

## HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.

#### WELCOME!

The people of Holy Comforter joyfully welcome you to this historic church. We are happy that you are here, and we hope you will find your worship today meaningful and inspiring. If you are looking for a church to call your own, we hope you will consider our parish. At the root of all we do is our desire to live out the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Holy Comforter has made a difference in our lives, and we believe it can do the same for you.

In peace, The Rev. Greg Brown Rector

### "BCP" refers to the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pew rack in front of you.

During the Easter Season (the "great fifty days of Easter"), it is customary to omit the Confession of Sin and to remain standing for all prayers.

VOLUNTARY

Come, faithful shepherd (Moravian tune arr. Margaret Sandresky, b. 1921)

The Good Shepherd (Dom Paul Benoit, 1893-1979)

WELCOME

#### THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

#205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 



THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 4:5-12

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector The word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

PSALM 23 (read responsively)

Lector The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

People He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \* for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

Lector A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector The word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

THE GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.".

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Greg Brown

THE NICENE CREED (please stand)

BCP, Page 358

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Gathered in the care of the Good Shepherd and guardian of our souls, let us in trust pray for the church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For all who serve the holy church of God, who serve tables and who preach and pray, who shepherd the lost and care for those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who care for the sick, the dying, the hungry, destitute, and the mentally ill, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our nation and for the elections to come, we pray: Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of our President, our Governor, and all officials and representatives;

That by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected, and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes.

Deacon

For all who suffer in body, mind, spirit, or soul, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his glorious wings, that they may be comforted. We pray especially for... Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance. We pray especially for... Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the joys and gifts of life, large and small, remembered and forgotten, especially... Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those sharing their time and talent for spreading the Gospel at Holy Comforter. Today we remember the Holy Comforter Vergers Guild, including Chris Bates, John Cox, Pat English, Ann Moore Maxwell, Bill Reed, Paul Smith, and May Winiarski.

Celebrant

O loving God, we commend to your mercy all the peoples of the earth, and pray that we and all your saints may share life in your eternal dominion. Enable us to know that by Christ's wounds we have been healed, and that by the power of his risen and spirit-giving life we are empowered to serve you all our days. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

THANKSGIVINGS (please be seated)

Birthdays for the Week:

4/22 Glenn Reid; 4/23 Carol Redfern, Amelia Manke; 4/25 Anthony Murillo; 4/26 Jim Gallagher, Harper Lucke, Julie Efremoff

A Collect for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Anniversaries for the Week: 4/23 Ann & Paul Maxwell; 4/26 Robin Moeller & Patrick Pope

#### A Collect for Anniversaries

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us in your image: Look mercifully upon these couples who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they have made; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us (setting by William Bradley Roberts, b. 1947) Paul Malina, tenor

You are invited to contribute financially to Holy Comforter's mission and ministry by placing your gift in the offering plate at the head of the aisle, or by giving electronically via the QR code printed here.



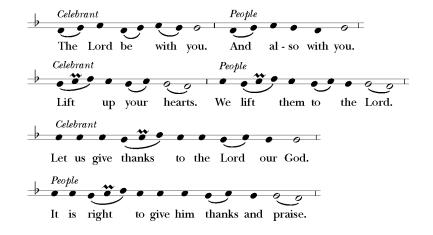
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Doxology with Alleluias

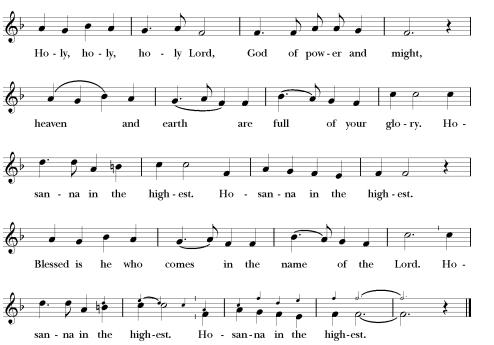
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (PRAYER B)

BCP, Page 367

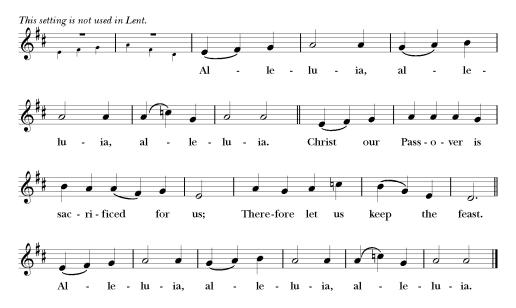


SANCTUS S125 (Proulx)



#### FRACTION ANTHEM: AGNUS DEI

S155 (Near)



The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#645 The king of love my shepherd is

PRAYER TO USE WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A "DISTANCED" CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST

In union with the faithful gathered at every altar of your church where the sacrament is celebrated this day, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And, since I cannot at this time receive you in the bread and the wine, I ask you, Lord Jesus, to come into my heart. Dwell in me, gracious Christ, in the fullness of your strength, in the depth of your peace. Renew my hope. Cleanse my body. Restore my patience. Until by your grace I can receive again, in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (when needed)

Celebrant In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist (N) will take communion

to (N) today.

