

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

3601 Alabama Ave SE Washington, DC 20020 + Rev. Todd Thomas, Rector

**Sunday Sept. 25, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Our goal is to follow Jesus by  
living in love, walking by faith,  
and serving our community.**



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## A note to all our guests...

**We're so glad you are here!** This Bulletin has all the information you'll need.

**Your children are very welcome in worship, and we don't mind the sounds that children often make.**

**Worship:** We'll begin with a prelude, a musical call to worship. Then, as a guest you're invited to participate as much as you are comfortable. In the bulletin you'll see bolded parts when all the people are invited to participate with responses, so please *sing, pray and join us in sharing at the altar as much as you like*. We will offer you a time to introduce yourself during the announcements and we hope you will, but it's ok if you don't want to stand or say anything. If you wish, you may give a donation to the Church by using the Church's website.

***Again, we're glad you are here!*** --

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**Prelude:**

**Praeludium BWA 825 Bach**

**Music: Bach**

# Welcome to Worship!

*Please stand as you are able for our opening songs and prayers.*

**Opening Hymn: Blessed Assurance**

**Words: Crosby  
LEVAS II #184 Music: Knapp**

**Verse 1** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my savior all the day long.

**Verse 2** Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

**Verse 3** Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]

## Opening Praise and Prayer

**CELEBRANT:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

**PEOPLE:** **Glory to God for ever and 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. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Words: Watts  
LEVAS II #56 Music: Hatton**

**Verse** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## The Prayer of the Day

CELEBRANT: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Our Scripture Readings for the Day

*You may be seated for the readings.*

A reading from Jeremiah, Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. <sup>2</sup> At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup> where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

<sup>6</sup> Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup> Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' " <sup>8</sup> Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup> I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. <sup>11</sup> Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, <sup>12</sup> and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup> In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup> "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

**A reading from Psalm 91, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**

- 1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
**2 will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.”**  
3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter  
and from the deadly pestilence;  
**4 he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.**  
5 You will not fear the terror of the night  
or the arrow that flies by day  
**6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**  
14 Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
**15 When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble;  
I will rescue them and honor them.**  
16 With long life I will satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.

READER: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

PEOPLE: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**A reading from 1 Timothy, 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all

things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

**READER:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for this Gospel song and reading.*

**Gospel Hymn:** **I Need Thee Every Hour (vs. 1 & 2, before and vs. 4 after)**

**Words: Hawks  
LEVAS II #192 Music: Lowry**

**Verse 1** I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.

**Refrain** I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee;  
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

**Verse 2** I need thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;  
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh. [Refrain]

**Gospel Reading:** **Luke 16:19-31**

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**CELEBRANT:** The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**PEOPLE:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in

agony in these flames.’<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.’<sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’<sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’<sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’<sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

**CELEBRANT:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Verse 3** I need thee every hour, teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.

**Refrain** I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee;  
Oh, bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

**The Sermon** *You may be seated.*

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## **The Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able for the Creed.*

**ALL:** 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

*Please stand or kneel as you are able for the Prayers and Confession.*

**LEADER** With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying  
"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the witness of your Church, and for the  
blessing and good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

**PEOPLE** ***Lord, have mercy.***

**LEADER:** For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Todd our Rector,  
for all clergy, for our Vestry and leaders here at St. Timothy's, and for all of  
us, let us pray to the Lord:

**PEOPLE** ***Lord, have mercy.***

**LEADER:** For Joe our President, Kamala our Vice President, for those in our  
Congress and Courts, for the leaders of our cities, our States and all the  
nations, and for the wisdom of all in authority, let us pray to the Lord:

**PEOPLE** ***Lord, have mercy.***

**LEADER:** For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to  
conserve it for those who will come after us, let us pray to the Lord:

**PEOPLE** ***Lord, have mercy.***

**LEADER:** For the lonely, for the sick and injured, for the poor and the oppressed, for  
the unemployed and the neglected, for prisoners and captives, and for all  
who need a blessing at this time Lillie, Shanice, Constance, Father Errol,

Bishop Paula, Otis, Jairon, Jeremiah, Jessie, Christine E., Calvin, Wilbert, Lisa, Doris J., Leona, Edgar, Mary, Ernest, David M., Kimberly, Deborah, Dorothy, James, Christine S., Herman S., Noah T., Delores, David, Rosa, Alice, Doris W., Charles, Bernard, Cynthia, Donna, Adam, Elaine and Bill let us pray to the Lord:

**PEOPLE** *Lord, have mercy.*

LEADER: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection [especially,... ] and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord:

**PEOPLE** *Lord, have mercy.*

LEADER: For deliverance of all people from violence, and oppression; and for our deliverance from our sins and weakness, that we may live our lives in faith and hope, enduring all things without fear, let us pray to the Lord.

**PEOPLE** *Lord, have mercy.*

LEADER: In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Timothy the preacher and church planter, and all the saints before us, let us offer ourselves, and one another, and all that we are, to Christ our God.

