



**WELCOME TO
THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
ROYERSFORD, PA**

*A friendly welcome to all! If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor's card
and place it in the offertory plate or give it to an usher.
We hope you'll join us for refreshments and fellowship after worship today.*

AN INSTRUCTED HOLY EUCHARIST

**HYMNS: Procession: 370 (1,2,3,1) Sequence: 366 (1,2,4) Offertory: 381
Communion: 405,423 Closing: 370 (4,5,6,7)**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 370 (vs. 1,2,3,1)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

All stand as able

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

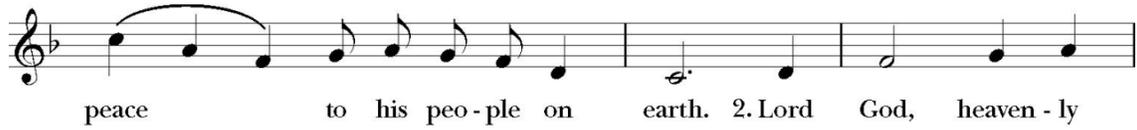
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF PURITY *(said by all)*

**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.**



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



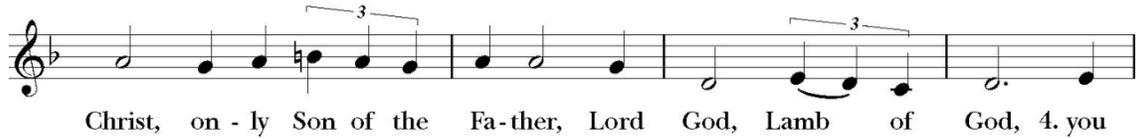
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



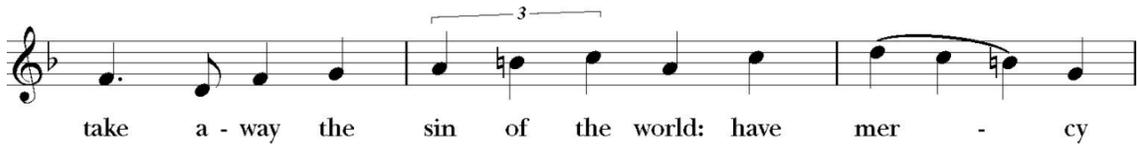
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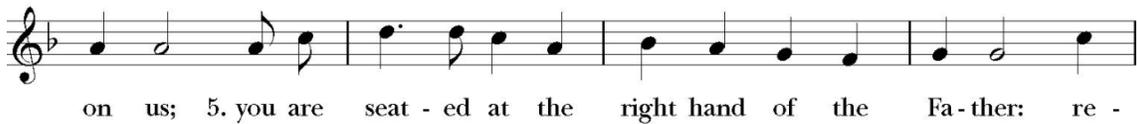
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



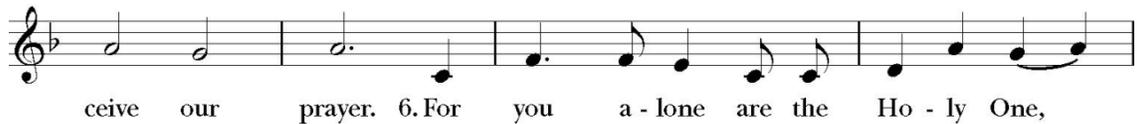
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."

So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him out?

- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 366 (vs.1,2,4)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

All stand as able

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able

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

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to our God, saying: Holy Trinity, hear us.

