

THE CATHEDRAL CHIMES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist

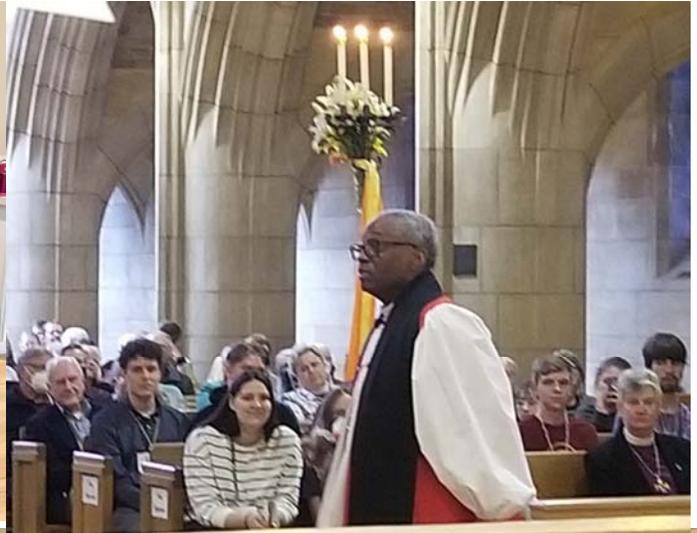
Dear Cathedral Family,
This Eastertide, I have continued to be buoyed by the services and events that took place at the Cathedral from April and into May. In the pages of this May-June Chimes, you will see photos from these events, highlighting the visitation to the Diocese of Spokane by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Worship, learning & formation, and fellowship were deep and broad across that weekend. Equally rich was the Hope for Creation conference, where participants and presenters alike had an experience of discussions about our changing climate that were truly grounded in hope for how we can work together to be better stewards of the creation entrusted to us in this region. The worship services of Holy Week and Easter were rich as well, as we were drawn to walk with Jesus and the disciples of two thousand years ago. As a congregation of disciples, we moved from parade of palms to the sighs and songs of Christ's Passion, from holy Table where bread is broken to be shared to the empty tomb, compelled to share its message of faithful mystery and joy. It was not that long ago that we were beginning our celebration of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. Soon we will turn to the days of Ordinary Time in the season after Pentecost, moving into the great green growing season.
As we near summer, many of the Cathedral ministries will take a summer pause; this includes formation and education offerings for children, youth, and adults.

At the same time, it is a season of growth with opportunities for individual exploration and deepening of one's faith journey. You might consider joining the Pentecost Sacred Ground Circle, which begins meeting via zoom on June 7. Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race which is grounded in Christian faith and was developed in concert with the Episcopal Church. (See <https://www.spokanediocese.org/Resources/formation.html> for more information and to register.) One of the ways that we understand ourselves as Christians is that we are on a faith journey.



Much as one might travel and visit many places, but know that you have a home base to which you return with new experiences and understandings from the time of travel away, we do the same in our faith journeys. When we continue to study the Bible, read or listen to works by Christian authors, and be in conversation with others about our own beliefs, questions, unsettled places, and experiences, we are similarly enriched with new experiences and understandings, all while knowing that we are grounded in God's grace, Jesus' love, and the guiding of the Holy Spirit. We are welcomed by the hospitality of others, knowing that we will have opportunities to share hospitality as well and that all hospitality wells up from God's hospitality for us. This summer, and maybe taking a cue from what kids are told at summer camp, I encourage you to try something new. If you have never been to the Sunday 8:00 am traditional language service, come and join us. If you are looking for a theology book to read (whether accessible or dense), check out the Cathedral library or ask one of the clergy for suggestions. If you want to dig into the Bible more, read one of the Prophets (major or minor) or another part of the Bible that you have not yet read. And take the time to tell yourself one of your faith stories, if you have never shared an experience of God with someone else – that will prepare you to share a faith story with someone new.
In Christ's Peace,
Dean Heather

