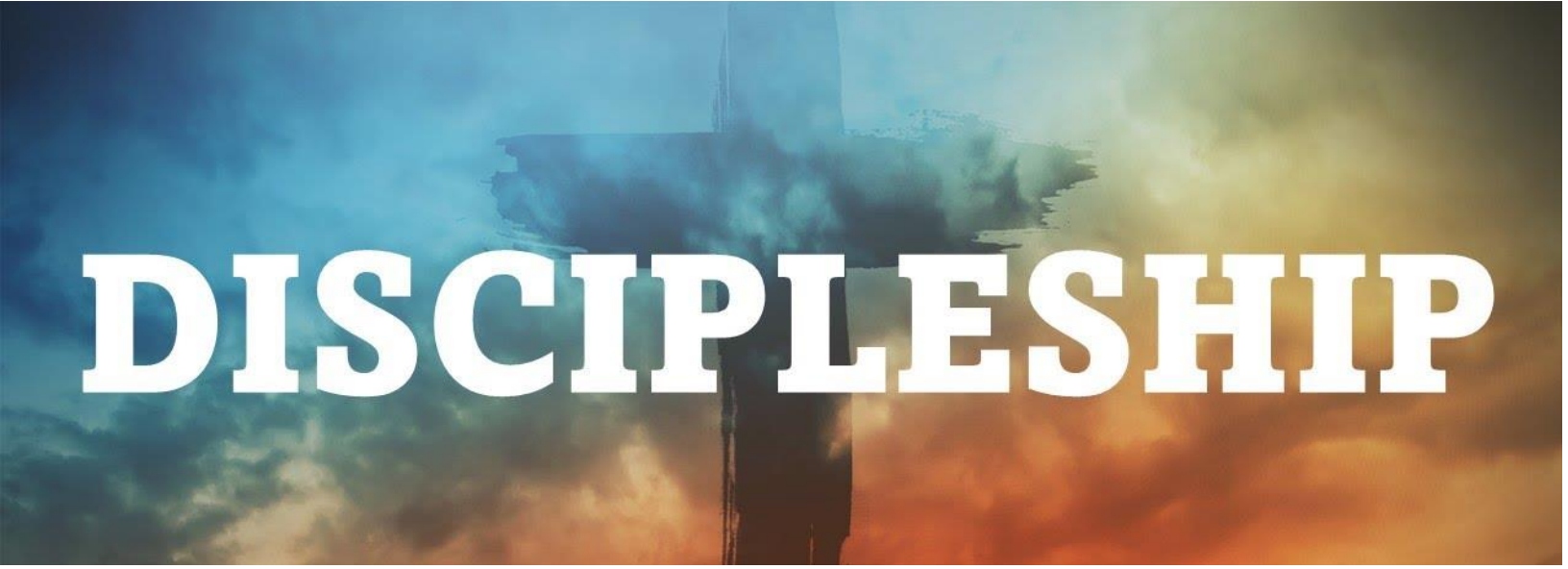
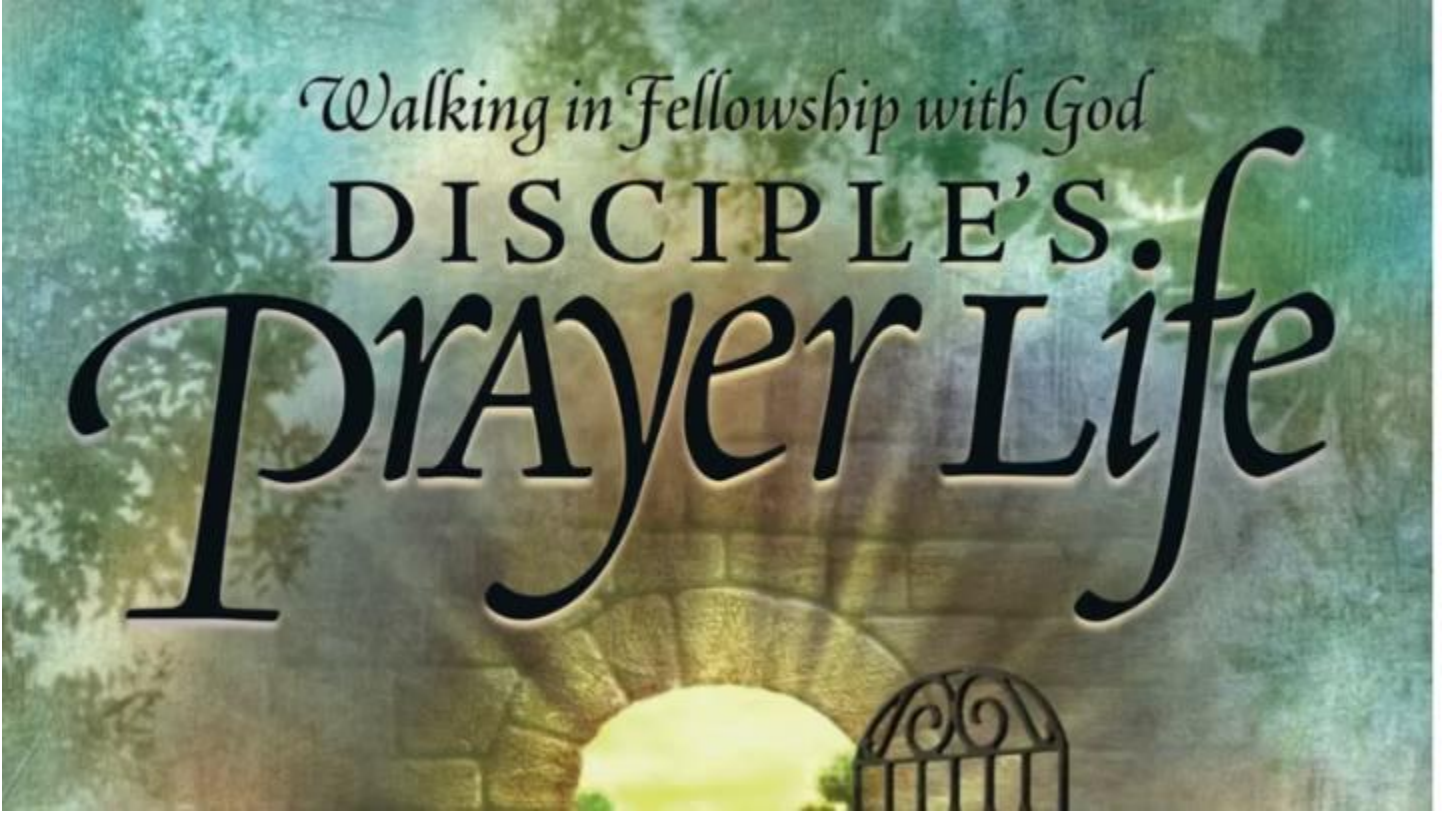


