



Friday Bulletin

Good Shepherd E-News
22 July 2022

The Episcopal Church of the
Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio

Quick Links

[Parish website](#)

[Sermons](#)

[Parish calendar](#)

[Contact us](#)

[Campus Interest](#)

[E-News Guidelines
and Back Issues](#)

[Diocese S Ohio](#)

[\[E\]Connections](#)

[Episcopal
News Service](#)

[Episcopal Café](#)

[COVID-19
Resources](#)

This Upcoming Sunday

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

31 July 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Musician: Marsha Reilly

Lector: Michael Wootton

**Eucharistic Minister/
Acolyte:** Owen Buckley

Eucharistic Minister: Lynn Graham

Prayer Leader: Dana Carlson

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour Host: Anne Walker

LESSONS for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13-Tract 1)

Old Testament – Hosea 11: 1-11

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 (SAID)

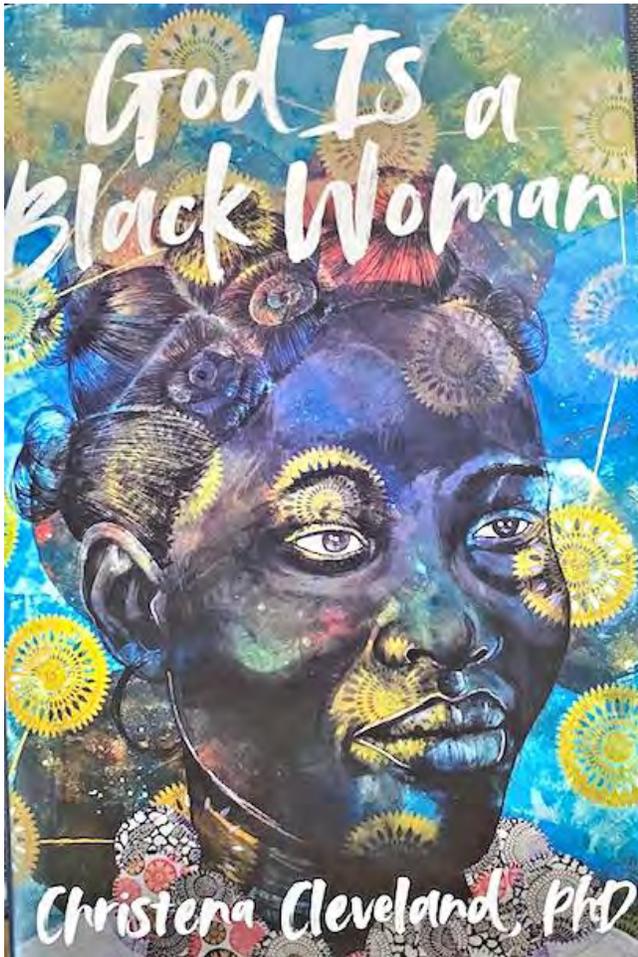
New Testament - Colossians 3: 1-11

Gospel - Luke 12: 13-21

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

God is a Black Woman

by **Cristena Cleveland, PhD, HarperCollins, 2022**



When I was in seminary, I wrote a paper on the influence of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, on Christians around the world. I titled the paper “There’s Something About Mary” just like the 1998 movie because for millions of Christians around the world, there really is something about the Virgin Mary that helps them feel closer to God. Especially if they are in predominantly patriarchal cultures.

This concept of Mary helping someone feel closer to God and experience healing after spiritual and emotional trauma is what Dr. Cristena Cleveland, former professor at Duke Divinity School and contributing writer for *Christianity Today* magazine discovers for herself. Her book ***God is a Black Woman*** chronicles her pilgrimage to France where she

walked over 400 miles to several Black Madonna statues, some of which were in small, remote villages and date back to the medieval area. Her journey not only led her to interesting places and people, it was a period of soul searching, healing from the traumas of intentional and unintentional racism and sexism, and spiritual growth.

Dr. Cleveland’s journey is powerful. At times it is enlightening, especially for white people who may have very different experiences in church, work, and family. Dr. Cleveland is unapologetic in telling her story and sharing her pilgrimage. At other times she reaches out beyond the differences to invite us all to gather closer to the Black Madonna who is the embodiment of God’s love of all people, most especially the outcast. Which means we can all learn from the Black Madonna that truly all people – especially Black women – are made in God’s image and therefore deserving of equality and respect.

If you are curious about the Black Madonna, or if you are interested in learning

about racism from a Black woman's point of view, then this book is a good one. If you desire more than an intellectual pursuit, this is also a good book because through Dr. Cleveland's pilgrimage there is the opportunity to step outside of our personal experience and let another's bring us closer to God who is love. Because there really is something wonderful, powerful, and inviting about Mary.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, August 3, 11:00 a.m. - - Dave Black's committal.

Sunday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 14, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (First Sunday Service with newly installed refurbished organ)

Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

Sunday, August 21, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 22, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - - First Day of Classes at OU Blessings, coffee and donut giveaway.

Sunday, August 28, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Outdoor Service)

This Summer CrossRoads Café is open Sundays after church.

Coffee Hour Schedule

August 7	Sharon Huge
August 14	Alex Buckley
August 21	Dana Carlson
August 28	David Burton

Events Looking Forward

Sept. 4 (Sunday) Funeral service for Virginia Smith 3pm

Sept. 11 (Sunday) Outdoor Service 10:30 am with special remembrance for 9/11

Oct. 7-10 (Friday – Monday) College Student Retreat in the Hocking Hills

Nov. 6 (Sunday) Newly Refurbished Organ Celebration 3pm (first in a series)

Nov. 19 (Saturday) Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Hybrid zoom and in person in Cincinnati

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day service 10:30 am

Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners 1:30 pm

Dec. 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve 7pm

Dec. 25 (Sunday) Christmas Day 10:30 am

Notes & Announcements

Dave Black Service

Dave Black's committal and cremains to be interred in the columbarium.

This brief service will be August 3 (Wednesday) at 11:00 a.m.

FREE Church Training on Relational Violence Presentation and Response -- Fridays in August from 12-2pm at the Hampton Inn in Athens

Hello,

SAOP (Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program) developed and is hosting a FREE abuse prevention and response training series for faith communities.

This training is modeled after several other national certification programs that offer education and tools for faith communities to holistically prevent and respond to abuse throughout their lifespan.

Anyone, whether they practice faith or not, is welcome to attend, particularly if you work with folks of faith in your jobs or extracurricular activities. The second session is the only session that will have a specific emphasis on Christianity.

The training sessions will take place on **Fridays in August from 12-2pm at the Hampton Inn in Athens**. Please respond to me mr377318@ohio.edu or email rachel@saopseoh.org to register!

Thank you,

Maggie Rossi
SAOP

Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Changes

Diocesan Convention - when delegates from every parish in the diocese and clergy in the diocese gather to conduct the necessary business of the diocese - has been changed to **Saturday, November 19**. Delegates and clergy may attend in person or via zoom. These changes are due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

For more see the [DSO E-Connections](#) newsletter.

Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine



Two Butterflies in the garden today.





Contacts & Information

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex

DONATE to Good Shepherd

This takes you to the Parish Home page where you can donate on line via PayPal. If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the

Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Seeking and Serving Christ in All Persons

64 University Terrace, Athens OH 45701
740-593-6877
chogs@chogs.org
www.chogs.org

seller" section the purpose of the donation—e.g. Covid Memorial, plate collection, etc.

Check out the Church's **YouTube Channel**.

LIKE us on Facebook
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd 45701

Office Hours:
10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The Diocese COVID Guidelines request all persons wear masks inside the church building regardless of vaccination status.