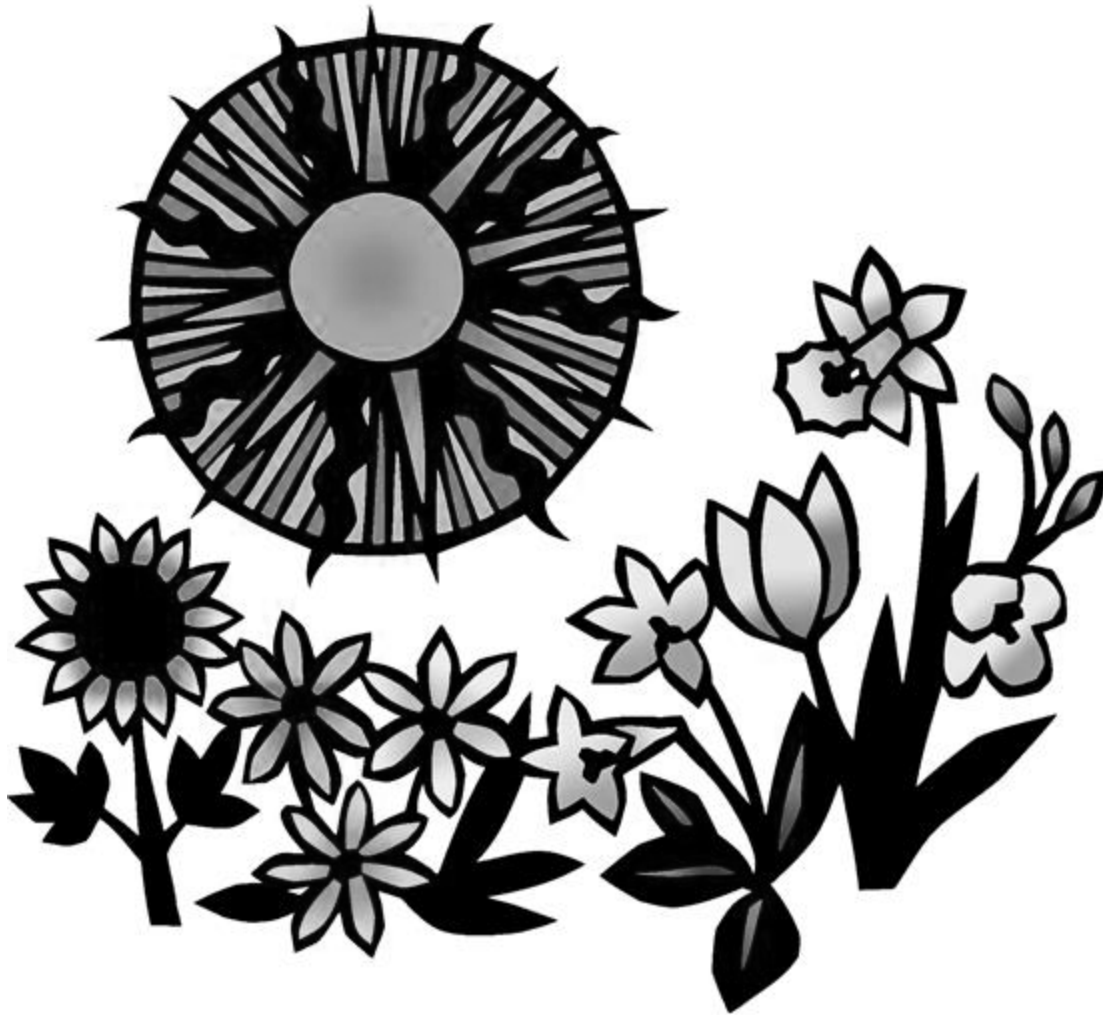


Sunday, May 17, 2026
Rogation Sunday
The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Sunday, May 17, 2026

9:30am Worship Service

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands. Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we praise him for his provision and goodness.

