**Today’s Hymns and Music**

**August 18**

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| *Processional* | “Hail, thou once despised Jesus” | #495 |
| *Sequence* | “How firm a foundation” | #637 |
| *Offertory* | “God the sculptor of the mountains” | WLP #746 |
| *Communion* | “I want to walk as a child of the light” | #490 |
| *Recessional* | “Fight the good fight” | #552 |
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| *Prelude* | “Allemande” | J.S. Bach |
| *Anthem* | “Etude” | Philip Glass |
| *Postlude* | “Song Without Words” | Mendelssohn |

**Today’s Worship Leadership**

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| *Presider* |  | The Rev. Kirsten Snow Spalding |
| *Preacher* |  | The Rev. Kirsten Snow Spalding |
| *Deacon* |  | The Rev. Rebecca Morehouse |
| *Assisting Priests* |  | The Rev. Scott SinclairThe Rev. Lynn Oldham Robinett |
| *Music Director* |  | Dylan Snodgrass |
| *LEM/Altar & Lector* | 8 am: Jean Walker | 10 am: Bob RobersonPenny Poteet |
| *Old Testament* |  | Everil Robertson |
| *New Testament* |  | T’sa Hammond |
| *Altar Guild* |  | Gail San Filippo |
| *Ushers* |  | T’sa Hammond and Duane Johnson  |
| *Oblations* |  | Judy Richardson |
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**Flowers:** The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Susan Pick, in loving memory of her parents, Gladys and Paris Shoaff.

**In our Nativity cycle of prayer:** Pray for the Rev. James Goss; Mark Greene; and John Gruenig.

**Our parish members for special grace and healing:** Rev. Rebecca Morehouse, Ruth Baney, Carissa Betts, Virginia Gerhart, Margie McLucas, Nina Anderson, Juliette Anthony, Sarah Basque, Barb Braithwaite, Mary Aversano, Myrna Snyder, Phil Sandahl, Donna Donaldson, Jeanette Hill, Marian Marsh, Dan Keener, Steve Kenney, and Lyn Fritz.

**Prayers are asked for the following family and friends**:

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| Colton James, great grandson of Marge Cole | Norma LoBianco, cousin of Everil Robertson |
| Ellen Sigman, friend of Sybil Skinner | Steve Heine, son of Dick and Jean Heine |
| Ann Lockhart | Anne Bower, friend of Diana Singer |
| Dave Henderson, friend of Ruth Baney | Kathy Potter, cousin of Bob Robertson |
| Olga Soboleva, friend of Gail Sanfilippo | Daniel Rose, friend of Carl Robinett |
| Katherine Christian, cousin of Diana Singer | Marco Hoy, nephew of Jong Lee |
| Larry, friend of the Monahan family | Brandy, friend of the Monahan family |
| Stephen Viehe, brother-in-law of Susan Pick | Lora McKee, cousin of Susan Pick |

**Second Sunday Family Service:** Beginning September 8, the second Sunday of every month will be dedicated to families. Rev. Lynn Oldham Robinette is developing this new kid-friendly, family-centered worship, and we want to welcome kids of all ages, types and abilities. There will also be kid-friendly music, and anyone who’d like to participate – by singing or playing an acoustic instrument – is welcome to join the choir that day. Please plan to be at the September 4 rehearsal at 7 p.m.

**Facing Death – How Death Can Teach Us to Live More Fully:**  Facing Death is the theme of a five-week study group that will meet at Nativity on Tuesdays, beginning September 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m. The discussion will be loosely based on Frank Ostaseki’s book, *The Five Invitations.*  Led by Nativity neighbor Janet Shirley (janetshir@gmail.com), the meetings are free and open to all.

**Contemplative Prayer and Meditation:** Please join us on Wednesdays for a Contemplative Prayer & Meditation service. We meet at 5 pm, followed by Compline and a soup supper. See the NNO for location information.

**Education for Ministry (EfM) Course:** Rev. Carol Luther is starting a new EfM group, which will meet at St. Paul's Church beginning Wednesday October 16. If you are interested in a deeper exploration of your faith, EfM may be the opportunity you’re seeking. EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. The whole course lasts four years, but you can sign up for one year at a time and schedule your own learning. You can learn more about the program at EfM.Sewanee.edu.

**Coming Events**:

Aug 24: Hoot!

Sep 8: Welcome Back Sunday and Second Sunday Family Service