All In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing

these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING (please stand)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with

the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the

Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#708 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY Toccata on "Lasst uns erfreuen" (Hermann Schroeder, 1904-1984)

Music in this service is broadcast with permission under OneLicense.net, license #A-735757.

# HOLY COMFORTER PRAYERS THIS WEEK APRIL 21-27, 2024

CURRENT PRAYERS **Of support** for parishioners Cesar Ortiz, Mo. Gay Silver, John Sapielak for family and friends Cheryl Broerman, Deanne Smith, Leslie and Hana Newman, Abby Lynn Robinson, Judy Robinson, Millie, Tonda Bynum for those who have died Walter Zarnowski, Irene Jarrett, Caroline Bosbyshell, David Peacock, Dick Snelsire

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by Pat English and Nancy English Johnson.

#### ON-GOING PRAYERS

Of support for Vicky Adkins, Grey Brewington, Linda Carr, Rev. Cat Connolly, Ray Diamond, Hope Diaz, Jeffrey Freed, Efraim Nathaniel Gonzalez, Connie Guthery, Hoover Harelson, Bryan D. Jackson, Margaret Kahn, Paul Kochenash, Anne Lisk, Amy Alexander Myers, Vera Payne, Ginger Prisinzano, Pete Riley, Sean Riley, Amy Samonds, Lydia Cristou Samonds, Carolyn Mae Smith, Linda Shuping Smith, Nell Smith, Joey Starnes, Katharine Thomas, Tim Thomas, Betty Webb, Michael Weeks, Chris & Anja Whittington, Michael Wilson, John Womack

for military service David Cavins, Stephen DenBoer, Bryan Gamboa-Alfaro, Steven Parmley, Michael Sparta

#### **CLERGY & STAFF**

The Reverend Greg Brown, Rector
The Reverend Cat Connolly, Associate Rector
Dr. Patrick Pope, Director of Music
Jessica Dunlap, Director of Parish Life
Kimberly Rockas, Director of Children's Ministries
Samantha Haren, Youth Administrator
Holly Williams, Parish Administrator
Trish Stukbauer, Director of Communications
Maguilida Rowe, ESL Coordinator
Lauren Cavins, Director of La Escuelita Weekday School

Staff email addresses are first name, last initial @holycomfortercharlotte.org

#### VESTRY

Terms ending 2024: Joyce Bott (Senior Warden), Natalie Castro, Jason Evans, Carlyle Knox (Junior Warden) Terms ending 2025: Mary Amos, Anne Binns (Clerk), Tom Cooke, Bob Murphy Terms ending 2026: Tim Cavins, Jacqueline Howells, Niki Manke, Diana Smith



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER 2701 PARK ROAD, CHARLOTTE, NC, 28209

WWW.HOLYCOMFORTERCHARLOTTE.ORG

704.332.4171

# April 21 21 de abril The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter

# The Sunday Spirit



#### <u>This Sunday</u> Este Domingo

- 10 am service, <u>also</u> <u>shown on Facebook live</u>
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 am Come When You Can Book Group, parlor
- 11:30 am Open Forum, what's on your mind (about faith)?, Henry Hall
- 12:30 pm La Misa in Spanish
- 5 pm EYC

#### Come-When-You-Can Book Group

What is the universe made of? According to people who have had a neardeath experience (NDE), it is profound, unconditional love. Because of experiencing that love, NDErs often have leaps of personal growth in life – loss of the fear of death, healing of deep hurts, an increase in self-esteem and compassion for others, a sense of union with all things, and a clearer sense of how to fulfill one's purpose in life. Sundays at 11:30 am in the library, April

Visit our website!



www.holycomforter charlotte.org

#### Alleluia! Greetings, Family! ¡Aleluya! ¡Saludos familia!

I was blessed to be in the path of totality on April 8. It was pretty amazing. (And the music was awesome!). About 10 minutes before totality, as the sun was more than 90% covered, the stars and planets started coming out! They were there already, of course, but now that the sun was diminished they became visible. Then, when the sun was completely covered... there they were! Many, many of them! The sun was still UP THERE, but with its visual noise silenced the other things could be seen. (Including other aspects of the sun!) Tuve la bendición de estar en el camino de la totalidad el 8 de abril. Fue bastante sorprendente. (¡Y la música era increíble!). Aproximadamente 10 minutos antes de la totalidad, cuando el sol estaba cubierto en más del 90%, ¡las estrellas y los planetas comenzaron a salir! Ya estaban allí, por supuesto, pero ahora que el sol disminuyó se hicieron visibles. Entonces, cuando el sol se cubrió por completo... ¡allí estaban! ¡Muchos, muchos de ellos! El sol todavía estaba ARRIBA, pero con su ruido visual silenciado se podían ver las demás cosas. (¡Incluidos otros aspectos del sol!)

