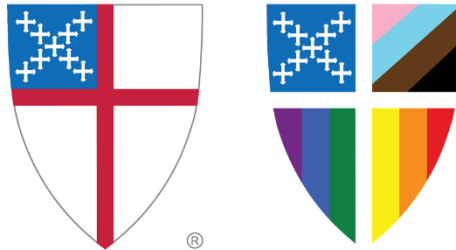


Episcopal Church of Reconciliation



church of reconciliation

All are welcome



Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025
10:30am

Easter Paraments

Almost all the liturgical paraments at Episcopal Church of Reconciliation have been handmade by artists in the parish. Each piece has been lovingly made with scripture and theological significance. Former parishioner Tinka Tarver created our Easter paraments.

Tinka writes, “What image came to my mind when I meditated on Easter morning? A new dawning, a subtle but powerful glow, a golden radiance overpowering my consciousness, filling my being until my body was vibrant with Love. How could I put this into a visible form? The Easter frontals were my feeble human effort.

I felt they should be as generous as possible arching from corner to corner of the altar. The quilting was my attempt to capture the light that seemed to radiate out from under the fair linen. Then the subtle colors of dawn were airbrushed onto the cotton cloth with fabric dye.” –Tinka Tarver

Our Mission

We seek and experience God through worship and discovery as we welcome, embrace, and serve one another and our neighbors, respecting all of Creation and living on Earth in the assurance that by God’s love all things have their being.

Our Vision

Living out the Radical and Reconciling Love of Christ, we are catalysts and connectors unleashing God’s abundance to bless and transform ourselves, our neighborhood and our world.



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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, hunters, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dirt track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or came because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!

Assisted listening devices and large-print bulletins are available in the church narthexes (Latin for 'entrance').

WELCOME CARDS

If you are visiting today, please fill out one of the Welcome Cards in your pew or use this QR code, and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an Usher or the priest. Rev. Reagan would like to phone you and offer a personal greeting. If you provide your email address, we will add you to our weekly newsletter distribution. We're glad you are here!



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

To parents and guardians of children....May we suggest...RELAX!

God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Feel free to sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others! Children learn about worship by being in worship. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and one another.

To members of our parish: *The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

GOT QUESTIONS?

We LOVE questions! Rev. Reagan would be more than happy to talk to you about your questions. You can call the office, email her, or put yourself on her calendar through Calendly. Use this QR code to make an appointment. And, once again, Welcome!



The Prelude

Glorify Thy Name by Donna Adkins arr. Mark Hayes
Christina Denton, Interim Music Director

The Procession And Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #182 "Christ is Alive" verses 1, 3, 5

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation and Collect

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Lector: A reading from Acts.

Acts 9:1-20

Read by Violi Roller

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house.

He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30

Refrain



I will praise you Lord, you have rescued me and have not let me enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. *Refrain*

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment, his favor through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. *Refrain*

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you forever. *Refrain*

The Second Lesson

Lector: A reading from Revelation.

Revelation 5:11-14
Read by Teresa Gray

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Bells.

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Bells.

Congregation: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Gospel

John 21:1-19

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Rev. Reagan Gonzalez, *Rector*

Presentation And Examination of the Candidate

Today's candidate is Andres Salvador McDaniel, son of Cristie and Mitchell McDaniel.

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that they are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I will with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayer and witness help them grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents: I will with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates or their parents.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

When everyone has been presented, the priest asks the congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Let us join with this individual who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

***People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People:* I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:* I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People:* I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:* I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People:* I will with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Led by Judith Anthony

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Andres who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation goes outside to the baptismal font.

Hymn

Down in the River to Pray by Allison Krauss

Thanksgiving Over The Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Celebrant: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the

courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

***Celebrant and People:* We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The Gathering Hymn

With One Voice #651 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Offertory Anthem

Hallelujah

Written by Leonard Cohen, Lyrics by Kelley Mooney

Doxology

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought
but only as we're able.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us,
as humbly we adore you.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God...

All are invited to the table of our Lord—not just Episcopalians. Age, confirmation, and communion instruction are not a factor.

Hold out your hands, and you will be fed. Help the cupbearer by guiding the chalice to your lips by the base. It is completely permissible to kneel or to stand at the altar rail. Do not take physical risks to assume a particular posture.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, just let the ministers know at the rail. You may drink from the common cup (chalice) or intinct (dip) your bread in the intinction cup.

