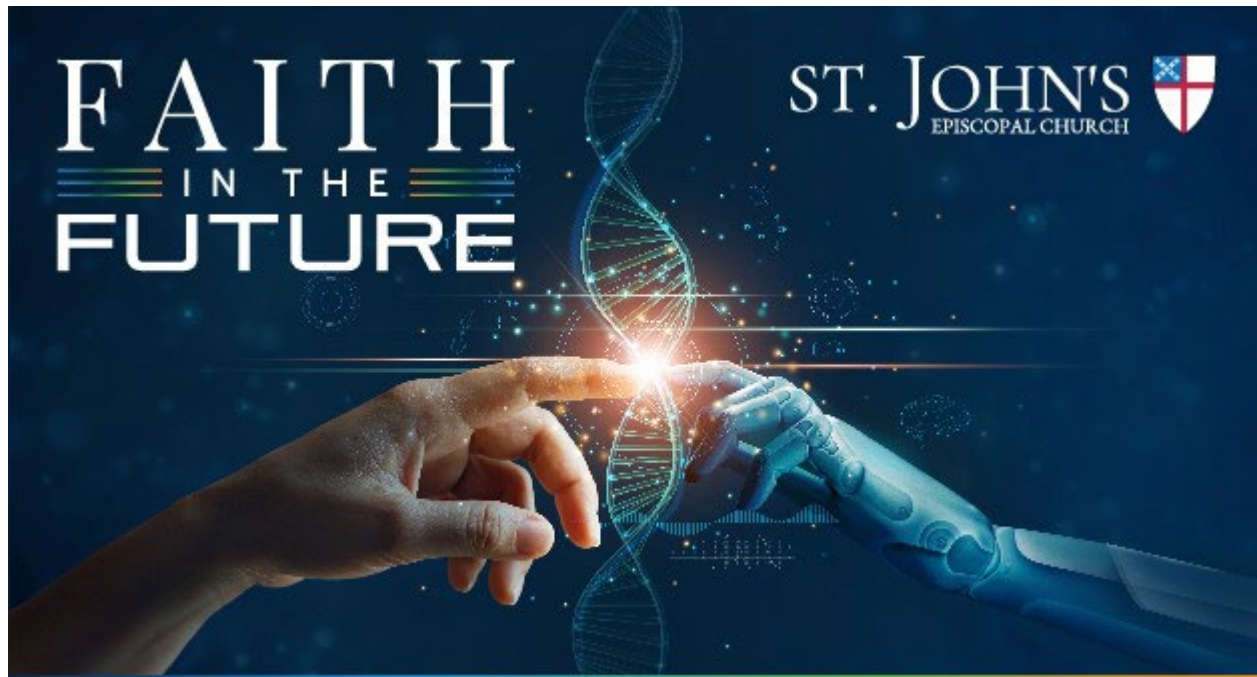


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Christianity and Multidimensionality

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ST. JOHN'S
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Welcome to St. John's. We're glad you're here. If this is your first time or one of your first times, thanks for checking us out. We know you won't understand everything we are doing. That is ok. Participate as you feel comfortable. Take in our historic beautiful church and start to get to know our friendly people. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers or one of us.

Father Kevin Goodrich OP, *Pastor* Mother Susan Forshey SCP, *Associate Pastor*



Restrooms for men and women, as well as an individual gender-neutral restroom **are located downstairs.** There is an elevator. For questions about finding the restrooms ask an usher, who are the people wearing nametags. Also, you can follow the signs.



We love kids at our worship services. Our congregation understands that kids will be kids. We aren't bothered by their wiggling, giggling, and other antics. Many of us have experience with an energetic or upset child. We get it. We have a children's area in the back that you are free to use as you choose. There are activities there for children to use on an individual basis. All children through elementary age are invited to come forward early in the service for a short Children's Sermon. After that they may return to their seats or join the rest of the children in the back tower room for **Sunday School**. The children return to the service, joining their families at what is called "The Peace."



Please silence and refrain from using your phone, including texting. When people use their phones, it can distract other worshippers and communicate untended disrespect for what is happening in our sacred space. Obviously, if you are on call for work or dealing with an emergency, please discreetly use your phone as necessary. We believe it's healthy to unplug from technology and plug into God and into the community of people around us. On occasions where photos might be appropriate, please check with one of the priests first.



