

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 22  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019  
8:00 & 10:15 AM



THE MISSION OF CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION  
IS TO BE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY;  
ACCEPTING AND INVITING ALL PERSONS TO SHARE IN WORSHIP,  
WITNESS AND SERVICE; AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST  
IN THE WORLD.

## **Welcome!**

What a joy it is that we are worshipping together today. If Episcopal worship is unfamiliar, do not be nervous about what to do during the liturgy – relax – and let the service unfold for you. Together in song and prayer we celebrate our life together in Christ.

You are invited to sign the guest book located on the hutch at the entrance to the building. Please fill out a Visitors & Newcomers card and hand it to the priest or an usher. There are other informational pamphlets located in that area. Please feel free to take whatever is of interest to you.

If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or being Received into the Episcopal Church please see Rev. Lu-Anne Conner.

Before you leave, please pray for us as we carry out the ministry of the love of God and service in our communities.

This congregation is committed to being an open, affirming and welcoming church to all who come here.

**The Church of the Transfiguration is a two-rule church  
Love God, Love Each Other!**

**Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**

*Biblical Texts are from The New Revised Standard Version*

*Liturgical texts are from The Book of Common Prayer*

*Hymn selections are from The Hymnal 1982 and other approved sources.*

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**Prelude**

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

**Gathering Hymn**

“All things bright and beautiful”

Hymnal, # 405

**The Word of God**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

BCP, pg. 355

*People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen*

*The Celebrant then says the Collect for Purity*

BCP, pg. 355

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.

*People Amen.*

**8:00 a.m.**

**The Gloria**

BCP, pg. 356

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**10:15 a.m. Glory to God**

“Benedictus es Domine”

Hymnal, #S-236

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP, pg. 234

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

*The people may be seated.*

**A Reading from the Book of Lamentations**

1:1-6

How lonely sits the city  
that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
has become a vassal.  
She weeps bitterly in the night,  
with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers  
she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,  
they have become her enemies.  
Judah has gone into exile with suffering  
and hard servitude;  
she lives now among the nations,  
and finds no resting place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.  
The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to the festivals;  
all her gates are desolate,  
her priests groan;

her young girls grieve,  
and her lot is bitter.  
Her foes have become the masters,  
her enemies prosper,  
because the LORD has made her suffer  
for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
captives before the foe.  
From daughter Zion has departed  
all her majesty.  
Her princes have become like stags  
that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
before the pursuer.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**8:00 a.m.**

**Psalm 148: 7-14**

*Laudate Dominum*

BCP, pg. 806

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and wingéd birds;  
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.  
13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
14 He has raised up strength for his people, and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

10:15 a.m.

Psalm 148:7-14

*Laudate Dominum*

**A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy**

1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Reader*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand.*

**Gospel Hymn**

“If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

Hymnal, # 635

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

17:5-10

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Lu-Anne Connor

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, pg. 358

***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.*

### **The Prayers of the People for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C**

*Leader:* Let us offer our prayers to the most high, all powerful, good Lord, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Help us choose life."

In thanksgiving for those whose life and witness to the poor invites each of us to look beyond present comforts, so that we can give generously for the relief of others; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Help us choose life.*

In thanksgiving for the freedoms we enjoy in this land, for our President and all people in positions of public trust, and for peacemakers throughout the world who seek to bring harmony amongst peoples and nations; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Help us choose life.*

In thanksgiving for the lay leaders of the Church, whose dedication and faithfulness calls each of us to be responsible for our common life and to rekindle volunteerism, creativity, and ways to grow the Church; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Help us choose life.*

In thanksgiving for all who share the burdens of the sick, and for those who entrust their spiritual and physical health to Jesus, the one who shoulders all our burdens; Lord, in your mercy,  
*Help us choose life.*

In thanksgiving for sister moon and the stars; for brother wind and air; for mother earth who feeds us; and brother fire, through whom Jesus brightens the night; Lord, in your mercy,  
***Help us choose life.***

In thanksgiving for those we love but see no longer and who now rest in the paradise of God; Lord, in your mercy,  
***Help us choose life.***

In thanksgiving for small seeds of faith that are everywhere present, encouraging us to hold fast to the love of Christ, and to rebuild his Church; Lord, in your mercy,  
***Help us choose life.***

Dear people of God: praise and bless the Lord, give thanks with a joyous heart, and serve him with great humility, as we continue our prayers, either silently or aloud.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry of Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Lake St. Louis, and Lu-Anne, their Rector; in the Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for Amadi Parish, and Charles, their priest. We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Mike, Rich, Karen, Dan, Karen, Auggie, Jaime, Scott, Sarah, Diane, John, Judy, Mark, Fay, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, Warren, Anthony, Sherri, Barb, Gary, Ron, Jim, Toni, Colin, Rita, Diane, Dawn-Victoria, Kermit, Julie, John, Ashley, Mary Sue, Kathy, Linda, and David.*** We give thanks for birthdays: Karen Owen.

