



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry
January 10, 2018



New & Notable

Thoughts from Lori



We buried Charlie this morning. Well, not exactly. We celebrated his life and mourned our loss of him with a Eucharist with his family - including his parish family - and friends. Then, as we are wont to do, we feasted. Even though Charlie had indicated in some notes he left behind that he didn't want a public service, I hope he would have been - I hope that he is pleased nonetheless. In any case, I'll beg his forgiveness when I see him again.

It's amazing what you learn about someone when they die. For instance, as well as I thought I knew Charlie, I didn't know he had been in the Navy. Or that he was an avid fisherman. Or that he loved his cat, Louis, so much that their ashes will be scattered together. Makes me wish I'd known him better.

I'm not big on "shoulds," but I'll make an exception: we should share our stories more. It's the only way we really know each other. Through our stories. You know some of mine. I share a good bit of myself in my sermons. Plus, I'm one of those extroverts who, as a friend of mine once said to me, will tell my life story to the person next to me in the grocery story line. I used to anyway. Maybe not so much anymore. I try to be a little more discerning about who to tell what.

But here, here at church, here among sisters and brothers in Christ, we should (there I go again with another "should") be more forthcoming with our

stories. This is fundamentally different than whining; which, I think, is why we shy away from doing this. The kind of storytelling I'm talking about is the kind that reveal something about who you are and what events shaped you. That may sound risky, but it's not really. We, none of us, are as hidden as we might like to think we are. People generally see more of us than we think they do. The point, then, of intentionally telling our stories is just this: to be vulnerable, to make deeper connections, to enrich relationships.

Let's do that. The where and when is an issue. For now, you have a standing invitation to sit with me over coffee or tea and we'll talk. Just talk. And see what stories come.

Faithfully,
Lori

OUT-OF-TOWN

I'll be out-of-town this weekend, Friday through Monday, to attend the Confirmation of my grandson, William Felix Bishop Curtis (aka Felix) on Sunday at St. George's Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA. Please keep me in your prayers for safe and uneventful travel.

The Rev. Jim Nixon will be here as guest celebrant and preacher. Jim was here last July and raved about your friendly welcome. Be sure to give him reason to rave about you again!

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*Lori telling some of the Children an Epiphany story
January 7th*



Children's Chapel

Children are invited to attend the Children's Chapel following the service to hear a story, have a snack, and enjoy an activity. This week's leaders are Amy and Jeff Zabor.



The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, January 14, 2018 (Second Sunday after Epiphany - Year B) by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20). Eli helps the boy, Samuel, to interpret his call from God and interprets the voices he hears. **The Psalm:** Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17. This is a personal prayer to God that expresses humility and thankfulness. **Second Lesson:** I Corinthians 6:12-20. Paul makes a distinction between what is harmful and what is spiritually healthy. **The Gospel:** John 1:43-51. Jesus comes to Nathaniel who at first says nothing good can come out of Nazareth, but then Jesus speaks some more and he is convinced and says, 'Rabbi, you are the son of God.'

THE HYMNS:

Proclamation: No. 7. "Christ whose glory fills the skies." This hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1786) which he based on Malachi 4:2. "But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings." The tune, "Ratisbon," is from Johann Werner's "Gesangbuchern," (1815). The present harmony is by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

Sequence: No. 656. "Blest are the pure in heart." John Keble wrote this hymn based on the Beatitudes in 1819. William John Hall abbreviated it from 17 to 4 verses in 1834. The tune 'Franconia' is taken from a setting by Johann B. Konig and lends itself to the words that call forth the mercy and blessing of God.

Presentation: No. 477. "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine." This hymn was written in 1938 by Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rector of Christ Church, Savannah, 1945-1967 who served on the Joint commission for the 1940 and 1982 hymnals. He authored and translated a number of hymns and reflects many aspects of Pauline theology, "Wherefore, by God's eternal

purpose thou are high exalted o'er all creatures now, and given the Name to which all knees shall bow." The tune, "Engelberg," was composed by Charles Villiers Sanford (1852-1924) with the descant by Richard Prouix (1937-2010).

Communion: "In the Lord I'll be forever thankful." This hymn was written and set to music by Jacques Breathier for the Taize religious community in France. 1991. It is based on Philippians 4:4-6.

Recessional: No. 535. "Ye servants of God." Charles Wesley, the son of Samuel Wesley, was born at Epworth, Dec. 18, 1708. He was educated at Westminster School and afterwards at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated M.A. In 1735, he took Orders and immediately proceeded with his brother John to Georgia, both being employed as missionaries of the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel of the Church of England. He returned to England in 1736. For many years he engaged with his brother in preaching the Gospel. He died March 29, 1788. This great hymn calls forth our outreach, sharing Christ with others-a prominent aspect of the Epiphany season. The spirited tune is from a 1765 melody in a German Catholic hymnal.

Servants for January 14th

Terry Jaworski, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Lector*
Judy Robel - *Intercessor*
Charles Sterbis, Pam Dietmeyer - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Rick Carlstedt - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Jianna Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*
Nan Patnaude, Beth Lukas - *Flower Guild, Altar Guild*

On the Calendar...

Mid-Week Eucharist - Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

Vestry - Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 pm

Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, January 28

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, February 3, 8:00 am

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