



Holy Eucharist - Rite II
The Transfiguration
August 6, 2023
10:00 am

### Welcome to St. Matthew's! We are glad you are here.

The People are invited to read the words in **bold**. If you're joining us from home, please stand, kneel, sing, and pray with us as you're able. No matter where you are, joining in this worship service is a form of prayer that connects you to God and to each other. Whenever two or three are gathered, even virtually, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is present among us.

#### Children are most welcome and are encouraged to participate in worship.

To the parents of children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Sit toward the front so your little ones can see and hear. Go ahead and quietly answer their questions. If you don't know the answer, the priest would love to talk to your little one. When you sing the hymns and join in the prayers, you teach little hearts how to be faithful; you are their best model. If you need to leave the service, that's okay. Don't be shy about coming back. It was Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me."

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Matt's.

## + THE WORD OF GOD +

**Prelude** 

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring

The hymns can be found in the blue hymnals. Please stand as you are able.

#### **Processional Hymn 7**

RATISBON

"Christ, whose glory fills the sky"

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

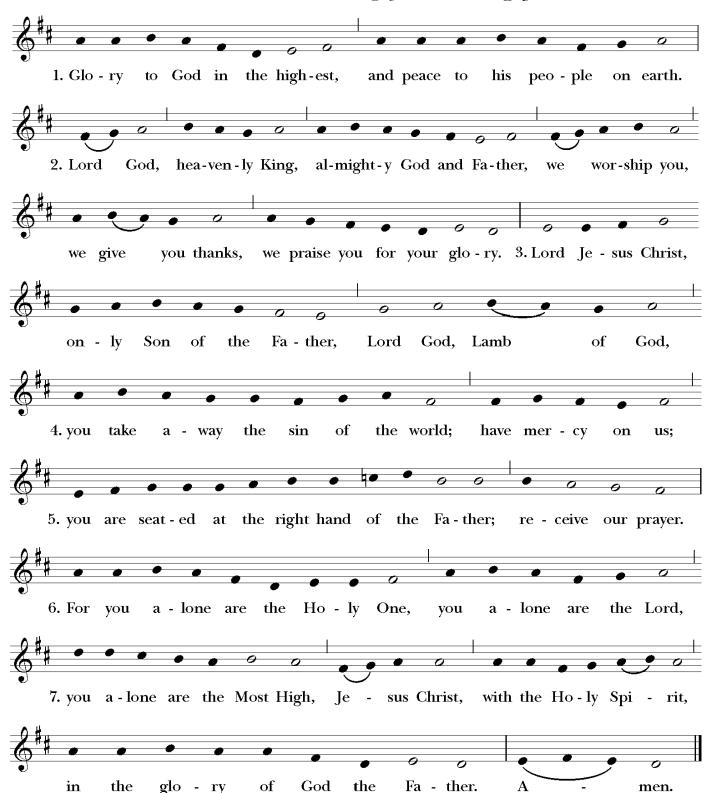
### The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant and People say together

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.

#### Gloria – S 277

#### Sung by all setting by David Hurd (b. 1950)



## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The congregation may be seated.

## The First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

#### Psalm 99

#### Sung by the Choir

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \* he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- <sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; \* he is high above all peoples.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \* he is the Holy One.
- <sup>4</sup> "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \* you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \* he is the Holy One.
- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \* they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \* they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \* you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- <sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \* for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

## The Second Reading

2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Please stand as you are able.

### Sequence Hymn 542

ST. JOAN

"Christ is the world's true Light"

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jessica Jones

#### 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.

### Prayers of the People

The People respond with the words in bold.

Intercessor Friends, God our Savior is our refuge! So let us pray to God, saying, "Incline your ear to us; hear our words."

Intercessor God our Savior, show us your face. Satisfy your Church in your presence. Reveal to us your ways so that we might walk in the light of your truth. We pray for our churches and our clergy, for Mark, Jessica, Chris, and Marissa and for all the people of Wilton Presbyterian and St. Matt's. Incline your ear to us;

People Hear our words.

Intercessor O God, your eyes are fixed on justice. We pray for all victims of war and violence and famine. Give heed to the cries of those in need throughout the world. Incline your ear to us;

People Hear our words.

Intercessor God of abundance, you have blessed the earth with bountiful resources. But we have taken them for granted and mistreated what you made good. Have mercy on us and on our waters. In this time of anxiety, give us eyes to recognize the abundance in our own lives, so that those with little, those who are vulnerable, may also have their fill. Incline your ear to us;

People Hear our words.

Intercessor O God, have compassion on the people of our region. Show us your marvelous loving-kindness so that trust in your goodness might replace our fears. Help us to live together in peace and generosity, ensuring that all people have what they need to live with dignity. Incline your ear to us;

People Hear our words.

Intercessor God of blessing, we call upon you, for you answer us in our need. We pray this day for all those desperate for your blessing. Moved by compassion, heal the sick and suffering ones we hold in our hearts this day. We pray especially for Brenda, Brian, Don, Karen, Judy, James, Diana, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, Joan, David, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. We also remember before those we name now either silently or aloud. Incline your ear to us;

People Hear our words.