Use this worship guide (bulletin) to participate in worship. It follows the Book of Common Prayer (red books in the pew racks) which is used by Episcopal/Anglican Christians in over 165 countries. It is rooted in ancient patterns of worship which connect us to people throughout history and throughout the world. The service is divided into two parts: The Liturgy of the Word (Bible lessons, sermon, and prayers) and the Liturgy of the Altar (Holy Communion, also known as "The Lord's Supper," "Eucharist" and "Mass"). All baptized Christians may receive, for more information about Communion, including kids and Communion, read the text box later in this bulletin entitled, "About Holy Communion at St. John's." Some of the music we sing is included in this bulletin. Some of it is included in the blue hymnals in the pew racks.



Welcome to those of you joining us on Zoom. In-person worshippers will not be seen or heard clearly unless they sit near or stand in front of the camera.

For more information about St. John's see the back pages of this bulletin

Prelude

Welcome

Blessings of Soil & Seed

Processional Hymn *All creatures of our God and King v.1-4*

Hymn 400, Blue Book

Opening Sentences

pg. 355, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from 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.

People: **Amen.**

Gloria

S-280, Blue Book

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

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

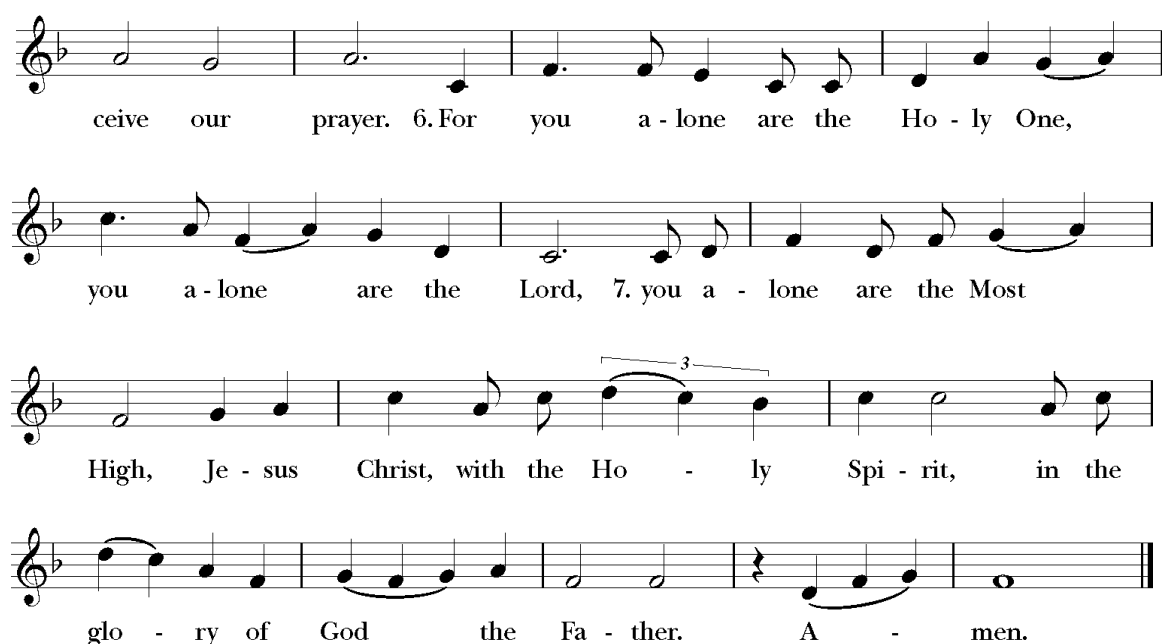
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

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 -



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And Also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons from Holy Scripture

The First Lesson Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

The Second Lesson *1 John 5:1-6*

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

All children through elementary age, as well as their parents, may come forward for a brief children's sermon with the preacher of the day. Afterwards they may attend Sunday School in the back Tower Room.

Concluding Prayer: **Dear God, we thank you for our families, our friends, our St. John's family, and for loving us no matter what, in Jesus Name. Amen.**

Gradual Hymn *O Love Divine* (v.1-2 before the Gospel, v.3 after) Hymn 516, Blue Book

The Gospel *John 15:9-17*

Deacon or Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon or Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: *Christianity and Multidimensionality*

The Rev. Dr. Susan Forshey SCP

Sermon Response and Conversation

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 III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially Archbishop Justin Welby, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and
Bishop Betsey Monnot, and for all priests and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for the earth, our stewardship of it, and for the work and devotion of farmers,
gardeners, and all who work the soil.
That their labor may be blessed and the harvest abundant.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list, as well as all who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence.* Lord, **hear our prayers.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Cathy Brimeyer,
Corky Vance, and those we name silently or aloud at this time. (silence) Lord, **hear our prayers.**

We pray for wisdom in understanding the topics in our current sermon series, “Faith in the
Future” and we also pray that the series will draw people closer to you, to this church, or a
church in our local community. Lord, **hear our prayers.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

Silence may be kept.

