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This Upcoming Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

5 June 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-B

Celebrant: the Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: David McCoy

Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader: Allyn Reilly

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: David Burton

Altar Guild: Sally Spero

Cantor: Steve Steward

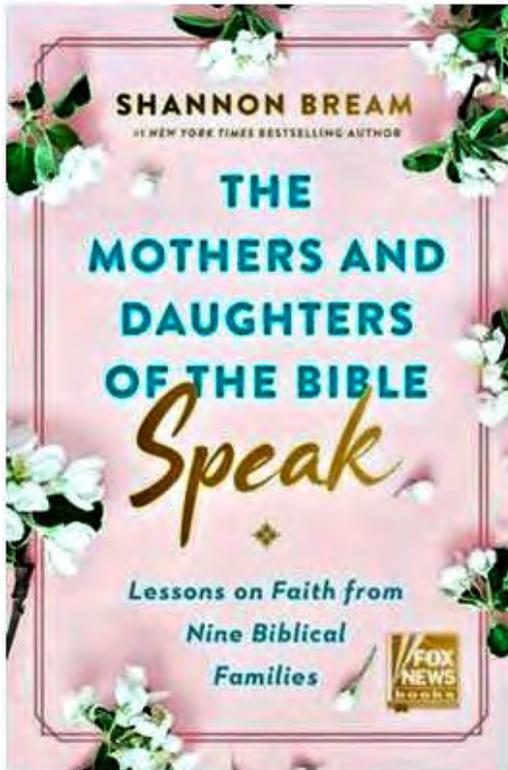
Coffee Hour Host: Lynn Graham

LESSONS for the Day of Pentecost: Acts of the Apostles: 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 25-35, 37; (SUNG); Romans 8: 14-17; John 14: 8-17, 25-27

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Reading with the Rector

The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak
Nine Lessons on Faith
from Nine Biblical Families
by Shannon Bream



I have several bookshelves full of books featuring women of the Bible. A few were written by a colleague in ordained ministry, some are written in Bible Study style, some are fun, several are serious works of scholarship. *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* was an Easter gift and as soon as I started reading it, I realized it was significantly and refreshingly different from all the others in that this book talks about the *relationships* women in both the Old and New Testaments navigated that made them significant contributors to some of the most well-known Bible stories.

Where other books on women of the Bible feature them as isolated characters modern women may or may not relate to, the strength of *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak* is how it brings out the importance of the choices women made that impacted other characters and led to significant outcomes of important religious events.

For example, the relationship between Moses' mother Jochebed and her daughter Miriam points to not just saving an infant Moses from certain death, their choices and behavior influenced Moses' relationship with God and leading God's people out of Egypt. Bream gives us a new perspective on the relationship between Elizabeth and Mary as women who support each other instead of competing for attention and thus inspires us all, no matter our gender to do the same.

The book is not just about women. It also features the relationships between mothers and sons and fathers and daughters. One of the relationships Bream explores is between Bathsheba and her son Solomon and how together they established the recognition of women as partial rulers as queens in the Kingdom of Judah. Bream highlighting the sometimes-difficult choices women sometimes need to make when deciding if they are going to listen to their father or their husband. Sometimes, this works out well, as in the story of Esther. However, as with the story of Michal, we are given a cautionary tale of what can happen to a women who is not loved by father nor husband. Bream's easy writing style, solid scholarship, and inclusion of the scripture passages she discusses makes this a great book to take with you when you travel. It's an enjoyable Bible study for everyone that will no doubt open your eyes even wider to the value of extraordinary women in the Bible and hopefully help you recognize the extraordinary women in our lives and appreciate our relationships even more.

Anyone want to join me in a discussion group on this? I'm up for it!

Happy Reading and Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, June 5, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 8, 12:00 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

Wednesday, June 8, 12:00 noon - - Prayers on the Porch

Sunday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 15, 12:00 noon - - Prayers on the Porch

Thursday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting, ZOOM

Sunday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 22, 12:00 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's

Wednesday, June 22, 12:00 noon - - Prayers on the Porch

Sunday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 29, 12:00 noon - - Prayers on the Porch

Sunday, July 3, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Starting in June CrossRoads Café is open Mon-Fr 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
and Sundays after church.

Notes & Announcements

An Invitation to Wear **RED** on Sunday June 5 for **Pentecost**

Whether you join us for in-person worship or are with us through email, we invite you wear something **red** on Sunday to help celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Why **red**? The author of the Acts of the Apostles has a dramatic telling of the moment the Holy Spirit was given to Jesus' followers after his ascension into heaven. Everyone was in the upper room and suddenly there was a sound and feeling like wind and what looked like tongues of flame appeared over the heads of everyone in the room. We wear **red** to symbolize the appearance of the Holy Spirit that resembled flames as a reminder the Holy Spirit is a gift for us all and feel a little more connected to each other through the presence of the Holy Spirit. So, if you've got something red, please wear it to help us all celebrate Pentecost.