C **Lord, you give us this good earth, yet we take your generous gifts for granted. Lord, you give us this good earth, but we fail to share your bounty with all your children.**

P May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Morning Has Broken

Red Hymnal #556

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us to gather the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALM 65 *(spoken)*

L ¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed,

C ² O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

L ³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

C ⁴ **Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.**

L ⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

C ⁶ **By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.**

L ⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

C ⁸ **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

L ⁹ You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

C ¹⁰ **You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

L ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

C ¹² **The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;**

L ¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

SECOND READING

L A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

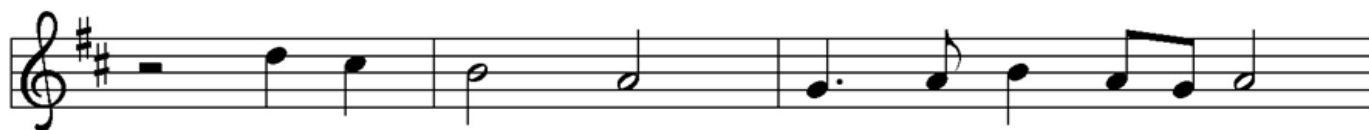
¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Fourth Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

PRAYER FOR SOIL

P Giver of life, we give you thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens to your call of spring. We praise you for the smell of freshly tilled earth, that beauty of a clearly cut furrow, and a well-plowed field. We ask that you help us to be good stewards of this land. In the name of the one who gives us new life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF WATER AND RAIN

P Sustaining God, we receive the fruits of the earth from you. We give you thanks for the smell of the earth after rain, for its welcome cooling, and its necessary hydration for the land. We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed so that the crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful.

C Amen.

PRAYER FOR SEEDS

P Creating God, you have given seed to the sower and bread to the people. Nourish, protect, and bless the deeds which your people have sown in hope. Be your loving and bountiful giving, may they bring forth their fruit in due season, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Red Hymnal #737

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your guidance inspires all who work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe our first responders, those serving in the military, especially Courtney, Matthew, Levi, Kyle,

Anthony, Vince, Elizabeth, Derek, Kristina, Jan-Oskar, Rhiannon, Mark, and Joseph, and all those whose duty it is to protect others. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick (*especially*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

That We May Be Filled

Chancel Choir

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a 7-measure rest. The second staff ends with a 7-measure rest. The third staff begins with a 7-measure rest. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Please stand as you are able.

A Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

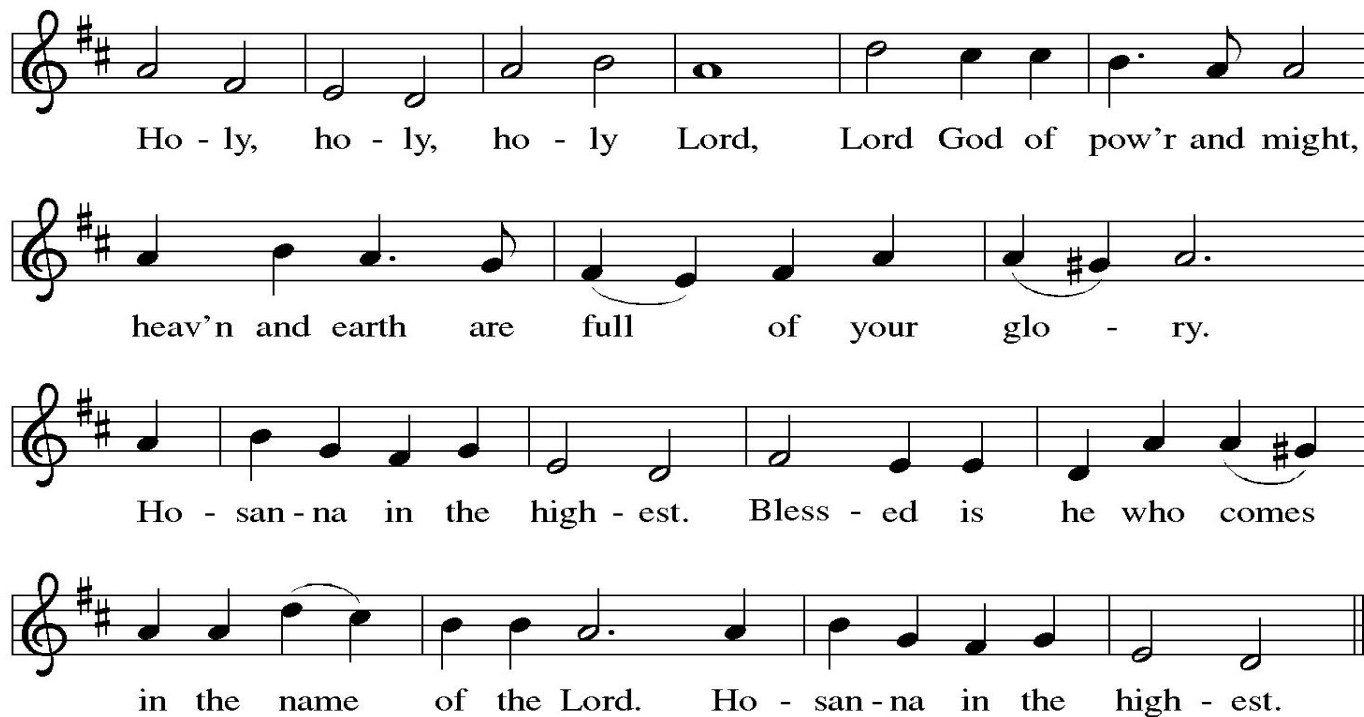
C Amen.

