



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Pentecost 2, Proper 7, June 19, 2022 10:00a

Lessons: Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31; Canticle 13; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

From Linnea+

“In a recent magazine Q&A, Whoopi Goldberg was asked to name the living person she most admired. ‘Pope Francis,’ she responded. ‘...he’s going with the original program.’ ...The ‘original program’ is about living the gospel with joy and always being mindful of the poor. ...It’s not about taking the right stand on issues but about standing in the right place, with the excluded and the demonized. ...It’s not a liberal or conservative view; it is a holy, radical take, precisely because it *takes* seriously what Jesus took seriously: inclusion, nonviolence, unconditionally compassionate loving-kindness, and acceptance.

“...There are two hundred references in Scripture that ask us to take special care of the poor. ...It is this preferential care and love for the poor that sets the stage for the original program. It doesn’t draw lines—it erases them. It rises above the polarizing temperature of our times. We could ask ourselves, I suppose, if God is conservative or liberal, but I think that’s the wrong question. Instead we should ask, ‘Is God expansive or tiny? Is God spacious or hollow? Is God inclusive or exclusive? What are the chances God holds the same tiny point of view as I do? Well, zero. The [Church] aims to challenge the politics of fear and the stances that limit our sense of God.

“...In the end...the measure of our compassion...lies less in our service of those on the margins, and more in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship with them. ...We are sent to the margins NOT to make a difference but so that folks on the margins will make *us* different.”

Barking to the Choir: the Power of Radical Kinship, Fr. Greg Boyle, Simon & Schuster Inc, 2017.

Prayers this week:

Prayers for healing: Amy, Pat, Michael, Marcus and the Williamson family, Skip, Teri, Liz, Iris, Kelli, Deborah, James, Jason, Rob, Philip, Eric, Amy, Jesse, Kathie, Caitlin, Steve, Jeanne, Martha, Betsy, Ruthie, Rachael, Tina, Justin, Robin, Joyce, Karen, baby Gak Char (infant son of the Rev. Zachariah Char, rector of Sudanese Grace Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids), Carol, Dave S and Regina

Prayers for the faithful departed: Deb W’s mother Carroll

Prayers for comfort and courage: for Deb and family, for all whose lives have been impacted by gun violence in our country, for all children traumatized by exposure to such serious and preventable threat, and for those actively involved in changing these patterns

Prayer for those seeking to enter into committed relationships: Kelsey and Kassie, Laura and Jeremy.

This Week

Today, Sunday, June 19

10:00a, www.hastingsemmanuel.org or later at www.facebook.com/hastingsemmanuel/

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist live streamed at

Monday, June 20
Gury Parish House

Juneteenth, June 18, 1865

Inquirers/Confirmation Class, 6:30 to 8:00p,
Pray for our region and for the world as we emerge from pandemic

Tuesday, June 21

Centering Prayer, 6:30, Parish House alcove;
Pray for your own family

Wednesday, June 22
breakfast guests

Alban, 1st Martyr of Britain, 304

Pray for the Diocese, our own parish and

Thursday, June 23

Family Promise planning meeting 7:00p, Gury Parish House

Midweek Eucharist at noon in the chapel;

Pray for the Church around the world

Friday, June 24

The Nativity of John the Baptist

Community Breakfast preparations, 2:00p

Pray for our country, for Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Saturday, June 25

8:00a to eat and visit with guests;

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, 7:00a to help,

Pray for Episcopal Relief and Development.

ERD Aid for Ukraine can be given at this site:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/press-releases/2022-press-releases/supporting-humanitarian-response-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY, Pentecost 3, Proper 8: 1 Corinthians 13; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

SERVERS NEXT SUNDAY: Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dennis M; Lector/Intercessor: Kathy W; Acolytes: Zach F; Altar Guild: Marge R, Deb F; Ushers: Steve and Sue R; Tellers: Kevin H, Georgette S; Videographers: Rich F, Matt P, John H

Looking ahead

- **Next Sunday** we will celebrate the Blessing of the Relationship shared by Laura Pattok and Jeremy Cardenas in the context of our Sunday Liturgy. We will bless their commitment and pledge our support and prayers for them in this bond of faithfulness. They will host a luncheon for all in attendance following the Liturgy.
- **Inquirers/Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows Class** will continue to meet on Monday nights, 6:30 to 8:00p, through July 11. (The class will NOT meet on Monday, July 4.)
- Please contact Michelle A (616-262-6287) if you want to join **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, June 25** and failed to sign up.
- A **Week of Creation Care for Kids** to be held the first week in August is in the early stage of planning. It will run from 9:00 to noon and include a daily story from Scripture, music, art, snack, science, and drama. We will need volunteers for each of these centers as well as help with snacks and registration. Consider how you could help, then talk with Linnea+, Maggie C, or Kathy W. We want are not seeking large numbers but would like to involve the kids of our parish plus children in our immediate neighborhood.
- **Monday, July 25**, Emmanuel-sponsored Versiti Blood Drive, 2:30 to 7:00p Sign up on the Welcome Table
- **Saturday, August 6**, all-church picnic potluck at Brian and Michelle A's home

Stewardship of Place, Environment and Creation Care:

- 1) Recycle old sneakers at Church: **GotSneakers project**, <https://gotsneakers.com>.
- 2) The film **Youth v. Gov**, sponsored by EEC and shown at the Hastings Library, can be viewed **on Netflix** now.
- 3) **Compost** from the Breakfast is available; please help yourself. It is in the plastic trash can to the right of the shed in the church parking lot

Stewardship of Relationship and Community:

We continue to collect materials for **Pierce Cedar Creek Institute's** educational activities with youth: toilet paper and paper towel tubing, shoe boxes and paper grocery bags. Collection spot at the foot of the stairs to the Nave. Keep saving—we might be able to use some of these same kind of items if we do a Creation Care for Kids program in August.

Stewardship of Finances

Stewardship of Body and Spirit: "Take good care of yourself, you belong to me." -- GOD