God our vindicator, justify the dead through the mercy of your

Messiah. We pray that in the fullness of time, they may awake,

beholding your likeness. Incline your ear to us;

People Hear our words.

Intercessor We pray also this morning for all those who have traveled to the Interfaith Service Day in New Haven. May God be glorified and may God's people, of many different countries, languages, colors, and experiences be united in peace today as they serve our neighbors and seek the common good.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own intercessions either silently or aloud.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant says the following prayer

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be a beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

—The Episcopal Church

Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Confession

Then the Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept. The people may stand or kneel.

#### Celebrant and People say together

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 Celebrant says

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.** 

Please stand as you are able.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### + THE HOLY COMMUNION +

Celebrant says an Offertory sentence, the congregation may be seated.

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

### **Offertory Anthem**

### I Love To Tell the Story

Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; Twill be my theme in glory. To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

Refrain

Whether you've joined us today from near or far, in person or online, please consider making a gift of thanksgiving to support the work of God at St. Matthew's. Be part of God's mission with us as we make our way into the new life God promises. Visit <a href="https://www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering">www.stmatthewswilton.org/offering</a>. Designate it as a gift or as part of your pledge. No gift is too small. All gifts honor the God who honors us with life, breath, love, and salvation.



Please stand as you are able.

Doxology at the Presentation Sung by all THE OLD HUNDREDTH 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

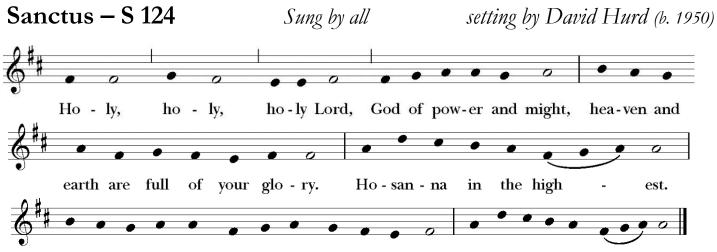
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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:

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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.

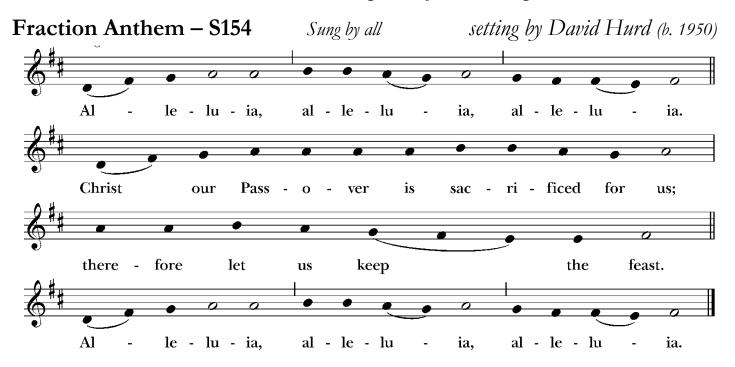
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward, as directed by ushers, to receive communion or a blessing. Please wait for the Ushers and follow their instructions. When you reach the center of the space, please open your hands and lay them flat to receive the bread or cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. You may then choose to drink from the silver chalice to your left or intinct (dip the wafer in the wine) in the clay chalice to your right. If you do not wish to receive wine, simply pass the cup, and make your way back to your seat. We believe Jesus is fully present in both the bread and the wine, so if you receive the bread, you have participated fully in communion. Let the Priest know if you need a gluten free wafer by first extending your palms down. If you would like to have communion brought to your pew, please let an Usher know.

### **Communion Anthem**

Sung by the Choir

**ELMHURST** 

"O Light of Light, Love given birth"

O Light of Light, Love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the earth: more bright than day your face did show, your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company; the heavens above your glory named, your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.

Please kneel or sit to sing.

Communion Hymn 383

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

ST. ELIZABETH

#### The Act of Reception

Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (2<sup>nd</sup> ed)

The Celebrant and the People say together

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## Postcommunion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Parish Announcements**

### The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God give you strength to be Christ's hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be with you this day and always. **Amen.** 

# Recessional Hymn 427

LAUDES DOMINI

"When morning gilds the skies"

The Celebrant offers the dismissal to which the people respond,

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Michel Richard Delalande (1657–1726) Musique Royale

#### **Worship Leaders**

Celebrant The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach

Preacher The Rev. Jessica Jones

Eucharistic Ministers Vytas Kisielius, Beth Baker Lectors Paul Reis, Vytas Kisielius

Intercessor Anna-Kate Reis

Music Director Andrew Leslie Cooper

Choir St. Matthew's Summer Choir

Altar Guild Betsy Pettit, Lorena Morales Aparicio

<u>Prayer Requests</u> Specific prayer requests will be kept on the prayer list for <u>six weeks</u>. Please call or email the office if you have additions or deletions to the prayer list. You are encouraged to offer your own prayers silently or aloud as indicated in the Prayers of the People.