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff has a double bar line after the second phrase. The third staff has a double bar line after the third phrase. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy. Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

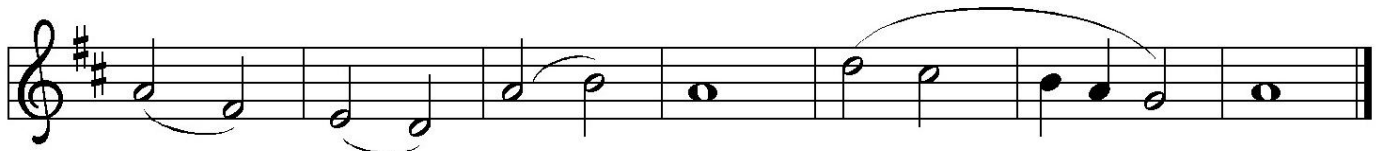
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God



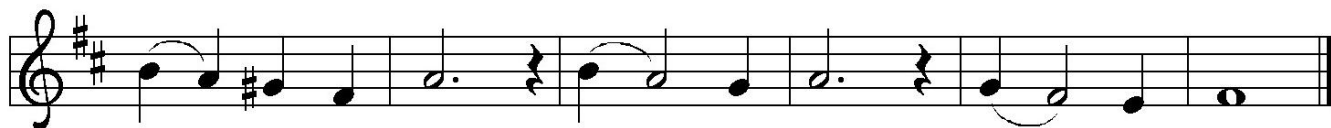
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymns During Distribution:

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

Red Hymnal #518

Thine the Amen

Red Hymnal #826

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Red Hymnal #674

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. Children are welcome to receive a blessing and a fish cracker.

Please stand as you are able.

When all have received Communion:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as laborers into his harvest. God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy, and peace.

C Amen.

For the Fruit of All Creation

Red Hymnal #679

DISMISSAL

P Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Portions of today's service came Times and Seasons from Common Worship, The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, and Seasonal Worship for the Countryside.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Organist: Mark Jonkman

Audio/Video: John Costanzo

Worship Assistant: David Abel

Lector: Stefanie Stoudt

Usher: Kathy Brandt

Greeter: Steve Dutko

Altar Guild: Debbie Ealer

Offering Counters: Shirley Kerbaugh and Kathy Brandt

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Monday, May 18 7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, May 19: Election Day – Polling All Day in Social Room

Nursery School – Offsite Picnic

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Thursday, May 21: Last Day for Nursery School

10:30am Stepping Up Ceremony

6:00pm Preschool Graduation

Friday, May 22: 7:30pm Crossroad AA

Sunday, May 24: 9:30am Worship Service

ZOOM

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Lori Bonser, Casey Diehl, Tyler Diehl, Guy Ehler, Josephine Hill, Jill Machado, Chelsea Masterson, Katherine Masterson, Scott McGowan, Tom Sadler, Kathy Schaeffer, Lillian Sensinger, and Susan Vernarr.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Immediate Prayers: Kathy DeRenzis-Prendergast, Donna Doran, Kevin Gallagher, Lori Guillen, Rich Heater, John, Doug LaFauci, Carol Laustsen, Pete Merluzzi, Jim Pennoyer, Kevin Prendergast, Danielle Smith, and Kate Zumas.

Members Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carol Ehler, Carl Fisher, Joan Holland, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, Jean Pleiss, Doris Wanamaker, and Marge Weidner.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, Dianna Dillian, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Maj-Britt Enblom, Lori Gilbert, Ryan Gorrie, Karen Israel, David Jackson, Sandy Joyce, Jennifer, Kamilah, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Nancy, Paul, Penny, Dan Philipps, Rachel, Lisa and Jim Reinish, Shirley, Ethel Shive, Andi Steckel, Melissa Steckel, and Doug VonNessen.

Service Members: Courtney Baskwell, Matthew Baskwell, Levi Birchfield, Kyle Callantine, Anthony Duginski, Vince Franchino, Elizabeth Gordon, Derek Hartman, Kristina Himmelreich, Jan-Oskar Kjellberg, Rhiannon Perry, Mark Pollard, and Joseph Suhr.

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