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry visit pictures



Family Ministry Information

From Rev. Arlen Farley

As the program year comes to an end we have a lot to celebrate as a congregation. I'm thinking of dozens of our children's white-painted handprints making our passion reading visible on Palm Sunday. I'm thinking of the Jr. Choir leading us in recession as we sang Siyahamba to close a service featuring the thrilling preaching of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. I'm thinking of dozens of Sundays Sarah & Seth Robertson and Lisa Church have lead thoughtful, playful, and crafty opportunities for children to learn about parables, prophetic figures from several religious traditions, and Christian worship. I'm thinking of families sharing and receiving hospitality from a refugee Afghan family that Lisa, Sarah, and Courtney Weiler have partnered to sponsor with others from this congregation and St. Stephen's. I'm thinking of the realization of John Wallingford's remarkable vision for a conference putting together creation care and hope, business and education, interfaith connections, and public policy conversation. I'm thinking of the fantastic team from inside and outside of this congregation that worked together to bring that vision to fruition. I'm thinking of dozens of Sundays worth of amazing hospitality at coffee hour organized, and often partially prepared, by Cindy Duncan and involving a wider segment of our community than we have seen in a few years. I'm thinking of the Welcome Bash, the Epiphany Party, and Bishop's visitations which saw partnerships and intergenerational ministry happening and co-

Dear Cathedral Family,

It is with regret and sadness that I have accepted the resignation of Dr. John Bodinger as Cathedral organist. His resignation was effective May 11. I imagine that this news will be surprising and a shock to you, as it has been to me.

John has brought beautiful music into the Cathedral since the fall of 2014. He has worked with each Cathedral ensemble – the Cathedral Choir, the Junior Choir, and the Cathedral Ringers – as well as sung with the choral scholars. He has educated the Cathedral congregation and the wider community about our Aeolian-Skinner organ, including groups from local schools. I have enjoyed working with John and especially appreciated his contributions to a creative and beautiful online music ministry across the months of COVID lockdown.

In his letter of resignation, John writes:

I will miss the wonderful people of Saint John's, the talented and dedicated members of the Cathedral staff, but especially those in the Cathedral Music Program, notably those of the Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Ringers.

With gratitude for the opportunity to serve the St. John's community, I look forward to beginning the next chapter of my life.

John has requested that we do not hold a celebration of his ministry and music. On behalf of the Chapter, Andrea Olsen, and the rest of the Cathedral staff, we will miss John and his gifts as an organist, as well as his intelligence and delightfully bad puns. We bid him and his family all the best and will hold them in our prayers.

It will take time to plan and search for a new organist to join the Cathedral's music ministry. Supply organists will ensure that congregational hymns and choir anthems will be accompanied skillfully until an interim organist can be put in place. A regional and national search will begin later this year. I invite you to hold this process in your prayers.

In Christ's Peace,

Dean Heather

The Very Rev. Heather VanDeventer



planned by Cathedral Life and Family Ministry, and partnerships between Altar Guild and children for folding palm crosses and visits to the High Altar Sacristy, one of the holy hidden places in our beautiful church. Thanks be to God for all of this life around us and for how it witnesses to the goodness of Divine Life we share in Jesus.



Music Notes

By Andrea Olsen

It's been a busy few months and I can't believe that the end of the program year is upon us! By the time you read this, the Junior Choir will have sung and played handchimes at their final Sunday service for May 22. It has been such a delight watching their musical and spiritual growth this past year and I wanted to share a beautiful moment from one of our rehearsals. As we prepared the recessional hymn, *We are Marching*, for Presiding Bishop Curry's visit, we played a fun memorization game. I asked them to offer some alternate lyrics (for fun) to the familiar rotation of *marching, singing, dancing, praying*. This would allow us to repeat the chorus many times (to get it memorized) without us tiring of it. Silliness eventually ensued, of course, with an 'on-the-nose' suggestion of 'masking' (thank you Covid!), but not before some delightful, and deep alternatives were suggested, the most moving of which were: **learning, growing, and living**. I think adults sometimes overlook the honest and unbiased observations of young people, and I feel like these three words summed up our journey as Christians more succinctly than almost any sermon could! (sorry Heather and Arlen!)