Not to worry—you have fully received Communion if you have received only the bread or wafer.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, just cross your arms across your chest, and the priest will ask God's blessing upon you.

If you are differently abled and need to be served communion in your pew let an usher know and the priest will come to you.

The Greeting at the Rail

At the rail, pass the following greeting to your neighbor.

Greeting: Christ is Risen.

Response: Christ is Risen indeed.

Communion Hymns

Hymnal 1982 #495 Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus
Hymnal 1982 #343 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

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 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.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #492 Sing Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness

The Dismissal

A minister dismisses the people.

The people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism today of Andres Salvador McDaniel.

Serving and Ministering This Sunday
May 4, 2025

8:00am

Verger: Erica Valle

Lectors: Madeline Spencer-Marshall, Bruce Groenke

Prayers of the People: Bruce Groenke

Intincter: Mercedes Zamudio

Chalice: Carol Westerkom

Altar Guild: Team IV (Rusty and Katheryn Team)

Usher: Ben Ennis

10:30 am

Verger: Erica Valle

Livestream: Lou Navarro

Lectors: Violi Roller, Teresa Gray

Prayers for the Candidate: Judith Anthony

Intincter: Bryna Nation

Chalice: Phyllis Kline

Acolytes: Elim Pritchett, Kathryn Daniels

Altar Guild: Team IV (Rusty and Katheryn Team)

Ushers: Eddie Cox (lead), Patrick Shay, Mike Moneer

Greeters: Pat Patterson (lead), April Toman

Godly Play: Terry Arata-Maiers, Judy Timmons

Breakfast: Continental

Coffee Hour: Aileen Valle Ruelas, Brenda Moneer

Fellowship

Spanish Club Nacho Bar and Loteria Game Night on Thursday, May 8th, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Would you like to improve your Spanish conversation skills, or simply practice your Spanish more? This will be a safe space to have conversations in Spanish with others. We will close each session by reciting Compline in Spanish together. **We will meet in-person in Brown Hall on May 8 for a nacho bar, a game of loteria (bingo), papel picado-making, and Spanish conversation! Contact erica@cor-satx.org with questions.**

Meditation Circle

Join our Meditation Circle **Fridays at 10am in Cranmer classroom.** Anyone can meditate; it's simple, but not easy. The group will hear and discuss a reading, reflection, poetry, or scripture for 30 minutes and meditate in silence for 30 minutes. Come learn about and explore the spiritual practice of meditation and through it to experience the contemplative dimension of spirituality. All are welcome.

Dinner Dames/Dudes

Join us for a combined Dinner Dames/Dinner Dudes get together on May 23, 2025 from 6-8 pm at Stone Werks, 999 E. Basse in the Lincoln Heights center. RSVP using the Wed. email or email jude@cor-satx.org. Come even if you don't RSVP or your plans change at the last minute. We'd love to see you!

Outreach

Volunteers Needed! Food Distribution Day

Dear Reconcilers,
One of the things that drew me to Church of Reconciliation was your willingness to roll up your sleeves and serve your neighbors near and far. This has taken many forms over the years, and there have been many helping hands overseeing and guiding this work along.

I am pleased to announce that with the guidance of the Outreach Committee, chaired by Jess Sullivan, Church of Reconciliation will be partnering with the SA Food Bank for an official food distribution on Saturday, May 31st.

We will be able to serve 250 households and give away 10,000-13,000 lbs of food. We will hold a clothing swap, diaper giveaway, and book exchange on the same day, allowing our neighbors to enter a "one stop shop" community day.

We need around 50 volunteers for the day. Please mark your calendars for May 31 and watch for a sign up in next week's e-news to volunteer.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

-Matthew 25:40

- Rev. Reagan

Wednesday Playtime

Every Wednesday, parents and their preschoolers are invited to circle up for playtime, support, and relationship building in the Early Learners' Room or the new playground when the weather permits. For more information about this missional community, visit www.full-circle-communities.com

Clothing Drive

Please considering donating used clothes, shoes, and in particular children and infant summer clothing and shoes for our next clothing giveaway. Email tamara@cor-satx.org with questions.

