



This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for June 28](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon "Benevolent Bigotry" from June 21.](#)

[Link to Javier Ocampo's Sermon "Into the Storm" from June 21.](#)

[Link to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Website](#)

Calendar Highlights

Saturday, June 27

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons
11am Overeaters Anonymous, Ascension House

Sunday, June 28

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel
10:20am Acolyte Training, Nave
11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel
11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church
1pm Video on Small Group Ministries, Room 1
1:30pm Vestry Meeting,

God's Imagination

So much of our energy, time, and money goes into maintaining distance from one another. Many if not most of the resources of the world are used to defend ourselves against each other, to maintain or increase our power, and to safeguard our own privileged position.

What is our task in this world as children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus? Our task is reconciliation. Wherever we go we see divisions among people - in families, communities, cities, countries, and continents. All these divisions are tragic reflections of our separation from God. The truth that all people belong together as members of one family under God is seldom visible. Our sacred task is to reveal that truth in the reality of everyday life.

Why is that our task? Because God sent Christ to reconcile us with God and to give us the task of reconciling people with one another. As people reconcile with God through Christ we have been given the ministry of reconciliation" (see: 2 Corinthians 5:18). So whatever we do the main question is, Does it lead to reconciliation among people?

Imagine all that effort being put in the service of peace and reconciliation! Would there be any poverty? Would there be crimes and wars? Just imagine that there was no longer fear among people, no longer any rivalry, hostility, bitterness, or revenge. Just imagine all the people on this planet holding hands and forming one large circle of love. We say, "I can't imagine." But God says, "That's what I imagine, a whole world not only created but also living in my image."

- Henri Nouwen

Announcements
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HEADLINERS

Room 1
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel
7:30pm Music Minister
Discernment Committee,
Room 3

Monday, June 29

6:30pm Ascension Softball
vs. St. John Neumann
Stewartown Field
6:30pm Overeaters
Anonymous, Undercroft
Commons

Tuesday, June 30

9:30am Staff Meeting,
Library
7pm Still Water Mindfulness
Practice, Chapel
8:30pm AI-Anon, Ascension
House

Wednesday, July 1

10am *The Portable Jung*
Book Group, Library
7pm Codependents
Anonymous, Ascension House
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,
Ascension House

Thursday, July 2

11am Yoga, Chapel

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Worship Leaders

Sunday, June 28

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-
Wilkinson, and Mr. Paul Kelley

Flower Delivery: Hawa Clemens,
Adoma Baffoe

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Bob
Owolabi, *Chalicians:* Enid Cole,
Wadai Dennis, *Healing Prayer:* Jean
Cohn, *Acolytes:* Ron Hayden,
Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas,
Welcome Team: Janet King, Frank
Sanya, *Altar Guild:* Georgette
Dennis, Yarvo Jones

9:00 AM *Readers:* Gordon Donnelly,
Andrew Greene, *Prayers:* Barbara
Mansfield, *Chalicians:* Nancy
Carman, Cynthia Perley, *Healing
Prayer:* Paul Whitmore, *Acolytes:*

[Acolyte Training, June 28](#)

[Video on Small Group Ministries, June 28](#)

[Ramadan Iftar Dinner at Ascension](#)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Christian Formation Summer Break](#)

[The Portable Jung](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

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WORSHIP

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Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:
In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The Cathedral
Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, The Protestant Episcopal
Cathedral Foundation, The Cathedral Chapter, and The
Cathedral Chaplains and Cathedral Volunteers.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Diocese of
Osaka, Japan.

Nuelle Johnson, Stacy Taylor, Kofi Kwamena-Poh, *Welcome Team*: Naomi Senkeeto, Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev Stennett, Christine Kroma, *Altar Guild*: Caryl Thomas, Adoma Baffoe, Dotty Pfadenhauer

11:15 AM *Reader*: Tunde Ayinde, *Chalicians*: Christian Nwankwo, Peg Ruppel, *Healing Prayer*: TBA, *Welcome Team*: Alex Langley, Alice Padmore, *Altar Guild*: Avin Lalmansingh, Anika Lalmansingh

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher*: Feeta Caphart

Eucharistic Visitors: Barb Mansfield, Enid Cole

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:
Rameses, Lee, Peg, Susan, Julia, Nancy, Jim, Rose, Peg, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, Jake, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families. For all people affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

ALTAR FLOWERS:
Given by Doris Froelich in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Doris Froelich and the late Richard Froelich.

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