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This Upcoming Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-B

Celebrant: Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Norm Fox

Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader: David
Burton

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Sharon
Huge/Tyrone Carr

Altar Guild: Sharon Huge

Cantor: Steve Steward

Coffee Hour Host: Dana Carlson

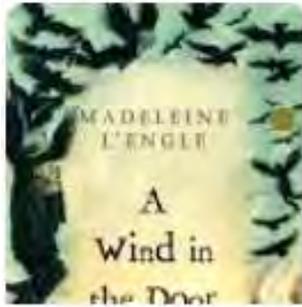
LESSONS for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts of the Apostles: 16: 9-15; Psalm 67 (SUNG); Revelation to John: 21: 10, 22-22.5; John 14: 23-29.

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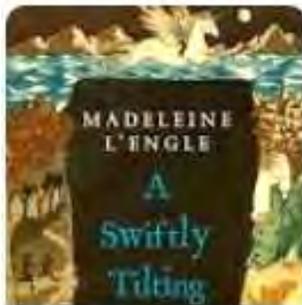
Reading With the Rector



**A Wrinkle in
Time**
1962



**A Wind in the
Door**
1973



**A Swiftly
Tilting Planet**
1978

A Wrinkle in Time, The Wind in the Door, The Swiftly Tilting Planet

by Madeline L'engle

If, like me, you read these books when you were a child, then may I suggest it is time to read them again. And if you have never had a pleasure, I can't recommend these books by an Episcopalian enough. Although they were originally published in the 1960's, these days, with so much in the news about hate crimes, fear, financial insecurity, instability, the underlying message of these books is still needed.

Each story features crises that are not that unfamiliar these days: the threat of nuclear war, a virus that causes serious illness, and the disappearance of loved ones. There is plenty of adventure, but the common thread all of these books have is that the way to defeat the evil that has snatched a loving father or threatens to kill a child through a mysterious infection, or even to destroy the world is not a warrior, a self-sacrificing martyr, an innovative scientist, or a clever, fast-talking hero. In every situation, the power that ultimately rights the wrong, deescalates threats, and cures an illness even science can't figure out is the something so common it is easily underestimated: love. This love is not easy, it is the most difficult thing to do because it involves loving the unlovable. And that is where we see examples of the author's faith and belief shine through in ways that are not condescending or dismissive, but empowering and hopeful.

Madeline L'engle is a delight to read. She gives attention to details that can seem irrelevant until you recognize the comfort small things can be. Such small things can be manifestations of love, which are what helps the main character, a young woman realize how much she is loved, and she can love in return. This is not just the love of family, friends, and her boyfriend, it is the love that created all these, the love of God in Christ.

There is a reason these stories are classics. Visit them again or for the first time and see for yourself how remarkable and relevant they are, and how they can still be a source of hope in any time.

Happy Reading,
Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, May 22, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, May 25, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting, Julie's

Thursday, May 26 -- Office closed in afternoon

Sunday, May 29, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Monday, May 30, Memorial Day, Office closed

Thursday, June 2, Office closed

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

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

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

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

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

During May CrossRoads Café is open on Sundays after church.

Notes & Announcements

CrossRoads Café June Hours

Starting Tuesday May 31, CrossRoads will be open weekdays in June 9:00 am - 11:30 pm on the front porch of the church. Stop by for coffee, espresso drinks, iced coffee, iced tea. We are giving away ice water. Stay a bit and relax with us.

CrossRoads will be closed Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

Office Hours

Administrative Office will close at Noon on Thursday, May 26 and also will be closed on Memorial day (May 30). It will be open May 31 - June 1. Will be closed on Thursday, June 2 and resume regular hours Monday, June 6.

**Donations
Requested to
Update Covid**

Memorial



One million Americans have died from Covid-19 and we need to update our memorial by adding additional archways. Each archway represents 100,000 people who have died. We need to add three archways to the existing memorial.