Food Insecurity Day

We continue to support and stock our Little Food Pantry. There are baskets for donations every week in the Sanctuary and Brown Hall. On the third Sunday of each month the open plate offering will go to purchasing food for the pantry. This ministry continues to be an outward and visible sign of our commitment to serving our neighborhood.

Diaper Donation Drive

Please consider donating diapers and wipes of any and all sizes. Drop off in Brown Hall. Email tamara@cor-satx.org with questions.

Worship

Gather and Grace Dinner Church **Sunday, May 18th, 5:30pm-7:30pm**

All are invited to gather on Sunday evenings to worship, connect, and share supper together. We will have a taco bar, contemporary music by the Kittrells, and will share Eucharist together. The setting and atmosphere will be like a family dinner. Everyone will help set up, serve, and clean-up. The whole evening, including our meal portion is a part of our sacred liturgy of belonging and community. Sign up using the weekly email or email info@cor-satx.org.

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Cursillo Update

First, a big thank you to Rev Reagan and all the Cursillistas who participated in Cursillo Sunday. We are so grateful for your time and energy in support of this wonderful mission! If anyone is interested in participating in Cursillo, please reach out to any one of us for more information. You can also go to the Diocesan website at <https://www.dwtx.org/what-we-do/adults/cursillo>

We are starting a list of all Cursillistas here at Rec to keep everyone up to date on upcoming events, etc. If you have attended Cursillo anywhere—not just while at Rec—send your name and contact information to Jude at jude@cor-satx.org.

Lastly, if you are in need of a reunion group and would like to join one via Zoom, please let Jude know. Include your name, contact information, and best time/days.

Holy Mysteries **Sundays at 9:15am**

Join Rev. Reagan for this new formation offering on why worship still matters in today's world.

Family Ministries

For details and to RSVP for events, visit the
Weekly Reconciliation Family Newsletter. <https://secure.smcore.com/n/zny6m>

Learners and Childcare, 8:45am– 12:15pm, Nursery

- We are offering a full morning of Sunday School, music, play-based learning, crafts, and chapel for preschoolers and kindergarteners.
- Our nursery is open to infants and toddlers and offers an inviting space and amazing caregivers

Godly Play during the 10:30am service, 4yrs-4th grade

Children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to join Godly Play during the 10:30am service in our Godly Play Atrium located in the Children's Building. Children will be brought back to the service for communion.

Maker's Space, 9:15am, Youth Building

- Elementary students 1st through 5th Grade are invited to explore, reflect, and create unique biblically based projects using the concepts of engineering.

Youth Discipleship, 9:15am, Youth Building on Second Sundays

Join Morgan and Kaitlyn on Second Sundays after church for food and games. Youth are invited to bring their game consoles or board games and spend some time together after church until 2pm. Lunch will be provided. See you there!

Family Camp at Mustang Island

Reconciliation is headed to the beach this summer! Join Rev. Reagan and her family for Summer Session 4, June 19th-June 22nd at The Mustang Island Conference Center. "Mustang Island" is one of three Diocese of West Texas camps that individuals and families can enjoy for rest and relaxation. Reserve your spot today at www.DWTEX.org.

VBS - Here Am I, Send Me: When Community Calls

July 24th-27 in the evening

Mark your calendars for our all ages VBS in July. We'll be exploring the diocesan theme, "Here am I, send me," and ways we can vision community outreach for the year. We'll share food, games, activities, and more.

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- **Childcare and Early Learning:** Ages infant to kindergarten, 8:45am-12:15pm, Children's Building
- **Maker's Space** for ages 6-11, 9:15am, Children's Building
- **Middle School Youth** Discipleship Gathering 9:15am, Youth Building
- **High School** Discipleship Gathering 9:15am, Youth Building
- **Adults:** Journey in Faith Group in Library, 9:15am
- **Adults:** Holy Mysteries in Alban, 9:15am
- **4yrs-4th Grade:** Godly Play during the 10:30am service

Fellowship

- **Breakfast** in Brown Hall, 8:40am-9:30am
- **Coffee Hour** in Brown Hall after the 10:30 service

Baptism Dates for Spring 2025: May 4th, June 8th

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Through 2025

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Meet with Rev. Reagan+!

Rev. Reagan is available to meet for casual get togethers, pastoral concerns, idea sharing, or whatever is on your heart. You can call the office or email her at rector@cor-satx.org.