St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
July 26, 2026

A dramatic sky with a cross silhouette. The sky transitions from a deep blue on the left to a bright, hazy yellow on the right, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. A dark silhouette of a cross is centered in the background.

DISCIPLESHIP

A stone archway with a path leading through it. The background is a soft, painterly scene of a stone archway with a path leading through it. The path is illuminated by a warm, golden light, and a small, ornate metal gate is visible in the foreground.

Walking in Fellowship with God

DISCIPLE'S

Prayer Life

Prelude FugaJ. Pepusch

Opening Music #304 I Come With Joy ((1982)

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.*

The Gloria (BCP 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.

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern

what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Psalms 119:129-136

- ¹²⁹ **Your decrees are wonderful; ***
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- ¹³⁰ **When your word goes forth it gives light; ***
it gives understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹ **I open my mouth and pant; ***
I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² **Turn to me in mercy, ***
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- ¹³³ **Steady my footsteps in your word; ***
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me, ***
and I will keep your commandments.
- ¹³⁵ **Let your countenance shine upon your servant ***
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears, ***
because people do not keep your law.

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gradual Music # 389 (Celebration) Verses 1 & 2 before and 3 after the Gospel Spirit of the Living God

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another

parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Sermon

Rev. Cathie

Musical Interlude

In God, My faithful GodD. Buxthehude

The Doxology (The Offering) (BCP 380 Verse 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Nicene Creed (BCP 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 (From Planning for Rites and Rituals in Episcopal Worship)

God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the Resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of mercy, bring you church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifests itself in joy, in dedication to work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair. Lead us to find ways to be present with them and reflect your love for them.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations. Show them the path of integrity and truth, that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered new and everlasting life in your presence.

We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!