**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. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Children return from Sunday School. A testimony or other element may be shared at this time. people are given time to fill out connection cards. Instructions about Holy Communion follow. Birthdays & Anniversaries are noted.

About Holy Communion at St. John's Episcopal Church

All baptized and professing Christians (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, etc.) are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. If you are not baptized or not ready to receive you may still come forward to the altar rail, cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing. We believe to receive Holy Communion is to encounter God in a special way, to encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ and to receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. To receive Communion is to renew your commitment to Christ and His way.

You are encouraged to kneel at the altar rail to receive but may stand if it is more comfortable for you. To receive the bread, cup your hands. To receive the wine, either receive from the larger common cup OR take the small cup from the priest then return it in the bowl to the assisting minister. The full benefits of the sacrament are available by just receiving the bread. Parents, please let the priest know if your children are receiving communion or would like to receive a blessing. If you need gluten free bread inform the priest prior to the Mass or at the altar rail. If you would like to receive but cannot come forward, please inform an usher and a priest will come to you.

Offertory Song *For the beauty of the earth*

Hymn 416, Blue Book

Connection cards are placed in the offertory plates. Worshippers may give via the plates, online at www.stjohnsdbq.org/give or by mail: 1458 Locust Street, Dubuque, Iowa, 52001.

Offertory Acclamation *Praise God*

Hymn 380 v.3, Blue Book

**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! Amen.**

The Holy Communion *Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer C*

BCP, pg. 372, Red Book

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 thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

S-130, Blue Book

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,

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11 ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. O, Hea-ven and earth are full,

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21 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

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31 high - est. O, Bles - sed is He that comes in the name of the

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39 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **People: AMEN.**

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion Songs

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in Me and you will not thirst.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, My King, in what you hear. May it be a sweet, sweet, sound in Your ear.

Prayer after Communion

BCP, pg. 365

Celebrant: 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.**

Benediction

Announcements

pg. 13-14 (bulletin)

Recessional Hymn: *All creatures of our God and King v.5-7*

400, Blue Hymn Book

Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Join us for Coffee and Further Discussion Downstairs

Serving in Today's Liturgy

Ministers: All of us, through Jesus Christ

Sacristan: Becky Johnson-Stewart

Doorkeepers: Corky Vance & Janet Vance

Organist: Adam Smith

Cantor: Marit Johnson

Ushers: David Vanderah & Bud Geyer

Sunday School Catechists: Anna Beyersdorf & Britany Thorpe

Lectors: Michael Stenberg & Ann Cameron-Williams

Intercessor: John Stewart

Acolytes: Britany Thorpe (Crucifer), Eliana Mauss (Server), Anna Beyersdorf (Chalice & MC)

Assistant: Mother Susan Forshey SCP

Celebrant: Father Kevin Goodrich OP

Parish Staff and Leadership

Ministers: The People of St. John's

Vestry: Pam Van Vleck (Senior Warden), Ben Darr (Junior Warden), Kathe Richardson (Clerk), Megan McCready (Treasurer), Barb Horsfall, Ann Cameron Williams, David Vanderah, Stacey Bales, Vivian Roberts.

Team Leaders: John Stewart (Building and Grounds), Ann Kendell (Fellowship and Hospitality), Finance and Stewardship (Megan McCready), Evangelism and Outreach (Father Kevin), Worship and Formation (Mother Susan)

Bookkeeper: Ally Goerdt

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Seminarians: Britany Thorpe, Anna Beyersdorf

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Notices

Join Us Downstairs for a Coffee and Conversation: Connect with friends new and old, and for those interested have further discussion on the topic of Multidimensionality.

Spring Invitation Campaign: Invite someone to join you next week as we continue our Spring Sermon Series, "Faith in the Future." Next week's topic is: "Time."

Wednesday Worship: Every Wednesday at 12:10pm in the Flockhart Chapel at the Parish House Community Center, which is located at 1458 Locust Street.

