

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 5, 2020

St. Francis Episcopal Church

*Celebrating God's Love with Everyone*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

### Prelude

### The Processional Hymn

*Lord of all hopefulness*

Hymnal #482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

BCP 355

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

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

### The Collect for Purity

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.**

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

BCP 357

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Old Testament

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So

I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 45:11-18



- 11 Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;\*  
forget your people / and your father’s house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty;\*  
he is your master; therefore / do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift;\*  
the rich among the people / seek your favor.”
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters;\*  
her / gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;\*  
after her the bridesmaids follow / in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought,\*  
and enter into the / palace of the king.
- 17 “In the place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;\*  
you shall make them princes / over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another;\*  
therefore nations will praise you for e/ver and ever.



## The Epistle

**Romans 7:15-25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Hymn

*Celtic Alleluia*



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## Verse 1

**The Word of the Lord lasts for ever.**

**What is the Word that is living?**

**It is brought to us**

**Through his Son Jesus Christ.**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

## Holy Gospel (*standing*)

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Carrie Guerra

## 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader:* Rejoicing in the safety of Christ who feeds us and the Holy Spirit who guides us, we offer our prayers, either silently or aloud for the church, the world, and for all people in need. In the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, we give thanks for St. Paul's, Brownsville and St. Mark's, San Marcos. We pray for all those churches in transition St. Peter and St. Paul, Mission; St David's, SA: St. Andrews Seguin: and St Stephen's, Wimberley, and our new church plant, St. Nicholas. And we pray for all clergy discerning a new call. *(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Eternal God breathe your spirit into our hearts that we may establish a global community of trust and fellowship, justice, acceptance, and peace. Illumine the darkness of our minds that we may see your light and serve your glory by advancing the greater good of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Let your hand guide the church throughout the world that a new humility, a new understanding, a new sense of truth, and a new hunger and thirst for your love will rule the earth. *(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you have made of one blood all nations that dwell upon earth. Look with compassion on the whole human family. Give us wisdom, discernment, integrity and a humility to see your hand in our lives as a guiding force and loving presence. *(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the welfare of those in need. May we be faithful servants as we share the good news of the glorious gospel of Christ, witness to the amazing grace that moves through our lives encouraging us to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. Help us to treat with respect, dignity, and warmth everyone who walks into our lives. *(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who need God's healing grace. May we bring your comforting spirit to those who are ill, suffering, depressed, alone, abandoned, afraid, and grieving. We pray for those who are infected by the Coronavirus, all healthcare workers and first-responders. We ask your blessing on all those we name now, either silently or aloud. Alan, Alexander, Bridgit, Cheryl, Deb, Elissa, Faith and Ed, George, Greg, Jack and Sandi, Jacque, Makenna, Manuel, Mary, Margaret, Milo, Miriam, Norma, Patricia J, Ralph, Ray, Richard, Scott D. and Zachery *(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**



Thank you for the bountiful blessings you have given us that we never take them for granted. May we continue to grow in grace and wisdom and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks for those gifts - naming them now, either silently or aloud. *(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died. That the saints who have gone before us are at rest with the Risen Savior. We remember those who have died - praying their names now either silently or aloud.

*(Pause)*

Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Holy Pause)*

**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.**

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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory

### Offertory Hymn

*Come down, O Love divine*

Hymnal #516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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## Doxology (*spoken*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*The Book of Common Prayer (p.457) reminds us that the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances prevent them from actually receiving Holy Communion. This act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which we can associate ourselves with the Eucharistic Action and open ourselves to God's grace and blessing.*

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say 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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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 364**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

## Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*Celebrant:* For those who are not able to receive the physical communion, please join with me as we say together:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

## Communion Anthem

*He Shall Feed His Flock / Come Unto Him*

G.F. Handel

-from "Messiah"

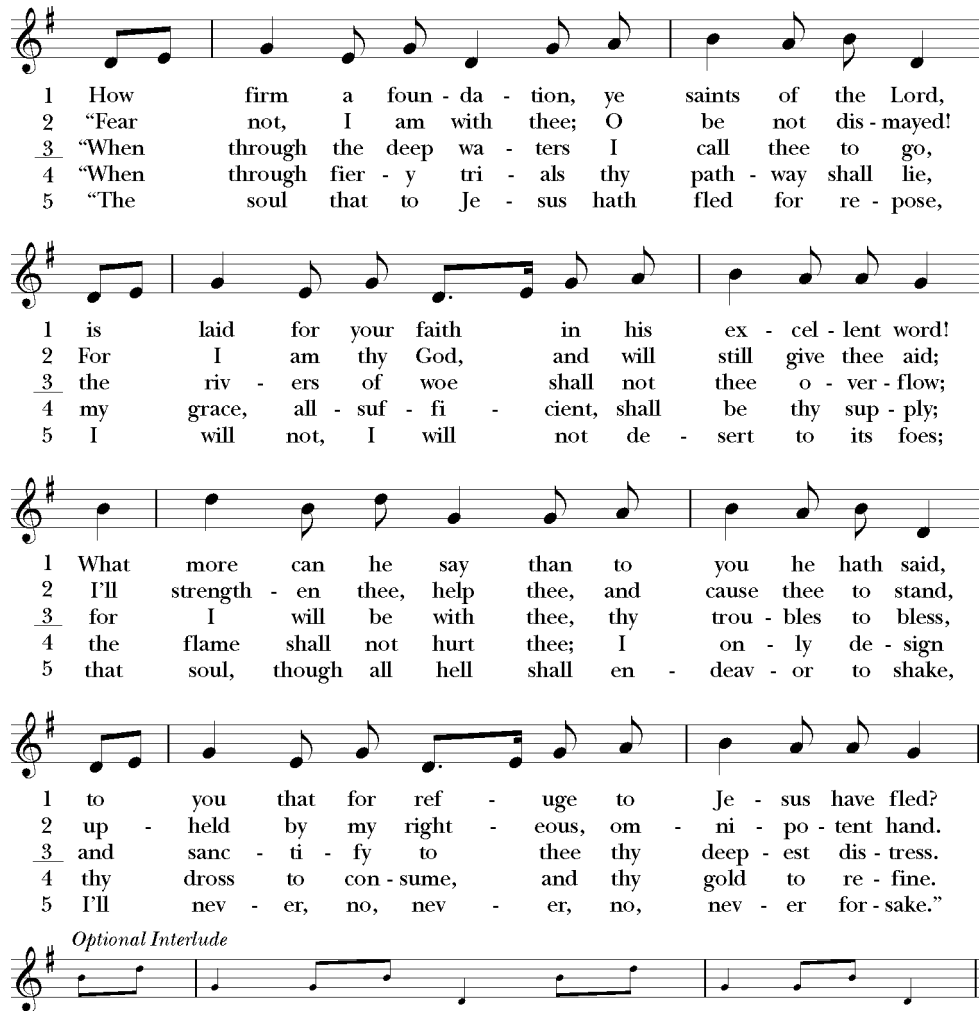
Denise Brown and Naomi McMahon, *duet*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together: (*Holy Pause*)

**BCP 366**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Blessing



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*Optional Interlude*

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## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude



## **WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, transgender, and filthy rich or dirt poor. And to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail, or who could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Barbra Streisand or Taylor Swift, or you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been to church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food eaters.

We welcome those in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.

If you blew your offertory money at the dirt track, you're welcome here.

We offer a special welcome to those who think the world is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because Grandma is in town and she wanted to go to church today.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and YOU!