



The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park and Westlake Village

# THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

Welcome to the Church of the Epiphany! We are delighted you have come to worship with us today. We are part of the Episcopal Church; if you are unfamiliar with our rituals and customs, just be present with this ancient liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. Thanks for joining us today!

If you are interested in learning more about our church, please fill out the information card and place it in the collection plate; we are excited to meet you and would love to get to know you. Start by joining us for coffee after the service! In case you need one, Assisted Listening Devices are available from the ushers in the back of the Church.

## PRELUDE

Soliloquy

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER (B. 1952)

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.”*

Psalm 139: 23

## The Word of God

### ENTRANCE RITE

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people stand at the sound of the bell.*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymn 9

Not here for high and holy things

MORNING SONG

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 18:1-11

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17**

*Remain seated.*

- <sup>1</sup>**LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \***  
    **you know my sitting down and my rising up;**  
    **you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- <sup>2</sup>**You trace my journeys and my resting-places \***  
    **and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- <sup>3</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \***  
    **but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- <sup>4</sup>**You press upon me behind and before \***  
    **and lay your hand upon me.**
- <sup>5</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \***  
    **it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- <sup>12</sup>**For you yourself created my inmost parts; \***  
    **you knit me together in my mother’s womb.**
- <sup>13</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \***  
    **your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- <sup>14</sup>**My body was not hidden from you, \***  
    **while I was being made in secret**  
    **and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- <sup>15</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;**  
**all of them were written in your book; \***  
    **they were fashioned day by day,**  
    **when as yet there was none of them.**
- <sup>16</sup>**How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \***  
    **how great is the sum of them!**
- <sup>17</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \***  
    **to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

## SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

A Reading from Paul's letter to Philemon.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

<sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*All stand.*

Hymn 603

When Christ was lifted from the earth

ST. BOTOLPH

## GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

*All stand.*

Celebrant           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he

has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Jamie Barnett

## **THE CREED**

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*All remain standing*

For perseverance in faith and service, let us pray to the Lord.

Bless the Church with resolve to hold nothing back from the duty to which she has been called... Fill her ministers with zeal for the gospel and strengthen them to follow where their Master has led.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for the world where many strive for mastery and put their trust in the outward signs of power and wealth... Lead the rulers of nations into the way of peace, to seek settlement before confrontation.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord graciously hear us.**

Bless our families, friends and neighbours with wisdom and discernment in all their decisions... As we give thanks for the human love that we have been given, we pray that it shall never cause us to neglect our love and duty to God.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord graciously hear us.**

Have mercy on all who have been ruined by their own folly and wrong judgement... Relieve their need and restore them to the good life which they have lost... Forgive those who have been false to the faith they once professed, and bring them back into the right way,

Lord, hear us.

**Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for peace and an end to suffering for all, especially those on our parish prayer list: Karen, Tom, and Alexandra. We pray also for those who have asked for our prayers but prefer to remain anonymous, as well as those on our long-term prayer list.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for the departed who have sought to follow the way of Christ through this world and have endured to the end... especially for The Rev. Dr. Samuel Lloyd III. Receive them into the peace where all perils are past and all burdens are laid down.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray in the name of Christ who calls us to follow him as his disciples. **Amen**

*The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*               **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer for Birthdays

**Watch over your children, 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 your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

# The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SOLO

Invocation

RACHEL LAURIN (B. 1961)

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*All stand.*

Hymn 484

Praise the Lord through every nation

WACHET AUF

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

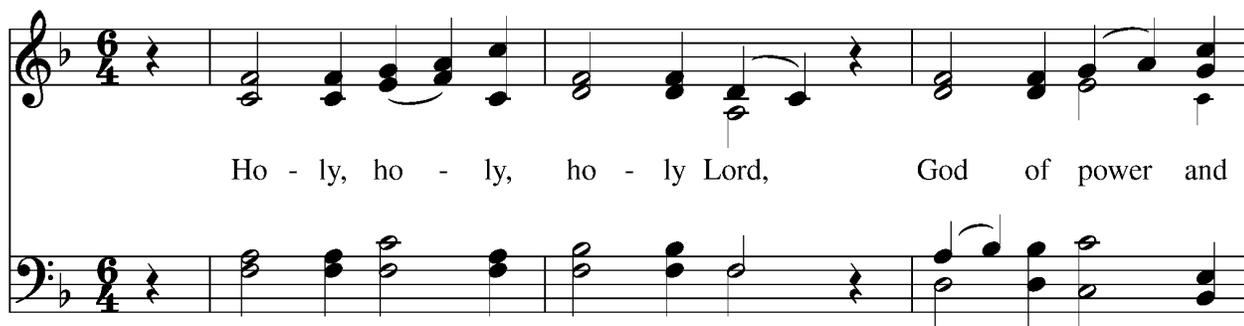
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