*The Celebrant says a concluding collect.*

*Intercessions Year C: Keyed to the Themes of the Revised Common Lectionary © 2012 by GERALYN WOLF.*

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

BCP, pg. 360

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and people*

***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*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord  
First greet visitors, then new friends, then old friends!*

*“A Virtual Blessing of Pets” is found on page 24.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*The Celebrant says an offertory sentence.*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offering of bread and wine to the altar.*

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*In All These You Welcomed Me*

William Bradley Roberts

*The people stand while money offerings are presented and placed on the altar. The following is said or sung when offerings are presented.*

**8:00** *Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord  
*People* ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

**10:15** **The Doxology** *(Please stand, as able)*

Tune: Old 100th

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heav’nly host!  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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.***

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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.

*Celebrant and People*

**8:00 a.m.**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

**10:15      Sanctus:**                    “Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus”                    Hymnal, #S-125

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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*

***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,

BCP, pg. 364

*Celebrant and People*

***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,***

***for ever and ever. Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP, pg. 364

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

*Then the following is said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, 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 receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist.*

**Communion Hymn:** “I come with joy to meet my Lord” Hymnal, # 304

**Post Communion Prayer** BCP, pg. 365

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*  
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Sending of Eucharistic Visitors**  
*The Eucharistic Visitors are invited to the altar to receive their kits.*

**The Blessing**

**Sending Hymn** “All creatures of our God and King” verses 1-4 Hymnal, # 400

**The Dismissal**

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Anointing and Healing Prayer are offered at the altar immediately following each service.

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Proper 22  
 Sunday, October 6, 2019  
 Today's Ministers of Worship**

<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>		The Rev. Lu-Anne Connor
<b>Music Director</b>		Dr. Thomas C. Lee
<b>Lay Minister of the Day</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Kerry Quinlisk Jennifer Kelly
<b>Greeters</b>		Charlene Amrhein, Rosemary Bagin
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sandy Rafferty Sarah Ruth, Peggy Sloan
<b>Lectors</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Jan Munro Joan D'Ambrose
<b>Server/Acolyte</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Dawn Henry Paul Kirby
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Dawn Henry Carole Connors, Drew Lawless
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Carrie Mares, Karen Modde
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Henry Wasmer Larry Hopen, John Purcell
<b>Counters</b>		Steve Ducar, Jennifer Kelly
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>		Carole Connors
<b>Children's Chapel Leader</b>		Tammy Schuster, Nicole Jones
<b>Children's Chapel Assistant</b>		Sue Stabenow, John Notgrass
<b>Nursery Worker</b>		Laurie Mercurio
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>		Jeanette Hollmann

## **This Week's Calendar**

Sunday, October 6	<b>Virtual Pet Blessing during the 8:00am and 10:15am services</b>
	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	9:00 a.m. Adult Forum
	9:00 a.m. Flu Shots available
	9:45 a.m. Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel
	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	Nursery available today 10:00 a.m., infant to age 3
Monday, October 7	6:30 p.m. Al-Anon Newcomers Meeting
	7:00 p.m. Choral Arts Practice
	7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Family Group Meeting
Tuesday, October 8	5:30 p.m. Laundry Love—Wentzville
Wednesday, October 9	10:00 a.m. Book Club
	3:00 p.m. Bible Study
	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 12	8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
Sunday, October 13	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	9:00 a.m. Adult Forum
	9:45 a.m. Choir Practice
	10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel
	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	Nursery available today 10:00 a.m., infant to age 3

## **Announcements**

Anointing and Healing Prayer are offered at the altar immediately following each service.

All loose plate offering on the first Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in need.

The flowers today are donated by Alice Foster in memory of her mother, Alice Bentley.

Our Stewardship speakers this morning are Nicole Jones (8:00 am) and Jennie Kelly (10:15 am).

**Influenza Vaccines (Flu Shots) available today, Sunday, October 6.** Flu season is just around the corner. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. today, a representative from BeFit Health Services will be here to administer flu shots. A sign-up sheet for those interested is on the bulletin board in the narthex; signing up early is encouraged but not required.