If you've worshipped at St. John's for any length of time, you'll notice that we sing *We Are Marching* at least once a year, and it got me thinking about WHY we continue turning to this hymn. The following thoughts come from C. Michael Hawn, professor of Church Music at Perkins School of Theology, and are excerpted from 'Hymn Corner' as published in the December 1999 issue of *The Chorister*.

Liberation hymnody draws upon the indigenous sounds, metaphors, and movements of those

who are oppressed by unjust political and economic systems as a way of creating community and expressing hope. Songs of liberation may be incorporated into a formal liturgy, serving both the musical needs of worship and expressing solidarity in the midst of political struggle. They may also be taken out of the context of liturgy and sung in the streets where the music serves as an announcement of hope, a vehicle for community, and a solidifying force in the face of direct opposition.

*Should we sing liberation songs from other parts of the world? Yes! We should sing them for the sake of those who continue to struggle for political, economic, and social freedom, i.e., in solidarity for the oppressed. We should also sing them for ourselves as a way of identifying with those things that keep us from being whole persons, totally free in Christ. Addiction, racism, prejudice, wealth, and social status are among those things that keep us from being free. There is also the reality that many in our own society do not enjoy economic security and other freedoms that accompany others. We **all** need to sing songs of liberation.*

Usually translated as "We are marching in the light of God", the simple text contains layers of meaning:

"We" is a word of community, the community of those living and the community of the living dead, those who have died but are still with us.

"Marching" is an action that unifies the community as they move physically and spiritually in the same direction. It is a physical, kinesthetic response to the Spirit, not a passive acquiescence.

"The Light of God" has meaning on several levels: While it is a symbol of creation and of Jesus Christ, "the light of the world," it is also a common refrain in songs of healing throughout Southern

and Central Africa. The refrain, "Let darkness be replaced with light" is coded language for "seeing clearly." God is the source of clear sight in the midst of the struggle, i.e. the source of discernment and truth.

So, as we march, we can see our way ahead, our path is clear, and because there is light, there is hope.

The final service for the music program ensembles will be June 12th, on which the Music Ministry offers the Chancel Flowers to the Glory of God, in gratitude and thanksgiving for our beloved Cathedral organist, Dr. John Bodinger, for his years of service, leadership, and ministry to the Cathedral Music Program. We are all shocked and saddened by John's sudden resignation and we wish him (and his family) all the best as he begins this new chapter in his life. To say he will be greatly missed is an understatement.

We are grateful for the talents of Cathedral Carillonneur Byrl Cinnamon, and Cathedral Choir member Jim Holmes for assisting us on the organ and piano through the end of the program year. As we transition into Summer, we look forward to adding local organist Mark Haberman to our music team, and between them and our gifted Choral Scholars and choir members, we look forward to leading hymns and providing anthem offerings to enhance your weekly worship experience.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 3, at noon. We are thrilled to once again welcome guest carillonneur Wesley Arai for a Festive Carillon Concert in celebration of the Fourth of July Weekend.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Hope for Creation Conference

By John Wallingford

For the love for all Creation shown by the speakers, discussion leaders, exhibitors, volunteers and registrants, I have to think God smiled upon us. The Cathedral acted for the City, created community with so many we might otherwise never have met, and welcomed all most hospitably. We will soon post all the recorded sessions to our website; listen for their availability. Many persons encouraged us to continue our work to instill Hope for Creation. They asked what comes next, what will we do now? For now, here are some things you can do:

1. **Connect** with Spokane's environmental leadership. Gonzaga's [Center](#) for Climate Society and the Environment; [350 Spokane](#); [Earth Ministries](#); the [Sustainability Action Plan](#), the Diocesan Creation Care [Committee](#), or any of the conference [exhibitors](#). We made many new friendships; befriend them.