I wonder how much we are missing paying attention to the things that are screaming for us to notice them. I wonder if we could convince our souls to eclipse the noise, what other things we might see. As the two unnamed disciples were walking to Emmaus, their eyes were closed to Jesus, EVEN WHEN HE WAS WALKING ALONG WITH THEM, TALKING to them about HIMSELF! If THESE disciples couldn't see him when he was RIGHT THERE talking in the third person, perhaps we should be gentle with ourselves. But just the same, the Son, like the sun, can be right there, and we might not notice. Me pregunto cuánto nos falta prestar atención a las cosas que nos gritan que las notemos. Me pregunto si podríamos convencer a nuestras almas de eclipsar el ruido, qué otras cosas podríamos ver. Mientras los dos discípulos anónimos caminaban hacia Emaús, sus ojos estaban cerrados para ver a Jesús, ¡INCLUSO CUANDO ÉL CAMINABA CON ELLOS, HABLANDOLES DE SÍ MISMO! Si ESTOS discípulos no pudieron verlo cuando estaba AHÍ hablando en tercera persona, tal vez deberíamos ser amables con nosotros mismos. Pero de todos modos, el Hijo, como el sol, puede estar ahí mismo y es posible que no nos demos cuenta.

That's why love that Collect that asks the Father to open the eyes or our hearts, that we might SEE Jesus in all his redeeming work. It's Easter! The tomb is empty. Where is Jesus? Maybe right in front of us, begging us to silence the noise. Por eso me encanta esa Colecta que pide al Padre que abra los ojos o el corazón, para que podamos VER a Jesús en toda su obra redentora. ¡Es Pascua! La tumba está vacía. ¿Dónde está Jesús? Quizás justo frente a nosotros, rogándonos que silenciemos el ruido

Grace and Peace... and quiet, Fr. Greg + Gracia y Paz... y tranquilidad, P. Greg +

#### Pentecost and Summer Schedule / Horario de Pentecostés y Verano

On May 19, we'll celebrate the birthday of our church with a 9 am English service followed by a bilingual 11 am service followed by our Pentecost picnic. Wear your red and plan to be there. El 19 de mayo, celebraremos el cumpleaños de nuestra iglesia con un servicio en inglés a las 9 am, seguido de un servicio bilingüe a las 11 am seguido de nuestro picnic de Pentecostés. Viste de rojo y planea estar allí.

The following Sunday, May 26th, we'll begin our summer schedule. We'll have a single 9:30 am English service and an 11:30 am La Misa service on Sundays through Labor Day, September 1. El próximo domingo 26 de mayo comenzaremos nuestro horario de verano. Tendremos un servicio único en inglés a las 9:30 a. m. y un servicio en La Misa a las 11:30 a. m. los domingos hasta el Día del Trabajo, el 1 de septiembre.

#### **More Worship Opportunities**

Galilee Sunday at Holy Comforter | Sunday, May 5
Galilee Sunday is an opportunity for churches across the
Charlotte convocation to learn about Galilee Ministries of
East Charlotte – a mission of our Diocese – during their
Sunday worship and education programs. The Reverend
Deacon Emily Parker, Director of Galilee Ministries of East
Charlotte, will preach on May 5 and host a discussion
about Galilee during adult formation. We ask that you
bring a donation for Lydia's Pantry, Galilee's emergency
food pantry. We are in need of: canned fruits and
vegetables, canned chicken and tuna, black beans, pinto
beans, and rice. Pop tops are great and no glass, if
possible. We also need ready-to-eat items such as prepackaged crackers, and protein or granola bars.

## Domingo de Galilea en Holy Comforter | domingo 5 de mayo

El Domingo de Galilea es una oportunidad para que las iglesias de toda la convocatoria de Charlotte aprendan sobre los Ministerios Galilea de East Charlotte, una misión de nuestra Diócesis, durante sus programas educativos y de adoración dominical. La Reverenda Diácono Emily Parker, Directora de los Ministerios Galilea de East Charlotte, predicará el 5 de mayo y organizará una discusión sobre Galilea durante la formación de adultos. Le pedimos que traiga una donación para Lydia's Pantry, la despensa de alimentos de emergencia de Galilea. Necesitamos: frutas y verduras enlatadas, pollo y atún enlatados, frijoles negros, frijoles pintos y arroz. Las tapas pop son geniales y, si es posible, sin vidrio. También necesitamos productos listos para comer, como galletas saladas preenvasadas y barras de proteína o granola.