We are one of the few places to offer public space to acknowledge loss and grief from the pandemic, which is one of the important steps to healing. A donation to update the memorial will help us continue to be a place of healing and shows our neighbors we value them and any loss they may be grieving.

We estimate the cost to update the memorial will be at least \$300-\$500. Any amount you can share will be received with gratitude.



Thank you!

PRAYER LIST: The prayer list will be updated for Pentecost (June 5, 2022). If there are names that should remain on the prayer list, please let me know by May 30; otherwise, the name will be removed from the prayer list. If you have names that need to be added the prayer list, please let me know.

Lynn Graham, 593-5098 (grahammowery@aol.com).

**An Update from the
Standing Committee**
Listening Sessions Scheduled
in May and June:

(From Connections May 11, 2022)
"You may recall that about a month ago, we asked members of the Diocese to take a brief survey to help us understand our collective readiness

to proceed with the search for our next bishop. We were pleased with the response to the survey, and the survey data paint a clear picture."

[See detailed results of the survey here.](#)

The Standing Committee will hold listening sessions near the end of this month to discuss the results of the survey and hear related hopes and concerns from members of the diocese.

[For more information and to Register follow this link.](#)

Front Yard Landscape Project

The rock garden at CHOGS is coming along nicely. The final piece is to put crushed stone between the rock borders and around the juniper plantings. So far, this project has been paid for by a donation from the Pat Grean legacy and by a couple of anonymous donors. We need another \$500 in donations to finish. Please consider helping us get this project finished up. Contact Dana (740-590-8800) or Barb at the church office (740-593-6877).

A big **THANK YOU** to those who have helped on this project: Ted, Gregory, David, Michael W, Sharon, Michael L, Alex, Geoff, and Owen. (Dana Carlson)



Dana sent this photo of the **20 tons** of gravel that was delivered this morning! Thanks to the University for lending us space on their concrete pad! I imagine Dana will have a follow-up work-wise about this.



Reflections on Rest

“I will give you rest.” – Jesus

I am so grateful to all of you for your support in taking up Bishop Smith’s invitation for active clergy and lay leaders in the diocese to take 3-5 days of rest. One of the opportunities I saw in these days was to rest from things that demand my constant attention and can be a source of strain, stress, and exhaustion such as checking email,

social media, and the news. This meant I could turn my attention to things that refresh me: stargazing, reading, prayer, exercise, cooking, watching stories that are uplifting.

The deeper gift of those days was how the issues I have not had time to reflect on, pray about, or even think about were able to get my attention. These little things get set aside, pushed down, covered up because there are so many other things that demand my attention. The days of rest gave me time to deal with those issues in a healthy way and find peace, making these days good spiritually, physically, and mentally.

That is perhaps the best gift of those days, because it is often those unresolved issues, which may not necessarily be very big issues, that can cause loss of temper at the wrong time. It is perhaps not a coincidence that I took my days of rest in the month of May, which is also Mental Health Awareness Month. These last two years have not only been hard on clergy and other leaders, they have been hard on everyone. When we also consider the grief from the death of one million Americans to the COVID-19 virus, there are plenty of reasons for us to be generous, compassionate, and kind to each other and perhaps inspire us to strive to create a new normal instead of returning to what was before. Perhaps we could normalize caring for each other and we could start by giving ourselves and each other permission to rest from those things that cause stress from time to time so that we can make time for whatever gets pushed aside. Perhaps that is what Jesus meant when he said one of the gifts -- he gives us is rest.

Thank you for the gift of rest.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine

Episcopal Relief & Development
(Please click above for link to see more)



"Help is on the way!"

Note small dump truck. Terese Sherman sent in this photo. A youngster was very much enjoying the excitement in his yard. (The parents were less than excited.)



Below is one of Ted Foster's favorite spots on paths in the woods near their retirement home. Not pictured is a nearby bench placed for the old folks to sit..



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

Check out the Church's [YouTube Channel](#).

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Pandemic Note:

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.