St. John's 101: Learn more about St. John's and Episcopal/Anglican Christianity this Wednesday at 5:30pm at the Parish House Community Center (1458 Locust Street). A meal will be provided. Let FatherGoodrich@StJohnsdbq.org know if you plan to attend. This session is required of those interested in membership, but all are welcome to attend.

Get Involved at St. John's: Ushers, Sunday School teachers and helpers, Kindness volunteers and more needed. Have questions or interested in learning more? Contact Father Kevin.

God as Mother: Learn more about the famous 14th century English mystic, Julian of Norwich. Her Feast Day in The Episcopal Church is May 8. A session about her life and teachings will be offered twice this week. **TODAY**, Sunday, May 5, at 4pm via Zoom and **Wednesday**, May 8 at 11am in-person in the Ruete Room at the Parish House Community Center. If you are interested in learning more contact FatherGoodrich@StJohnDbq.org

PawStravaganaza: Join us **TODAY!** Stop on by, bring your dog if you like, *from 12pm to 4pm*.

Church Flowers: The outdoor Farmers Market opens on May 4th, and they have flowers! Perhaps you have been thinking about donating flowers for a special occasion or remembrance in your life. We have several Sundays coming up in which you could do so - May 12, 19, 26, June 2, and June 30, or after August 11th. You could either purchase the flowers or give the money to the altar guild to make the purchase. If you want to do either of these please see Becky Johnson-Stewart.

Bulletin & Messenger announcements: If you have any items to be included in the Sunday bulletin or Friday messenger, please submit to Jess by, Thursday @ 5pm.

Faith in the Future Mini-Conference: Saturday, May 18. All are welcome to go deeper into the topics of the series, with our own Dr. Adam Smith, Dr. Ben Darr, Mother Susan, and Father Kevin. See below for more info.



Workshops and Panel Discussion

Aliens, AI, Augmented Reality, The Brain, Multidimensionality, Time

SATURDAY, MAY 18. 9AM TO 11:30AM (LUNCH INCLUDED)

Dr. Adam Smith

Professor of Philosophy, University of Dubuque

Dr. Susan Forshey

Professor of Formation, Dubuque Seminary

Dr. Ben Darr

Professor of Politics, Loras College

Fr. Kevin Goodrich OP

Pastor, St. John's Episcopal Church

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Our Mission: *Love God. Love Neighbor. Make disciples.*

St. John's Episcopal Church is a family of faith, united at the eucharistic altar, who love God and neighbor (Mark 12:30-31). St. John's pursues this mission in the belief that love transforms lives. The Bible says, "Love is from God" (1 John 4:7) and "Love is God" (1 John 4:8).

Disciples, intentional Christians, love God and love others according to the way of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20). St. John's celebrates, teaches, and practices this way of life and love within the Episcopal/Anglican Tradition, which unites elements of Catholic and Protestant Christianity, stressing, "in essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, in all things charity."

Our Vision: *A church in downtown Dubuque for the wider region of Dubuque. A lively outpost of faith, welcome, and love, demonstrated in practical ways, positively impacting the lives of parishioners and the wider community. A spiritually rich, Christ-centered congregation.*

St. John's will be a lively missionary outpost and supportive family of faith. A church that welcomes the young (children, teens, young adults, and families), as well as adults of all generations and diverse backgrounds to worship, fellowship, service, and discipleship. St. John's will further develop its campus, especially the Parish House, as a Community Center.

St. John's, as individuals and as a congregation, will demonstrate faith in practical and difference making ways for themselves and their Biblical neighbors. The ongoing Kindness Ministry will be part of this witness. St. John's will grow in faith, impact, and sustainability.

Our Rule of Life: *Worship Regularly, Pray Daily, Serve at St. John's & Beyond, Love Others & Build Spiritual Friendships, Know the Christian Story & Invite Others, Give Generously, Rest Regularly.*

A Rule of Life is an ancient Christian practice from the monastic tradition, now used by Christians from many denominations. A Rule of Life is a shared routine of spiritual practices or what are sometimes called marks of discipleship.

The Rule is a tool. The Rule is a guide to living out the faith for all the baptized. The Rule is not a requirement, but a resource for faith and for passing on the faith to others. The St. John's Rule of Life is broad and adaptable to people in a variety of life situations, stages, and seasons.



**The Right Reverend Betsey Monnot
Bishop of Iowa**