Today and through the week, we remember all those who have been commended to our prayers. For those who are sick or in need: Brenda, Brian, Don, Karen, Judy, James, Diana, Carol, Susan, Lee, Arlene, Barbara, Mike, Jack, Chuck, David, Joan, Peter, Liz, Ann, Jack, Pat, Kathy, Dick, Scott, Martin, Ann, Melinda, Aaron, Dann and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. For those serving in the military, Matthew Comeau.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Alban's, Simsbury; St. Peter's, South Windsor; Liturgical assistants serving in parishes: lectors, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, lay evangelists, and vergers.

### Weekly Calendar – August 6 – August 13

Sunday, August 6

10:00am

The Transfiguration

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Tuesday, August 8

11:00am

Staff meeting

Sunday, August 13

10:00am

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist – Rite II

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### **August Worship Schedule**

Sundays August 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – joint worship with WPC at St. Matt's Sundays August 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – joint worship at WPC's sanctuary

#### From WPC

#### **WPC Pastor Contact Information**

Rev. Mark Montgomery and Rev. Chris Tate will be on vacation this week, Mark returning 8/14 and Chris 8/23. While they are away, Rev. Jessica Jones (jessica@wiltonpresbyterian.org) will be available.

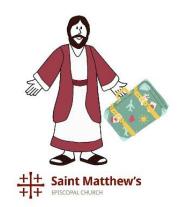
#### **WPC Cares and Concerns**

Please pray for Brenda, Brian, Don and Karen. We honor your prayer requests and welcome the opportunity to pray for you and your loved ones. For more information regarding the prayer list, or to add or delete names from the prayer list, contact Rev. Jessica Jones, Cathy Thomas, your deacon or the church office.

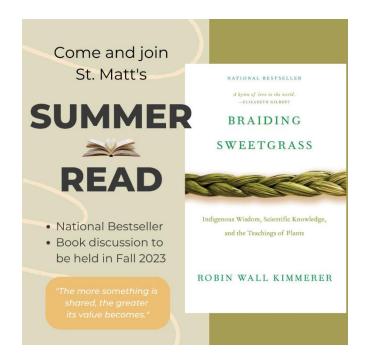
For pastoral needs, please contact: Rev. Jessica Jones at 203.810.9548 (cell phone) or <a href="mailto:jessica@wiltonpresbyterian.org">jessica@wiltonpresbyterian.org</a>

#### Flat Matt is back!

Save this digital image of Matt (or be creative and make your own!) and take him with you on your summer adventures! Email us a photo of you and Flat Matt and be sure to tell us where you are and we will share with the Parish via Facebook and Instagram.

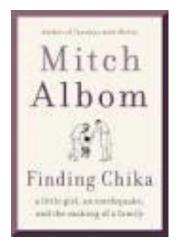


What a fun way to stay connected this summer! Please send to <a href="mailto:social@stmatthewswilton.org">social@stmatthewswilton.org</a>





#### From the Mission Team



You will see a table in the narthex with copies of the book, "Finding Chika" by Mitch Albom. The books were donated by our Mission partner, Circle of Care – please feel free to take a copy. The book tells the story of Chika Jeune who was born three days before the devastating earthquake that decimated Haiti in 2010. She spent her infancy in a landscape of extreme poverty, and when her mother died giving birth to a baby brother, Chika was brought to The Have Faith Haiti Orphanage that Albom operates in Port Au Prince.

With no children of their own, the forty-plus children who live, play, and go to school at the orphanage have become family to Mitch and his wife, Janine. Chika's arrival makes a quick impression. Brave and self-assured, even as a three-year-old, she delights the other kids and teachers. But at age five, Chika is suddenly diagnosed with something a doctor there says, "No one in Haiti can help you with." Mitch and Janine bring Chika to Detroit, hopeful that American medical care can soon return her to her homeland. Instead, Chika becomes a permanent part of their household, and their lives, as they embark on a two-year, around-the-world journey to find a cure. As Chika's boundless optimism and humor teach Mitch the joys of caring for a child, he learns that a relationship built on love, no matter what blows it takes, can never be lost.

Told in hindsight, and through illuminating conversations with Chika herself, this is Albom at his most poignant and vulnerable. Finding Chika is a celebration of a girl, her adoptive guardians, and the incredible bond they formed. A devastatingly beautiful portrait of what it means to be a family, regardless of how it is made.

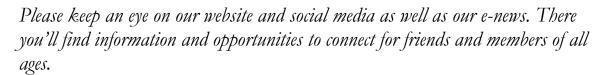
Circle of Care, which provides emotional and financial assistance to children and families, from day of diagnosis through treatment and beyond, with programs and services that meet the unique and challenging needs of pediatric cancer treatment.



Any questions, feel free to contact Lisa Williams at 203-858-2546.

#### Worship Schedule at St. Matthew's

Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10am





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