

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2026 ♦ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Liz Cantine in loving memory of her beloved mother's birthday and her big brother's death day, Aug. 21.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

This Week at St. Francis

The Annual Rummage Sale takedown will run all week in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Gloria Jones to volunteer.

Sunday, August 23

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Tuesday, August 25

- 7:00 pm Taizé (Chapel)

Wednesday, August 26

- 10:00 am Healing Service
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting

Thursday, August 27

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, August 30

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

The Processional Hymn: The Church's One Foundation Hymnal #525



The Chu-rch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her
 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the
 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her
 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in



Lord; she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the
 earth, her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one
 war she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er -
 One, and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is



word; from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly
 birth; one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly
 more; till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are
 won. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that



bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he
 food, and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en -
 blessed, and the great Church vic - tor - ious shall be the Church at
 we like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with



died.
 dued.
 rest.
 thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: "Aurelia," Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 323
 The Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer p. 323
 The Summary of the Law Book of Common Prayer p. 324
 The Gloria Book of Common Prayer p. 324
 The Collect of the Day: Proper 16 Book of Common Prayer p. 181

The First Lesson.....Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Response..... Psalm 138 (Book of Common Prayer p. 793)

The Epistle Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Sermon.....The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene CreedBook of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the PeopleBook of Common Prayer p. 328

The ConfessionBook of Common Prayer p. 331

The PeaceBook of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Musical Offering Arthur Grant, Voice/Ukelele

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

(African American Spiritual)

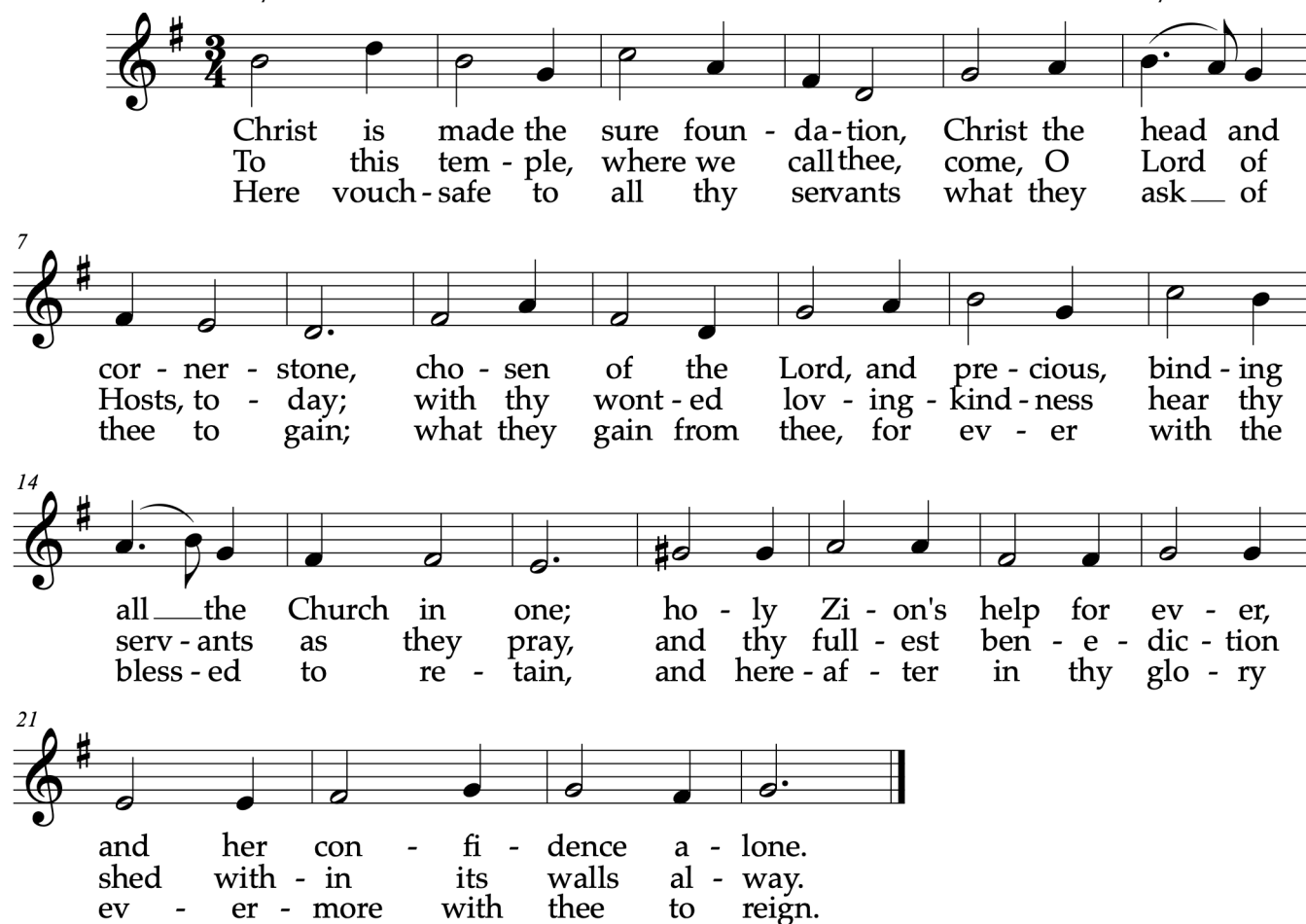
<i>Soloist</i>	I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord anytime
<i>Women</i>	I'm gonna pray so God can use me, anywhere Lord anytime
<i>Men</i>	I'm gonna sing so God can use me, anywhere Lord anytime
<i>Everyone</i>	I'm gonna work so God can use me, anywhere Lord anytime
<i>Everyone</i>	I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord anytime

The Great ThanksgivingBook of Common Prayer p. 333

The Post-Communion Prayer.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Blessing and Sending Forth.....Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Hymnal #518



Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
Here vouch - safe to all thy servants what they ask — of

7
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious, bind - ing
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness hear thy
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er with the

14
all — the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er,
serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est ben - e - dic - tion
bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter in thy glo - ry

21
and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
shed with - in its walls al - way.
ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Text: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. "Hymns Ancient and Modern," 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: "Westminster Abbey," Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929);

Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

The Postlude

Fifth of Genesis

Tony Banks

Announcements

Thank You, Rummage Sale Volunteers

A huge thank you to Gloria Jones and all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make the first weekend of our Annual Rummage Sale such a success! From sorting and organizing to staffing the sale and helping our shoppers, your hard work and enthusiasm made a tremendous difference. We're grateful for everyone who pitched in—and if you didn't get a chance to shop, or would like to shop again, please stop by after the service this morning



Online Giving

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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Amy Clute, Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Frances Rosenthal, Irena Dybeic, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Marilyn and Dale Ghere, Mary Sharp, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Rex Claytor, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Sofia, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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