2. **Act** individually, locally and nationally. The 350 interfaith group assembled a list of [actions](#) for individuals and groups to consider. The Cathedral will continue to plant trees, clean the river. The Presiding Bishop said he'll look into adding to the Baptismal covenant a promise to care for all of God's Creation (I will, with God's help). Encourage our clergy, our Bishop, to have our liturgy proclaim that care.

3. **Engage** civic leadership. Our city, state and national representatives were all informed of the conference and the mayor, city council president, and office of Cathy McMorris Rodgers all contributed to the conference. Thank them. Carol Evans, Twa-Le Abrahamson Swan, and Toni

Lodge brought voices from the Tribes to the conference. Thank them, listen to what they teach. One contrast that came clear to me during the conference was how Spokane's motto *Creative by Nature* glosses over the uranium waste on Spokane Tribal lands, the superfund toxic site in the silver valley, Hanford's nuclear storage, three sites that surround us. What a goal it would be to heal these environmental scars! Here are [21 priorities](#) proposed to the Sustainability Action Committee in the final session of the conference. What's important to you?

4. **Pray**. Bill Youngs ended his talk with the Cathedral's Dean Coombs prayer for EXPO '74, delivered 50 years ago: God of the Universe and father of all men, who has created us in Thine image, and has given us into our keeping a glorious world of air and water and Earth, we come to Thee deeply conscious in these months, that we have played folly with Thy trust, but greatly hopeful that we may learn better to fulfill it. We thank Thee for the prompting that has led us to these days, and the visions that Thou has given us for the environments, for humanity, initiatives and efforts which have brought the nations to Spokane, and for the opportunities we now have before us here. Keep us from wasting them. Hasten the day when men and women may share as kinfolk the bounties of the world, that the earth may be holy, the good earth, that Thou may count men and women as worthy stewards of Thy creation.

St. John's Cathedral – Stewardship – Instinctually and Spiritually Called Together

By Kay Rafferty

In my earlier adulthood, I embarked upon a profession that has remained to this day! Fund-raising! That was my professional involvement with the Spokane Symphony, and it was a job that I truly loved. I have had years to ponder the allure of that calling beyond just the word: Fund-Raising! Here at St. John's Cathedral, "Stewardship" has often become interchangeable with the concept of "Annual Fund Drive" at church. Yet, here it is more than that!

Becoming, re-becoming, and remaining firmly **our** St. John's Cathedral in Spokane every year is a huge and trusted endeavor. We honor great outreach through our members and cooperative City relationships throughout the months. We yearly review and re-set our own internal interactive programs, acts of service and worship. All this is a treasure of contribution in all directions. What we do is extraordinary, well thought-out, filled with thanksgiving for leaders, and intentionally filled with impact for individual member worshippers and visitors.

That we have been through extraordinary times is understated here. But there is visible and deep thanksgiving among us for the efforts of staff and love of members for one another throughout our times not together. We are surely an interdependent *species!* AND that is clearly our spiritual calling which we "bump into" time and time again!

Outreach Matters!

By Lisa Church

Sunday Forum: On May 15th, we welcomed Lauren Schubring, Eastern Washington regional organizer with Faith Action Network, to share about the work of FAN and our partnership with FAN as a member congregation. This was also our opportunity to share with FAN what priorities are important to us as a congregation. On May 22nd, we welcomed Tracie Swanson, executive director of Our Place Community Outreach, a ministry supported by the Cathedral for many years which serves the West Central neighborhood in particular as well as the wider Spokane community.