That the love which passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of each Christian and draw us all gathered here into your unending life, we pray:

For the leaders of the church [especially N.], and for the leaders of nations [especially N.], that they may discern the ways to overcome divisions and mistrust, and may reflect your unity in every aspect of common life, we pray:

That your self-disclosure in Christ and your enduring presence among us as Spirit may help us to understand both you and ourselves, made in your image and likeness, we pray:

For our families, our households, and our communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which build us up and strengthen us in grace and truth, we pray:

Thankful for our world which you made through Christ, and renewed in the power of his resurrection, that we may be wise and careful stewards of creation, we pray:

In the power of the Spirit who joins our prayer to Christ's enduring intercession, we pray for the sick, the suffering, and all who stand in need [especially N.]. For healing for all the world we pray:

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Gracious God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father, accept our prayers this day. By the inner workings of your Spirit, deepen our communion with you, the source and goal of our life, and make us more and more signs of your enduring love. This we pray through Christ, who lives and works with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BIRTHDAYS: 4 - Stephen Exley 5 - Tanya Millet 8 - Vicki Cox 14 - Lori Exley 15 - Cindy Lind
17 - Joanne Arnold

ANNIVERSARIES: 5 - Paul & Trish Atlee 16 - Carmen & Kitty DiBattista

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given in thanksgiving for all God's gifts by Jim and Betty Murphy.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest 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.

Priest

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

All stand as able

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People greet one another ("Peace be with you")

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY

HYMN 381

At the presentation of the gifts

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing as able

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

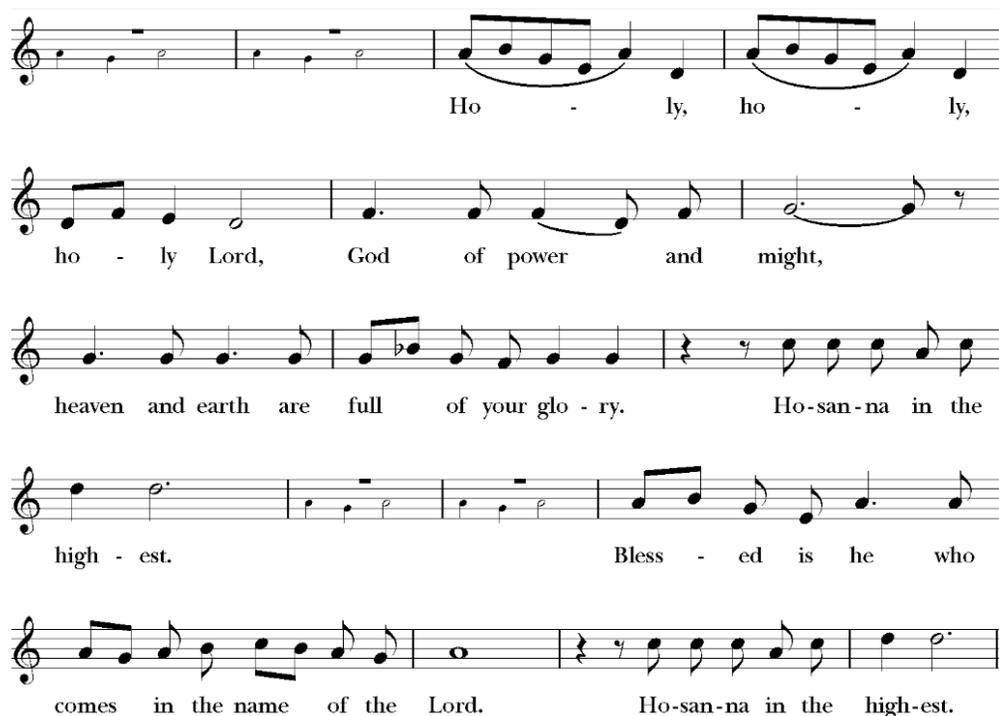
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HYMNAL S128

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people may stand, kneel or sit

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

HYMNAL S154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first and fourth staves are identical, framing the central two staves. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

The Invitation to Communion: "The Gifts of God for the People of God."

This is the Lord's Table, God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an Abundance here and a place for you. You are invited and encouraged to join us at the altar rail. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome; Please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS 405 & 423

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider
Let us pray.