God of love, we offer you our prayers for those on our parish prayer list.

A Prayer for The United States of America

Father, thank You for this day and for every mercy You have shown our nation and our families. Help us celebrate freedom with grateful hearts, pray for our country with humility, and remember that true liberty is found in You. Bless our leaders, protect our communities, and let peace, justice, and faithfulness grow in our land. In Jesus' name, amen.

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A moment of silence

Clergy: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.

Clergy: 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

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Rite II (BCP 361) *Remain Standing*

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant and People

**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.

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.

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 taught us we are bold to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]***

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Since we cannot all receive communion in person together, let us make an act of spiritual communion.

People: Grant, Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your Body, so may our souls be fed and healed by like faith in you, whom we cannot now all sacramentally receive. We ask this through your tender mercy, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Holy Eucharist Music

Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior....J. Bender

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray our prayer after communion.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Praise & Thanksgiving-

THE BLESSING

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God which directed their every action be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore ***Amen***

Dismissal Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Closing Music #564 Just A Closer Walk (Celebration)

Postlude Minuet FinaleArr. E. P. Biggs /G. Handel

Opening Music #304 (1982)

**1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me,**

**2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,**

**3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.**

**That love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence always near,
is in such friendship better known,
we see and praise him here.**

**5 Together met, together bound
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.**

Gradual Music #389 (Celebration)

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit
of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me,**

**mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living
God, fall fresh on me.**

**Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me. Soul
of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.**

**Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me. Holy
presence, love divine, cast out my fear.**

Closing Music #564 (Celebration)

**1. I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.**

◦ ***Refrain:***

**Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

◦

**2. Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.**

◦ **Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**3. When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.**

- **Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Prayer List July 26, 2026

Virginia, Joan, Allan, Audrey, Evelyn, Rich, Rakesh, Sherri, Don, Kathleen, Margie, Susan, Cindy, Ava, Toby, Joseph, Tom, Mile, Ben, Terry, Marialyse, Ashley, Julie, Diane, Judy, Kevin, Ken, Mike, Jimmy, Carol, Teddy, John, Mariah, John, Bob, Mark, Beata, Bob, Alicia, Ryan, Lois, Lucas, Jimmy, Terry, Dan, Darco, Mike, Maggie, Art, Russell, Beth, Jim, Elaine, Lenny, Marcia, Cynthia, Marisa, Mary, Wade, Jesse, Catherine, Kevin, Rob, Scott, Loda, Freida, Davis

For our nation that we may heal and join together.

For our President, Vice President, and all Elected Officials.

For all families suffering from the loss of a loved one.

Prayers for those who are suffering through any type of illness and those who care for them.

We pray for those suffering in our country and around the world.

We pray for those whose lives are forever changed because of senseless gun violence.

We pray for the people that have suffered damage and loss from wars and natural disasters.

We pray for the people of Venezuela.

We pray for the people of Israel and Palestine

We pray for peace between all nations, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, and Iran.

We pray for all God's creatures and for the love they give to us.

Our Wardens, Vestry, All Ministry Teams,
and all Parish members needing prayer.

Please remember in your prayers the friends and families of our parishioners and neighbors who are serving in the military:

Bobby, USA, Nicholas, USMC, Miles, USA, Adam, USCG, Matthew, USAF

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant _____ as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant-Rev. Dr. Cathie Sklenar-Studwell

Music Director-Soon Yeon Chung

Lector-Catherine Fatony

Eucharistic Ministers- Catherine Fatony & Peggy Kievit

Tech Vergers- Dave Ackerman & Jay Studwell

Usher- Judy Malhotra

Finance-Michael Gnerre

Video Director-Kathy Gabrielle

Hospitality-Nancy & Jack Konzelmann

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The Week Ahead at St. Bartholomew's

Office hours this week Tuesday 10:30-1:30 and Friday 10:30-1:30

Additional hours are available by appointment.

Monday- Friday Morning Prayer 8:30-9:00am

via Conference Call (339) 209-6277

Save The Date

Monday-Friday, July 27-31-Summer Arts Camp 9:30am-12:00

Sunday, August 23-Garden Salad Party after worship

Worship for the Next Three Weeks

While Rev. Cathie is on Vacation

August 2-Sue Morgan leading Morning Prayer

August 9-Ghada Harb leading Morning Prayer

August 16-Rev. Ronnie Stout-Kopp-Celebrant HE II

Please remember St. Bartholomew's in your giving.