## SANCTUS WLP 858 *Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody)*

*Celebrant and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
 that she might conceive and bear a son,  
 Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.  
On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.  
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.  
In the fullness of time bring us,  
with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.  
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
**Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*Celebrant* This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

*During Communion, all are welcome – even encouraged! – to come forward to receive the holy food of new and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. Simply to the Celebrant when the ushers indicate, put your hands out (one on top of the other), and the bread will be placed in your hand. (If needed, gluten-free wafers are available.)*

*You may then consume the wafer (if you do not wish to have it intincted in the wine) or leave the wafer on your palm and the chalice bearer will dip it for you into the wine and place it in your hand. If you aren't sure, or if you'd rather not receive the actual Sacrament, come up and cross your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. You may also cross your arms over your chest or touch the bottom of the chalice if you wish not to receive wine. Finally, if you'd like to receive Communion but mobility is an issue, alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you*

## COMMUNION HYMN: All are invited to sing



Sing prais-es, all you peoples, sing prais-es to the Lord; sing



prais - es, all you peo-ple, sing prais - es to the Lord!

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*Celebrant blesses the people*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymn 675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

BOURBON

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Wachet auf

ROBERT POWELL (B. 1932)

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**Concerns? Questions? Suggestions?** Let us know! Please do not hesitate to contact any of our staff or The Rev. Jamie Barnett. We look forward to hearing from you.

## **THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE**

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Week of Sunday, September 4, 2022

# EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS



## THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY

- 9/4 9:45 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children's formation in Atrium.  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming @tcote.org)  
11:30 a.m. Epiphany Youth Group (EYG)
- 9/6 6:30 p.m. Book Group Meeting
- 9/7 7:00 p.m. Lectio Divina Meeting (zoom)
- 9/10 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life  
Robert (Bob) Dempster
- 9/11 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and livestreaming @tcote.org)

## SUBSCRIBE TO CONNECTIONS

Want to keep updated on happenings at The Church of the Epiphany? Subscribe to Connections Newsletter. You will receive this trove of information twice weekly right in your inbox! Go to [Tcote.org](http://Tcote.org), click Connect and then Subscribe. Problems subscribing - please contact Susan Halligan at [tohalligan@aol.com](mailto:tohalligan@aol.com) or 805-559-7449.

## BOOK STUDY GROUP

Join us for a book study based on *Atlas of the Heart* by Brené Brown.

**When:** Tuesdays through TBD at **6:30 PM**

**Where:** The Chapel at Epiphany

**What:** Whether or not you have read the book or missed other sessions, matters not! You are welcome to join us.

## EfM ENROLLING NOW FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2022 – JUNE 2023 YEAR!

For over a decade, Epiphany's EfM group has been exploring what it means to live our lives as Christians in this complex world. Do you enjoy deep discussions in Epiphany's book group? Are you touched by spirituality of Evensong, Lectio Divina and Taize? Do you wonder how to live your life as a Christian in this world? Enroll now and join the EfM group Monday nights from September to June. Contact Elizabeth Bryant via e-mail [e.vana.bryant@gmail.com](mailto:e.vana.bryant@gmail.com) or phone (805) 469-8897 for enrollment details.

## AN INVITATION

*An Evening of Celebration*  
Epiphany's Annual Dinner and Auction

Saturday, September 24, 2022  
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Fun, Fellowship, and Fundraising

5:30 Appetizers and Silent Auction  
7:00 Dinner  
7:45 Music and Live-Auction

\$35 per person includes 3 raffle/drink tickets.  
Adults only

RSVP at [www.tcote.org](http://www.tcote.org) by September 19, 2022

Questions: contact Michelle Ponticelli at 805-320-5003 or [mponticelli@tcote.org](mailto:mponticelli@tcote.org)  
or call the church office at 818-991-4797

## MANY THANKS TO ONE AND ALL Y'ALL

Thanks to the combined efforts and hard work of many, (particularly Kerrie Sadler) our 2022 Ministry Fair, "Welcome Home to Epiphany" was a big success. At least 60 people attended, perusing the ministry displays and listening to our wonderful ministry leaders as they described the many ways to become involved. Then, everyone enjoyed chatting over a homestyle, Southern church picnic, which included Reverend Jamie's authentic black-eyed peas and delicious banana pudding! Taking place both indoors and out on a perfect Sunday, it felt great to be "home" together once again.