Pride Parade: On June 11th join us at the Spokane Pride Parade! We are gathering to march in the parade, and FAN will have a table at the Pride Festival. We are excited to show everyone that we are a welcoming and affirming faith community!

St. John's Simple Gifts

By Peggy Johnson

If you have ever wondered where our Christmas "Simple Gifts" end up, here is one answer for you. This last year they went to Our Place Community Outreach in West Central Spokane. Our Place is the food, clothing and hygiene bank for those living in West Central and in many cases, beyond that boundary.

Mark your calendars for May 22 at 9:15. Our Adult Forum that day will feature the Executive Director of Our Place, Tracie Swanson. Tracie will tell us about how Our Place changed to respond to Covid-19 and how the program continues to grow to meet the needs of those on the

FAITH ACTION NETWORK
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2022 SPRING SUMMITS



A TIME TO RECONNECT

Reconnecting within our regions and imagining the coming year

REGIONAL SUMMIT DETAILS:

Puget Sound: Sunday, May 15th

Southwest WA: Sunday, May 22nd

Central WA: Sunday, June 5th

Eastern WA: Sunday, June 12th

All times in the afternoon - Varies by location.

In-person & online options for each Summit.

REGISTER AT www.fanwa.org/regional-spring-summits/

Cathedral Life

By Karen Byrne

Wow. When is May almost an anticlimax? When we have had Easter, followed by Care for Creation, followed by Bishop Michael Curry's visit!

margins in West Central and in Spokane as well. It is a great story of a caring organization who that has adapted its mission to respond to the needs of the time.

I am an enthusiastic fan of this creative, well run non-profit. Our Place services are designed to work respectfully with its clients to provide food, clothing and hygiene items to them at no cost to their pocketbooks or their dignity. It is set up like an open air market, with tables loaded with different items, and people choose what they want from these items. Our Place even has a live podcast that is sent out on market days through Facebook. It has quite a following! Come to Forum on May 22 and you, too, may become a fan.

What a joy it has been to see so many Cathedral members, Community members and Diocese of Spokane members here in the last three weeks. The Town's Cathedral has truly been able to be the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement!

We at CL want to thank untold members of the St. John's community, St. Nicolas and St. Monica's Guild, the Service League, and, most importantly, the members of the Cathedral Staff for all the hard and joyful efforts you all have put in to extend hospitality in the name of Christ!

Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese thanked us for our greeting, ushering and guidance in navigating our big and sometimes daunting building. And they enjoyed our Coffee Hours, too! We thank all who helped, Are you interested in occasional Sunday service? We need more greeters to serve about once a quarter to welcome newcomers and get acquainted with your fellow members. Its an easy job. Please contact Karen Byrne or John Wallingford. We plan to schedule greeters until Pentecost Sunday, take the summer off, and have a regular schedule starting in September.

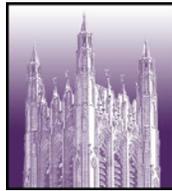


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through liturgy, outreach, hospitality and education
we all discover what it means to be beloved children of God*

Worship Services

Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10am Holy Eucharist Rite II
(Great Hall)

Windfall

The Windfall is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with regular hours: Thursday and Friday 12:30pm-5:30pm, and Saturday noon-5pm. Come visit us at 1024 S. Perry. Donations are currently being accepted at the store during business hours.

Passages

Rest in Peace

Barbara Grohs
9/21/1926-4/17/2022

Email change for Kristi.

Due to difficulty with the account, Kristi's Cathedral email address will be discontinued. However, Kristi will continue her volunteer services for the Cathedral and you can contact at her at kristiphilip@gmail.com.

Moving? New phone number?
Let the office know:
rbanta@stjohns-cathedral.org

Thank you to all who shared their pictures from the Presiding Bishop's visit.

Date Reminders

May 30—Offices closed
June 5—Bishop visit with baptisms & confirmation
June 19—Father's Day
June 20—Offices closed
July 3—Noon Carillon Concert

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