Checks can be mailed or taken to church. Donations can be made via on-line giving.

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**We are all aware of the devastation
from the earthquake in Venezuela.**

**Please consider making a donation to
recovery efforts through St.
Bartholomew's donation to Episcopal
Relief.**

**We will collect through Welcome Back
Sunday, September 13. Please write
Venezuela in the memo line of your
check.**



On July 26 and/or August 2 please bring school supplies to church to help the Ramapo children prepare for school.

Things needed include backpacks, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, notebooks, pens, crayons, rulers.



Welcome To Bart's closet



Bart's closet will offer spring and summer clothes and gently used toys for those in need. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please contact Rev. Cathie

Mid-Week Healing Service



Join us for music,
meditation, healing prayers
and Holy Communion.

Will Resume on September 2 at
11:00am

Family Breakfast



Come and be with us as we share
a meal and the joy of fellowship.

See You In September!

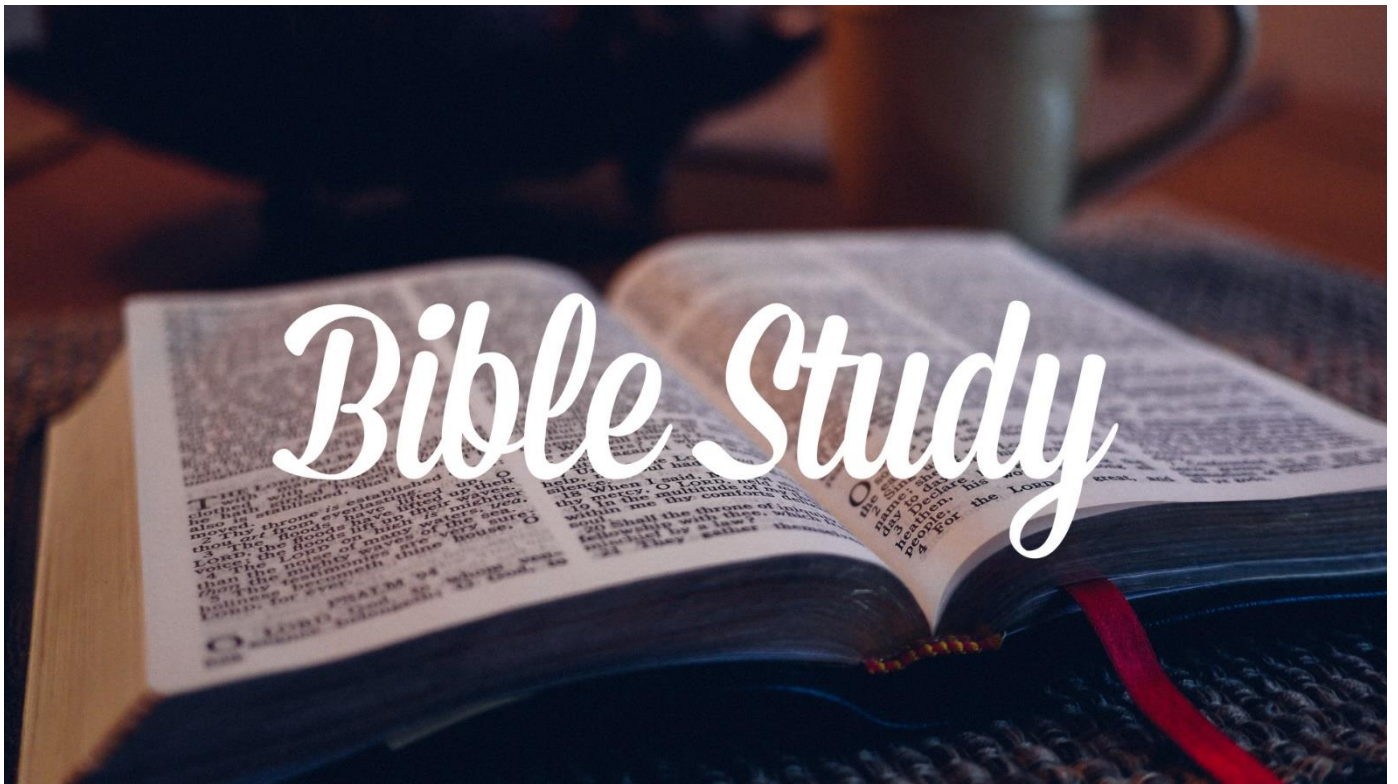
Chair Yoga for Christians



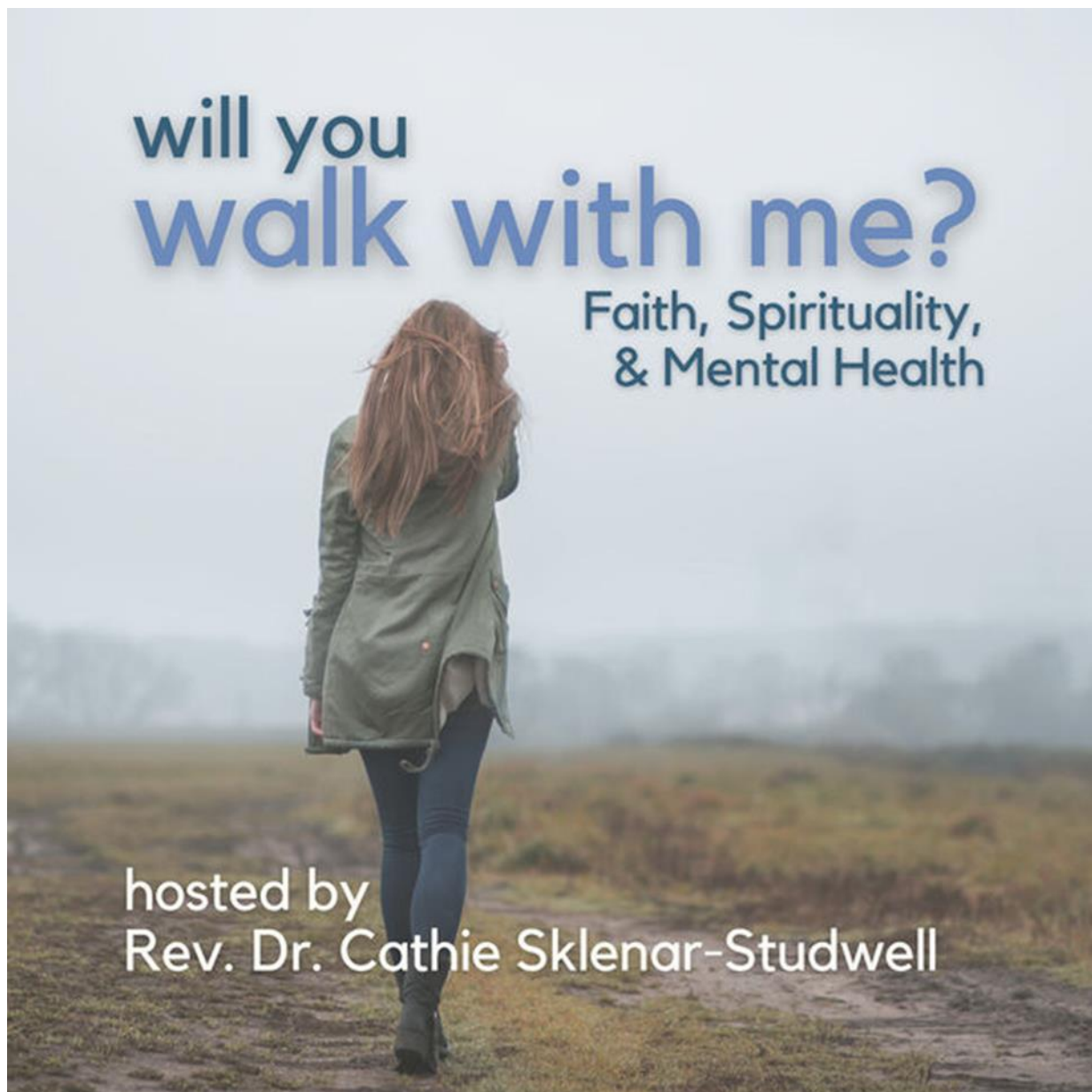
**Come and experience time with
Jesus as we hear scripture, pray, and
move our bodies.**

**The yoga studio is in our Spirit
House.**

**Due to the Summer Camp and
Rev. Cathie's vacation,
Classes will resume on Thursday, August
27 7:15pm**



Will Resume Mid September



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