**PEOPLE** *To you, O Lord our God.*

CELEBRANT: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

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

**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.**

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.

**PEOPLE: Amen.**

## **Commissioning and Rededication of Acolytes**

CELEBRANT: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. This morning we commission and re-dedicate these acolytes in the Name of God to the service of this congregation in the special ministry to which they are called.

*(To our acolytes)* Are you prepared by a commitment to Christ Jesus as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of your duties, to exercise your ministry to the honor of God, and to the well-being of God's Church?

**CANDIDATES: I am so prepared.**

CELEBRANT: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

**CANDIDATES: I will.**

CELEBRANT: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

**CANDIDATES: I will.**

ALL PEOPLE: Do not be negligent, for you have been chosen to stand in God's presence, to minister to God, and to be God's ministers to the people.

CELEBRANT: I will go to the altar of God;

**CANDIDATES: To the God of my joy and gladness.**

CELEBRANT: Let us pray. O God, our gracious Father: Bless these acolytes and ministers of your Church that they may so serve before your earthly altar in reverence and holiness, that they may attain, with all your saints and angels, the joy of serving you and worshipping you before your Heavenly Altar; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL PEOPLE: AMEN.**

CELEBRANT: In the Name of God and of St. Timothy's Church, I commission and rededicate you as Acolytes in St. Timothy's Parish. In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us all pray together:

**O Lord, without whom our labor is lost: We beseech you to prosper all works in your Church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to your acolytes a pure intention, a patient faith, sufficient success on earth, and the blessedness of serving you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

If we cannot help you in this service, O Lord, at least let us not get in your way. Save us from being noisy when we ought to be quiet, silent when we ought to be singing, moving when we need to be still, lethargic when all the wonders of your love are being laid before us. Keep us from attracting attention to ourselves. Persuade us to point the way to you. Dear Lord, make us gentle, loving, patient, kind and merciful, now and always. Amen.

## Passing the Peace, Announcements & Celebrations

CELEBRANT: The peace of Christ be always with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

*You are invited to stand and give a greeting to those around you!*

## Offering Our Gifts Back to God

CELEBRANT: We should not neglect to do good and to share what we have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Thank you all for making this parish family a priority in your giving.

Offertory Hymn: **Let Us Break Bread Together**

Words: Traditional

LEVAS II #152 vs. 1-3 Music: African American Spiritual

**Verse 1** Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees

**Refrain** When I fall to my knees, with my face to the rising sun  
O Lord, have mercy on me

**Verse 2** Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees [Refrain]

**Verse 3** Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees [Refrain]

CELEBRANT: All things come from you, O Lord.

PEOPLE: **And of your own have we given you.**

## Gathering in Gratitude at God's Table of Grace

*Please stand as you are able.*

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: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

**CELEBRANT and PEOPLE**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

CELEBRANT: 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

**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 God, now and for ever.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

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

**CELEBRANT and PEOPLE**

**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.**

## **Breaking the Bread**

**CELEBRANT:** Alleluia! Christ has given us the bread and cup of eternal life;

**PEOPLE:** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**CELEBRANT:** These are the gifts of God for the people of God; all are called and all are welcomed at God's Table of Grace. Receive as you are able, for God loves you.

*Those who are with us at the church building may be seated and will be invited row by row to come forward and receive a wafer. Please ask for a gluten free wafer if needed. The wafer by itself is a full participation in the sacrament, but there are also individual cups of consecrated wine to each side if you would like to have the wine as well. Please come forward down the middle aisle and return to your seat by the outside aisles. Those at home who have pre-consecrated bread and wine, and those who have other bread and drink at home, are invited to join us at this time. All are welcome to receive the bread and cup. If you would rather have a blessing, or if you'd like a blessing as well, please cross your hands over your chest when you come forward.*

**CELEBRANT:** Though some of us may not have consecrated bread and wine, we still share the mystery and joy of the Table. Let us all pray together with those online the prayer of spiritual communion.

**PEOPLE:** **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Though I may not now be able to receive you in bread and wine from the altar, I invite you to live within my heart. I know you are with me, I embrace you, and I unite myself entirely to you; never let us be separated. Amen.**

**CELEBRANT:** And now let us pray. *Please stand as you are able.*

**CELEBRANT and PEOPLE:**

**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**

**Closing Hymn:** **'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

**Words: Stead  
LEVAS II #108 1, 3-4 Music: Kirkpatrick**

**Verse 1** 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

**Refrain** Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

**Verse 3** Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

**Verse 4** I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain]

# The Dismissal

**CELEBRANT:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude:**

**Praeludium BWA 556 Bach**

**Music: Bach**



**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS** for the members who will celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries this week.

**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS** for our members, relatives and friends

**Thank you to all who have helped prepare, lead, and participated in our worship!**

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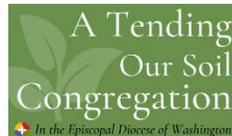
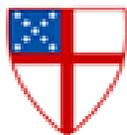
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