Send Us Your Picture! Won't be with us in-person on Sunday? We invite you to

How's the Caring Going? Sermon Follow-up

In Sunday's sermon I invited you to show someone you care. The invitation was open ended, letting you decide how to show care wherever you happen to find yourself this week. As the week draws to a close, I invite you to reflect on how you chose to show you care. Did you attend our prayer mourning the death of the children in Uvalde and other victims of gun violence on Wednesday at noon? If you visited a doctor's office or medical care facility, how did you show someone you care? If you were in a school, I bet they could really use a reminder someone cares. Did you call or write someone you haven't seen in a while? Did you breathe a prayer and cut some slack to the person who annoys you or the driver who cut you off? How about the overworked or the stressed? If you have yet to intentionally show you care, there is still time. I hope the invitation is the beginning of a practice that lasts a lifetime and helps spread love and care through the world so hungry for it.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Prayers on the Porch Wednesdays in June at Noon

We are grateful for everyone who joined us on the front porch Wednesday as we gathered to pray for the children and adults who were killed by gun violence in the recent mass shootings. You all made it lovely. Thank you for sharing your time.

The practice of pausing mid-day for prayer is part of many religious traditions, and has been for centuries. Some folks like monastics pause at certain times of the day, including noon, to pray on behalf of those whose lifestyles don't make room for prayer at noon.

In response to the many events that plague our spirits, especially the

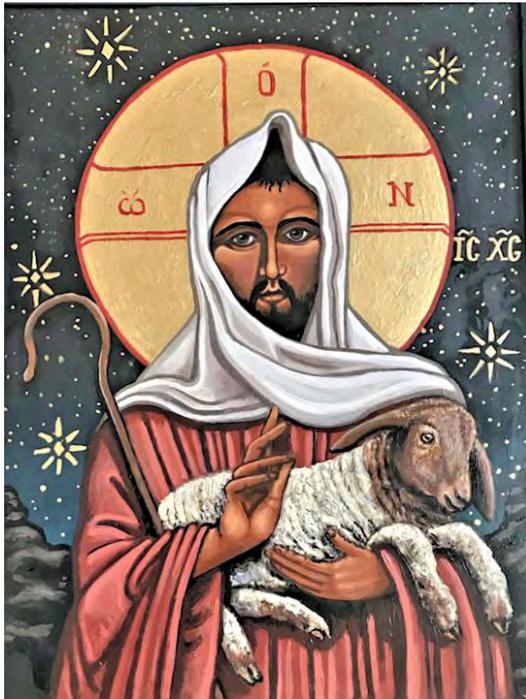


increased number of incidents of gun violence, we will engage in the practice of midday prayer throughout the month of June. If this is not a practice you are familiar with, we invite you to join us in making room in your day for prayer at noon. If you can, please join us on the front porch of the church. If you cannot be with us in person, we invite you to pause at noon to pray. That prayer can look like formal prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer* (see pages 103-107) or you can pray any prayer that works for you.

Our in-person prayer on June 8 will focus on the gift of the Holy Spirit we celebrate on Sunday.

Wherever you are, however you choose to pray, we hope you join us June 8 at noon for another prayer service.

About the Banners in Front of Our Church



The Center Icon Banner

was donated by Ted and the Rev. Katharin Foster after suggesting we bring the icon of the Good Shepherd by Kelly Latimore outside when we were having services outside. The banner was seen as better alternative to causing potential harm to the original icon from moving it around. The banner has gotten positive attention from our neighbors. Adding the church name and web address improves our visibility and a noticeable sign of welcome. We loved the idea of the Good Shepherd being over all our outdoor ministries and over the door when we enter and leave the building.

The Prayer Banner

is a prayer was originally put up in 2019 after several

tragic mass shootings in our country. A similar banner was put up by an Episcopal Church in Wisconsin as a way of offering public prayer to its neighbors. We at Church of the Good Shepherd liked the idea of offering prayer with our neighbors, so we put up one of our own. In light of the increase of mass shootings in our country over the last three years, we put the banner up once again as our prayer for ending of death due to gun violence.

The prayer is written by theologian Stanley Hauerwas and is found in his book *Disrupting Time*, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2004.



The Art Banner

is from an original piece called "The Baptism of Christ" by KPB Stevens, an Episcopal priest, writer, and artist. We chose it because it is an uplifting image that is relevant no matter what is happening in the world and invites passersby to come closer by identifying our space as sacred.



Together all three banners proclaim a message of God's Presence, welcome, care, and the invitation to come closer to sacred space. During a time when we are seeing fewer people come inside church buildings, using outdoor space to share our message of love, and peace, and welcome is a creative opportunity to let our neighbors know we are here, and we care.



CrossRoads June Hours

Join us weekday mornings 9:30 am - 12 noon.

Featuring Deeper Roots Coffee, iced coffee, tea, iced tea and espresso drinks.



Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine

Episcopal Relief & Development
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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.

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

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

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

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Guidelines request
all persons wear masks
inside the church
building regardless of
vaccination status.**