**Blessing of the Animals** will occur at each service today. The names of the pets will be read and a special blessing will be given for our companion animals.

**Children's Chapel Volunteer needed!** We are currently in need of one more Assistant for Children's Chapel to help on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. You would not have to help with any of the preparation; your responsibility would be from the opening hymn of the 10:15 service until the passing of the Peace. During that time your role would involve helping to hand out materials or assisting some of the younger children with an activity. If we have more than one volunteer, you could each serve every other month. Please consider supporting this important ministry beginning on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Alice Foster for further details. Our growing youth program needs your help.

**Fall Clean-up the Grounds, October 19** from 8am until noon (or whenever it's done). The Sign-up sheet is available on the Sign-Up bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Fund Raiser for Laundry Love, October 22** from 4pm until 8pm at Cappucino's Restaurant. The fliers that you need to take with you are available in the Narthex.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

October 8—Karen Owen

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING**

We are selecting one item each month that is sent to the deployed men and women of our military. For the month of **October**, we ask for **Drink Mixes** (like Crystal Light, Wylers, etc.). Please leave the item(s) in the container marked "Support Our Troops" on the shelving in the narthex. *(As a reminder we are always looking for hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soap/body wash)*

For the month of **October**, we are collecting **toilet paper** for our neighbors at LINC in Wentzville. Remember the children at Love Inc. Please bring in your donations and drop them in the designated box in the entry area.

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**Bulletin announcements:** Must be to the church office by **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday** in order to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

**Church Prayer List:**

Mike Parker, Rich Robison, Karen Proctor, Dan Loewe, Karen Owen, Auggie Powers, Jaime Lauck, Scott Leriche, Sarah Pryor, Diane Willard, John Antonio, Judy Kirby, Mark Ebert, Fay Wehmeyer, Joey Huber, Sally Klaskin, Jack Klaskin, Don Strom, Warren Opfer, Anthony Scorsone, Sherri Richardson, Barb Howden , Gary Jeffery, Ron Price, Jim Ebert, Toni Pelton, ColinMcAdam, Rita McAdam, Diane Chappuis, Dawn-Victoria Mitchell, Kermit Forbes, Julie Forbes, John McCormick, Ashley Kintz, Mary Sue Robertson, Kathy Furgason, Linda Wasmer, and David Wasem.

**Pray for those who are in the service of our country:**

*Michael Wehmeyer*, son of Bob and Fay Wehmeyer, serving in the United States Air Force.

*Michael Ducar*, son of Steve and Judy Ducar, serving in the Marine Corps.

*Mary Putnam*, granddaughter of Mike Millfelt, serving as an interpreter in the Marine Corps.

*Seamus Garrett*, nephew of Alice Foster, serving in The United States Army.

*David Wright*, son of Richard and Anne Wright and grandson of Bob and Fay Wehmeyer, serving in the U.S. Air Force.

*Shelby Aleksick*, granddaughter of Roxane Jablonski, serving in the U.S. Army in San Antonio.

*Prayer List Policy: Names are published in the weekly bulletin for 4 weeks, after which time please call the church office to keep the name on the bulletin prayer list.*

## A Virtual Blessing of Pets

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together:

O God of Creation, who fashioned all living creatures, hear our prayers today for all the animals of the earth and sea and sky, and most especially for the pets who share our lives. Teach us how to care for them with compassion, skill, and grace. Make us worthy of their love and affection. May we learn from them how to live more faithfully, always trusting in your divine protection. Help us to share their joy in simply being alive and attentive to the world you have made. And finally, may we be trustworthy companions for them at the end, commending them to your everlasting mercy. We offer these prayers and praises through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(The Rev. Lu-Anne Conner)*

*Celebrant:* We now ask God's blessing upon our pets, as we say their names together: ***Macy, Mabel, Webster, Frank, Sophie, Delilah, Archie, Norman Nellis, Montgomery Samuel, Chloe, Ace, Andromeda, Sammy, Midnight, Leah, Ming, Eddie, Dozer, Ginger, Haru, Ziggy, Shelby, Taco Bell, Anna Bell, Annie, Bear, Cassie, Buddy, Harry, Hudson, Remy, Leo, Lily, Lucy, Bella, Fiona, Sam, Ming, Zoe, Samson, Duckey, Slugger, Five, Scrapi, Reba, Stripie, Annie, Wilber, Tammy Fay Baker, and Little Buff.***

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