Presider 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

Priest Let us go forth into the world, in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Church School Recognition

DISMISSAL

Dismissal Song: *Go Now in Peace* (Church School Children)

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve God: Father Son and Holy Spirit
People: Thanks be to God

THE CLOSING HYMN 370 (vs. 4,5,6,7)

Announcements

SUMMER WORSHIP: Next Sunday, June 18, at 9 am we meet *in-the-round* for the first time in the airconditioned and quiet undercroft. (Our two service schedule in the chancel and nave of the church will resume on Sunday, September 10th and will be followed by our annual welcome-back picnic.)

VACATION PLANS... Beth will be on vacation from June 19 through July 23 and has arranged for pastoral/sacramental coverage throughout that period. If you are in need of the ministry of the clergy, whether it be the ministry of presence/prayer or sacramental ministry, please contact Paul Atlee

COFFEE HOUR: Please sign up as an individual, or in partnership with another or others, to host a coffee hour! The signup sheet is on the large bulletin board to the right of the kitchen door. The trash (not the recycle bin) needs to be bagged. The two large rolling trash bins located near the trash corral outside along with the recycle bin need taken to be taken to the curb at the end of the morning. Do ask others enjoying your hospitality to help out with this additional task!

STEWARDSHIP AT EPIPHANY (RECYCLING): Please participate with your parish leadership to RECYCLE ALL APPROPRIATE ITEMS according to Borough of Royersford guidelines. Here are important things to know:

- Use the Round Green recycling plastic cans **only** for **ALL** recyclable items (see list posted on bulletin board next to the kitchen)
- Quick rinse food / drink from items (please no partially filled soda cans)
- No Lids
- No need to remove labels
- Collected on Tuesday with Trash (No more than 6 containers of any kind total)
- Please help children (whether they're yours or not :-)) learn *how* as well as *why* it's important to do this

Thanks for caring for our environment !!!

SCRIP: The June scrip date is June 25. Thank you for being flexible as we move into the summer. Contact Susan Garone at 610-415-9233 or proutygarone@verizon.net if you have questions or would like to help with the program.

LET'S READ THE WHOLE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS YEAR! This week's readings:

June 12 Day 162 – II Chronicles 32-34, Psalm 131, I Corinthians 6
June 13 Day 163 – II Chronicles 35-36, Psalm 132, I Corinthians 7
June 14 Day 164 – Ezra 1-3, Psalm 133, I Corinthians 8
June 15 Day 165 – Ezra 4-6, Psalm 134, I Corinthians 9
June 16 Day 166 – Ezra 7-9, Psalm 135, I Corinthians 10
June 17 Day 167 – Ezra 10, Psalm 136, I Corinthians 11
Sunday 6/18 Day 168 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to www.epiphanystar.net and...

Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read

Family Philadelphia Zoo Outing (July 29): The Parish Life Steering Committee has begun scheduling intergenerational fellowship events. Each event is coordinated by one or two interested parishioners. Dodi Kearns initiated and is coordinating the July 29th trip to the zoo. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Dodi with the number of adults and children who will be going. Extended family members and friends are more than welcome!

SAVE THE DATES:

6/18 9:00am	One-Service Summer Schedule begins (Undercroft)
6/19 to 7/23	Beth away on vacation (Contact the Wardens for clergy support)
7/29 TBA	Epiphany Family Outing to the Philadelphia Zoo

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8am	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Volunteer	Marti Wilson
Lectors:	Marsha Hill	Zachary Hayes & Larry Way
Acolyte:		TBD
Greeter:		Linda Dean
Usher:		Betsy & Charles Dell
Counters:		Charles Dell & Volunteer
Altar Guild		Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Greeter		Liz Leary
Godly Play Teacher		Marti Wilson

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
	7:00pm	Daisy Troop 7390 (Undercroft)
Sunday 6/18	9:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II Music (Undercroft)

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP (6/18)

9am

Eucharistic Minister:	Paul Atlee
Lectors:	Karen Kreider & Kitty DiBattista
Greeter:	Betsy Dell
Usher:	Betsy & Charles Dell
Counters:	Tom Bailey & Frank Borst
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

**SUNDAY (SUMMER SERVICES)
9AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)**

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