## YOUR DONATIONS NEEDED!

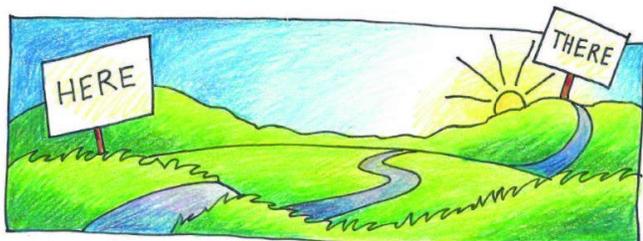
**Silent and Live  
Auction Items!**

We need auction items for **An Evening of Celebration: Epiphany's Annual Dinner and Auction**. Are you wondering what you could contribute? Here are some ideas!

- Solicit your favorite restaurant or business for a gift certificate.
- Donate your talent: Seamstress? Baker? Handyman?
- Have you bought something online, but you don't want to pay to send it back? Donate it!
- Regift
- Theatre or sporting event tickets
- Handmade items: Quilt, painting, etc.
- A stay in your vacation home
- A round of golf

Pick up the donation form at church or download it from the Connections Newsletter. Questions: Contact Kimberly Hribal at [ghribal@roadrunner.com](mailto:ghribal@roadrunner.com)

## A LETTER FROM THE VICAR



Dear Epiphany Family,

Ready for some good news? Well, a couple of months ago your Bishop's Committee made a commitment to plan for our future. We have decided to join other Episcopal churches nationwide who have participated in taking a comprehensive survey of spiritual life that can help provide valuable information to our parish on **our journey of faith as a congregation**. The survey, referred to as the Spiritual Life Inventory, was created by RenewalWorks, an Episcopal organization charged with advancing spiritual growth. It is an in-depth assessment of an individual parishioner's spiritual beliefs and practices, as well as the Church's role and support for that person's spiritual development. These individual findings – which are *collected anonymously*– are then aggregated to depict our parish-wide view. The results will allow an appointed team here at Epiphany to put together an in-depth profile of our entire congregation, providing invaluable insights to help guide the strategic planning process.

Since this survey was developed in 2004, over 300,000 Christians have taken it, representing 15,000 congregations, including many Episcopal parishes. As a result, there is a very robust database with which we can compare and contrast Epiphany's survey results to help us understand and measure our spiritual growth. We are excited to announce that in just a few weeks we will be sending you a link to the Epiphany Spiritual Assessment Inventory survey, which **will only require about 20 minutes to complete**.

In addition to your attendance in worship, as well as your sacrificial giving to enable God's mission, I often ask you for your time. Sometimes my request centers on different ministries or on our annual Ministry Fair or Fundraiser, other times it is because I am hoping you will participate in different councils of the Church whether on the parish level or on the diocesan level. Today, I am writing to ask for your time in a very different and spiritually significant way. In a way that will give you a chance to voice your feelings about...

- Where we have been as a parish
- Where we are now
- Where we feel called to go
- How we will get there

We will be sending you more information weekly as we approach the Inventory launch date. It is my hope that you will all become as excited and eager to participate in this plan for our spiritual and physical growth as we on the Bishop's Committee already are. I ask for your prayers and your commitment as together we embark on this wonderful journey of discovering where God is leading us.

Faithfully in Christ,

Jamie Barnett, Vicar

## SERVICES AVAILABLE ON ZOOM AGAIN!

No Computer? Dial this number to listen in to our Sunday Service. +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)  
Meeting ID: 330 411 222, Passcode: 030014

### PRAYERS

**Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:** Karen, Tom, and Alexandra.

**Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer list:** Alan, Barbara, Byron, Caity, Charlie, Dave, David, Donna, Jackie, Roger, Kristi, Lorraine, Margaret, Neil, Sarah, Olivia, Steven, Susan, Tom, and Vaudine.

*To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request online at [www.tcote.org/prayer-request/](http://www.tcote.org/prayer-request/).*

*Please note: After two weeks on the Parish Prayer List, the names of those for whom we have prayed are moved to the Long-Term Prayer List for two more months, unless stated otherwise.*