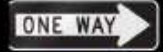
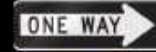
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COLLECTING: ALL SCRAP METALS (Tools, coat hangers, pots, bottle caps, older metal equipment)

NOT ACCEPTED: RIMS WITH TIRES, NO OBJECTS W/FLUIDS such as TVs

The funds raised are distributed to local charities & community organizations supporting the Middletown community

PLASTIC FILM & BAGS



MIDDLETOWN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONWIDE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Ensure collected items are clean, dry, and free of food residue.

Accepted: Grocery & retail bags * Bread & produce bags * Case overwraps (around water bottles or paper towels) * Bubble wrap & air pillows (deflated) * Cereal box liners * Ziploc food storage bags



NATURAL CORK

ACCEPTED: Natural BOTTLE CORKS ONLY!

Corks are 'upcycled' into cork floorings, cork wall tiles, bulletin boards, etc.



EYEGLASSES

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Old Eyeglasses



The Church of the Transfiguration

*Please note that meetings with our priest associates
can be arranged by calling the office.*

*The Rev. Lisa Bornt
The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz*

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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