

KTF 2025 June 5

Dear Ones,

First, thank you. I know I say this a lot, but I don't feel I can ever say it enough: I am so grateful for you. You have been flexible and patient and loving and kind through all these months of my mom's decline. I am especially grateful to Sandy and Br. Matthias for picking up the preaching duties and Liz for keeping things running smoothly, especially last week when I was out.

Thank you for the cards, especially the ones made last Sunday. The first one I opened, made by one of our Chapel Kids, said the words I needed to hear: "You still have us." It was a promise that I'm not alone, but it was also a reminder that I have been called by God to be your rector. I know I need rest, and I'm getting it. But I also very much need to get back into the rhythm of my vocation as a priest. So please trust me that I am maintaining a healthy balance of work and rest as I move through this journey of grief.

I will preach and celebrate this Sunday, as it's Pentecost, my favorite feast of the entire church year. Sandy asked to preach on Trinity Sunday (the 15th). I have been asked to do an instructed Eucharist, and I am going to try to pull that together for the 22nd (but no promises!) and then Barbara Barth will be with you on the 29th, the day after mom's funeral. I will be in the office during regular office hours (Tues-Wed-Thurs), but I will be working from home some Fridays through the summer. I will be taking some vacation time at the end of July and beginning of August, and then more in the fall and winter. (I'm toying with the idea of going to Germany in late November/early December to finally experience a Christmas Market!)

And maybe, just maybe, I'll be able to schedule that sabbatical I promised to take 2 ½ years ago.

In the meantime....*keep the faith*,
Nancy+

PS My brother's surgery was postponed *again*...please keep praying!

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 11:1-9 * Psalm 104: 25-35, 37 * Acts 2:1-21 * John 14:8-27

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Fran Martin (6/11); Patty Watts (6/13)

CREATION CARE TIPS

"In God's wildness lies the hope of the world – the great fresh unblighted, unredeemed wilderness."* John of the Mountains: The unpublished journals of John Muir, 1938

I learned a new word on Monday. Ecotone. It is the edge between desert and forest, or forest and meadow, or mountain and plain, or swamp and dry land. It can be broad; it can be narrow. It is where the bluebird, which likes woods at the edge of open space, makes its home. It is the muddy bank of a river, where tall grasses hide wading birds, and dragonflies flit. It lies between the river's channel and the flood plain, and its natural diversity is greater than either the high or the low water, the wet or the dry land.

In the case of the riverbank, it is where large land animals come to drink, or to fish. It's the place where bears, wood ducks, and insects eat skunk cabbage. And the snapping turtle leaves her river or pond to lay eggs there.

An ecotone can be the happy medium that allows the desert animals to feed on the swamp dwellers, or the space between forest and field, where the dogwood flowers and flourishes.

Finding a new word often leads me to other new words, or to connected topics. This time, it brought me closer to my own habitats, to reverence for Earth, and to thanksgivings for creation.

“He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul.” Was the Psalmist an environmentalist?

*Did you, like me, misread wildness, turning it into wilderness? I like John Muir’s choice of the less-used word here; the wildness is bolder, more diverse, dynamic, and definitely not barren!

– Patty Watts, Christ Church Earth Keeper

Hurt not the earth—neither the sea—nor the trees. Revelation 7:3

CALENDAR

SUN:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Eucharist/In-person and online
WED:	9:00 AM	Eucharist/Bible Study
THU:	9:00 AM	Christ Church Book Group/Zoom
	7:15 PM	Zoom Compline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wear RED for Pentecost! It’s also Gun Violence Awareness weekend, so orange is another option.

Summer Garden Maintenance We are looking for volunteers to maintain the gardens in the front—mostly weeding and maybe a little trimming. Would you like to help?

The **funeral service for Ada Moore** will be on Saturday, June 28, at 2:00 PM at St. Paul’s in Brunswick.

The **funeral service for Martha Eaton** will be Sunday, July 6, at 1:00 PM at Christ Church. The full reception will be at their camp in Waterford following the service.

Backyard Eucharists During COVID, we enjoyed gathering outdoors to celebrate the Eucharist together and there was some desire to continue them during the summer. Would any of you like to host one some evening?

MINISTRIES LIST

	<u>This week:</u>	<u>Next week:</u>
Lector 1:	Jenna Mulandi	Allison Long
Psalmist:	Nancy Mering	Bella Long
Lector 2:	Peter Bickford	Mary Bickford
Acolyte:	Doug Wall	Bella Long
Euch. Minister:	Mary Bickford	Peter Bickford
Chapel Shepherd:	David Mering	Jason Long
Usher:	Rosemary Laban	Jen Lehr
Altar Guild:	Caroline Leonard	Marg Means
Coffee Hour:	Patty Watts	Jose & Carolee Garcia
Counter:	Carolyn Tanner	David Mering
Closer:	Peter Bickford	Jen Lehr