

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
July 19, 2026 10:00 AM



Welcome! We are glad you are here. No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's a place for you here. If you are interested in learning about the Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's, brochures are available on the shelf in the Narthex (foyer).

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You will be given a piece of bread, and you may either consume it and drink from the chalice or dip your bread into the chalice of wine (intinction). You can always choose to receive communion in one kind only by receiving the bread and then crossing your arms over your chest when offered the wine. Gluten-free communion wafers are available – simply notify the priest. Please notify an usher if you wish to have Holy Communion brought to you at your seat. ***Note: Communion will be at the rail; you may stand or kneel.*** *If you desire individual prayer during communion, someone is available to pray with you at the back of the sanctuary in the Chapel area.*

Children are welcome in Worship!

A Nursery is also available for ages 2 months to 5 years, from 9:45 AM to 11:30 AM.

(Nursery is located across from the doors to the Sanctuary).

Coloring pages & clipboards with crayons are available in a basket by the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

Introduction: It is an age-old question: Why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Prelude

Fanfare on St. George's Windsor

Charles Callahan

Pastoral Welcome

Please turn to face the cross as it processes. You may bow as the cross passes you, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

Processional Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving



- 1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
- 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
- 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
- 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People

Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Come, All You People



1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Dismissal to Faith Formation

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God

First Reading Isaiah 44:6-8

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, ***
and glorify your Name for evermore.

¹³For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,**
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy upon me; ***
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Reading Romans 8:12-25

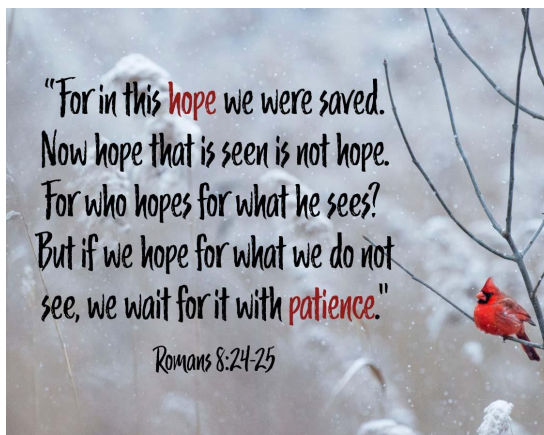
A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



Sequence Hymn

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel

Celebrant

People

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁴[Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up

and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn **Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**



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Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



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warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed (*EOW*)

**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,
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.**



The Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us.

Please add your own thanksgivings at this time.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our creator, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, unemployment, illness or injury. We pray especially for those whose names we lift up to you now aloud or in the silence of your hearts.....

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We trust that even in the grave, you are with us. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who now shine like the sun in your presence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the following parish families: Sharon Braswell; Bob & Karen Burnard; Marge Camden; Jacien Carr & Gina; and Kevin Carroll. We ask for safety and protection for Emmanuella Owolabi who has now graduated from basic training and has been transferred to Texas with the Army Reserves.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Saint Peter's, Delaware, and the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith, especially those who have died who are most dear to us that we *name before you now...*

God of grace,
Hear our prayer

The priest adds a concluding collect.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Celebrant:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please stand or kneel as you are able. Silence is kept.

Minister 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 priest stands and says.

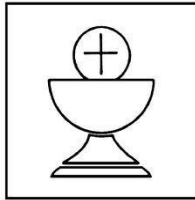
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another with a sign of peace.
Please be seated.*



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

The offering is collected to support the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's.

