

July 16, 2017

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

PROPER 10

9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

Hebron, Connecticut

Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Stocksdale

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A. HETTLER

9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)

Preludes

Joshua Ziemski, Organist

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: #440 "Blessed Jesus at Thy word"

Liebster Jesu

The Opening Acclamation

Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

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Lord, have mercy upon us

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The Collect of the Day

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The Readings from the Lectionary (*Last pages of the bulletin*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Robert Stocksdale

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Prayer for Guidance

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us, in this time of transition, the grace to ask what thou would have us to do. Grant peace and confidence to the uncertain. Guide us as we discern the needs of our parish family and your mission for St. Peter's. Inspire our witness to Jesus Christ and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn #512 "Come gracious spirit"

Mendon

The Great Thanksgiving - The Eucharistic Prayer I

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

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Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #632 "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"

Munich

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postludes

Joshua Ziemski, Organist

*Today we are pleased to welcome Fr. Robert Stocksdale as our celebrant.
Please come and greet him at coffee hour.*

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 16

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Jean Rohde
in loving memory of Arthur Rohde.*

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Dan & JoAnn Osmond
in loving memory of Doris Wandling.*

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for all bishops, priests and deacons; for Fr. Jim Speer, our celebrant today;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Sam Downey (7/17), Henry Dombrowski (7/19), Elizabeth Keefe (7/16)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's, Ridgefield; St. Paul's, Riverside; St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill; Christ Church, Roxbury; Committees, staff, and volunteers who oversee and maintain buildings and grounds

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added the week of July 16: Audrey & children; Barbara Potterton; Henry Jones: Joan Hamilton; Natalie Perry; The Hadley & Weir Families, Kyle B., Tina Jeter, Andrea Gigliotti; Audrey and children; Sienna Roper; Joan Hamilton, Dianne Sayers & Linda Sayers Reynolds; Keith; Karen L., Barbara; Mike, Tom; Jim & Marilyn Kew, Phil, Toni; Stephanie; Irene; Kelly; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Victoria, Paulette Likoudis, Bill, Walter, Melissa, Maidey, Jane, Jim & Bernie, Anna C.; John & the Romero family Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; Justin, Stephanie; Grace; Peter, Sam & Grace Downey; The Conrad families especially Doreen, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Louis Domingue, Bob and Barbara LaMay, Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Connie Rich, Florence Coulombe, Mike Duval, and Donna Doyker;.

Announcements

Celebrate the summer season – the August 6 Sunday Service will be held in our Memorial Garden! (weather permitting)

Prayer List: Our new **Prayer Ministry** will confidentially and faithfully pray for those on our prayer list. While individuals will continue to be included on our prayer list for a month, we will publish only the most recent additions in the bulletin.

The **Women's Club's** next meeting will be at Mary Latour's house in Columbia (7 Hunter Ridge) **TOMORROW, Monday July 17th**. It will be a pool party so bring your bathing suits if you would like to take a dip. All are welcome to join us for conversation and laughter. Call Mary with questions or directions (860-228-2154).

Home visits – If anyone in the Parish is in need of a home visit please let Claire in the office know (860-228-3244). Fr. John Burton is now setting up visitation schedules, and Claire would be happy to add your or your loved-one's name.

Vacation Bible School (VBS), an ecumenical fun-filled week for children (ages K-6), will be held at Gilead Congregational Church from July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30. Registration forms are on the back table. For more information, please call Barbara Parkyn 860-228-3860 or the office.

The Weekly Weeders continue to work in the Memorial Garden on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30. Please call Kathy Kniep for more information.

Sunday Schedule for the Summer

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27 one service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. (alternating between Rite I and Rite II)

Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)

The Collect

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Psalm: Psalm 65: 9-14

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."