#### A huge thanks Un enorme agradecimiento

to the folks who delivered the Easter goodie bags to our homebound parishioners. We'll deliver goodie bags again at Christmas. Please reach out to <u>Kim</u> if you would like to be a part of this ministry. a las personas que entregaron las bolsas de regalos de Pascua a nuestros feligreses confinados en sus hogares. Volveremos a entregar bolsas de regalos en Navidad. Comuníquese con Kim si desea ser parte de este ministerio.

#### Altar Flower Dates for 2024 / Fechas de las flores de altar para 2024

Available 2024 dates for flowers are: July 14 & 21; September 1; October 27; November 24; December 24/25. To reserve your date, contact Elaine Wood at 704-517-0161 or <a href="mailto:ebwood5409@gmail.com">ebwood5409@gmail.com</a>. Las fechas disponibles para flores en 2024 son: 14 y 21 de julio; Septiembre 1; 27 de octubre; 24 de noviembre; 24/25 de diciembre. Para reservar su fecha, comuníquese con Elaine Wood al 704-517-0161 o ebwood5409@gmail.com.

This week we are praying for: Vergers. The role of the verger is: to assist the clergy in the performance of their duties as they relate to worship in the parish, to be of assistance to parishioners and guests who worship in the parish, to assist in preparation for services and to see to the ongoing needs of clergy prior to, during and after services. Esta semana estamos orando por: Vergers. El papel del sacristán es: ayudar al clero en el desempeño de sus deberes relacionados con el culto en la parroquia, ayudar a los feligreses e invitados que adoran en la parroquia, ayudar en la preparación de los servicios y velar por las

necesidades actuales del clero antes, durante y después de los servicios.

#### Parish Survey 2024 Update: Coming in mid-May!

To accommodate the wide range of topics on which your input is needed to help Holy Comforter's clergy and church leaders plan for the coming year, we are taking some extra time to get the survey ready. Parishioners will be able to take the survey beginning in mid-May. Watch for more information and then let your voice be heard!

Ministry leaders: if you haven't already sent your group's suggested survey questions

to pathfinders@holycomfortercharlotte.org, by April 19.

#### Actualización de la Encuesta Parroquial 2024: ¡Próximamente a mediados de mayo!

Para dar cabida a la amplia gama de temas sobre los cuales se necesita su opinión para ayudar al clero y a los líderes de la iglesia de Holy Comforter a planificar el próximo año, nos estamos tomando algo de tiempo adicional para preparar la encuesta. Los feligreses podrán realizar la encuesta a partir de mediados de mayo ¡Esté atento a más información y luego deje que se escuche su voz!

Líderes ministeriales: si aún no han enviado las preguntas de la encuesta sugeridas por su grupo a <u>pathfinders@holycomfortercharlotte.org</u>, el 19 de abril es su última oportunidad.

#### **Education**

#### **Adult Forum at The Hour**

On Sundays at 11:30am, in Henry Hall, unless noted: **April 28** HoCo Forum, updates from Vestry, Finance, & more **May 5** Galilee Ministries, Emily Livingstone Parker **May 12** Blessing of the Gardens, in the Memorial Garden

Check the Blast and Sunday Spirit for other adult Christian

formation opportunities.

#### It's Time to think VBS!

Date: June 10-14, 2024 Time: 9-12 p.m. Cost: \$45/child

(Financial Assistance Available)
There is no cost for volunteers.

Register at this link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2cmz3p8r">https://tinyurl.com/2cmz3p8r</a>

#### ¡Es hora de pensar en EBV!

Fecha: 10 al 14 de junio de 2024 Hora: 9-12 p.m. Costo: \$45/niño

(Asistencia financiera disponible) No hay ningún costo para los voluntarios.

Registrate en este enlace: https://tinyurl.com/2cmz3p8r

#### Sacred Ground Diocesan Online Group

Two Thursdays a month, 11:00 - 12:30 PM, Beginning May 23 and co-facilitated by our own Ed Gash. Register:

https://tinyurl.com/4999dzvy
The Diocese offers Sacred
Ground as part of its commitment to Racial Justice.
Questions? Ask Ed Gash, Jessica Dunlap or Fr. Greg.

#### What's New to Read this Summer?

Darrow-Owens invites you to attend our annual Beach Reading Party on Monday, May 6th in Henry Hall, 6:00pm until 8:00 p.m. Sally Brewster, proprietor of Park Road Books, will present us with all the new reads for this summer, along with a brief, yet tantalizing description of each.