Offertory Anthem

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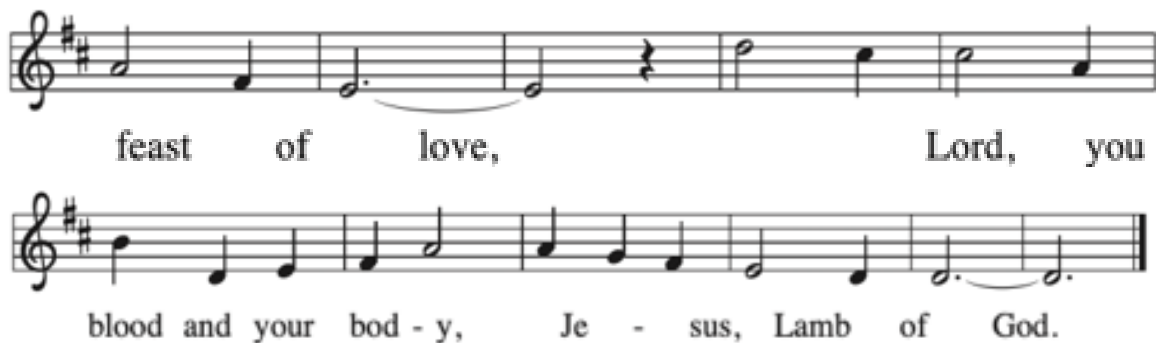
Pick-Up Choir

As the offering is brought forward, all stand and sing:

Offertory Hymn

In This Feast of Love





Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Holy holy holy Lord God of hosts
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
Hosanna in the highest**

The People stand or kneel as able.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,
abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Andrew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People *We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.*

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Please be seated.

Distribution

Communion Song Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Communion Song O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim
your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

The Wisdom of God
the Love of God
and the Grace of God
strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity ✠. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

(Sing 2x)

Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;
light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is
ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is
ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Dismissal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Celebrant:	Pastor Sally Cook	Pastor Sally Cook/Tracy Stephens
Assisting Priest:	The Rev. Marie L. Mulford	The Rev. Susan Smith
Music Minister:	Eric Saupe	Eric Saupe
Crucifer:	Deb Ito	Weah Wisseh
Acolytes:	Tracy Stephens/Tunney King	Erica Hays/Weah Wisseh
Chalicians:	Tracy Stephens/Tunney King	Erica Hays/Weah Wisseh
Book Bearer	Ella Heid	Danielle Owolabi
Lectors:	Richard Hernandez/Sharon Stickney	John Segelken/Louise Young
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Greeters:	Mark Bonnes/Denise Ortiz	Tunney King/Robbin Zaborniak
Altar Guild:	Beth Chichester/Erica Hays	Erica Hays/Elaine Vaughan
Bread Baker:	Jeannie Griggs	
Coffee Hour:	Dunn/Simeone Families	Vaughan/Adeyanju Families
Closer:	Debi Stutske	Richard Hernandez
Counters:	Amanda James/Marge Camden	Amanda James/Debi Stutske
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Welcome to St. Andrew's

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, separated, straight, gay, transgender, mighty rich, mighty poor, or mightily trying. We welcome those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or aiming to lose a few.

We extend a special welcome if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli
or can only sing into a bucket.

You're welcome if you're "just browsing" just woke up, or just got out of jail.

We don't care if you're "cradle Episcopalian" or a "cafeteria Christian"
or if you're not sure what to be or believe.

We don't care if you have only seen the inside of a church through YouTube,
think Hozier invented "Take me to church",
or haven't been in church since your BFF from high school got married.

We extend a special welcome to those over 60 who haven't grown up
yet, and to teenagers who think they're already grown up.

We welcome soccer dads/moms, NASCAR moms/dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte sippers, card carrying NRA members and card-burning Socialists.

We welcome vegetarians and junk-food aficionados.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome refugees and immigrants from all nations.

We welcome you if you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps or if
you don't like "organized religion", hey, many of us have been there too.

We extend a special welcome if you blew all your offering money at the
casino, still think the earth is flat, work too hard, can't spell, or because
grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We extend a special welcome to those who are inked, pierced, both or undecided.

You are welcome if you need a special prayer right now, don't trust "religion"
yet feel a spiritual tug,
or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome seekers, finders, tourists, wanderers, doubters, bleeding
hearts...and you.

This is your home.

*What unites us is Jesus Christ, his Life, Death, and Resurrection.
The rest is details.*



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