



*St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Lake Jackson, Texas*

*Our Vision*

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we experience the love of Jesus Christ  
and share it with others.*

**HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 17, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.**

*Welcome to St. Timothy's! You are invited to participate fully in today's worship service. This bulletin contains all the prayers and responses said by the People. If you wish to use the Book of Common Prayer [BCP], the page numbers are given in brackets. Music not printed here may be found in the Blue Hymnal 1982 on the rack in front of you.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn** *(all sing)*

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

**Hymn 494**

**Opening Acclamation**

[BCP 355]

*Priest*

Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

*Priest* 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.**

Gloria *(all sing)*

John Rutter

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Glo-ry to God in the high- est, \_\_\_\_\_ and peace to his peo-ple on

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earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al- migh- ty God and Fa- ther, \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ we wor- ship you \_\_\_\_\_ we give you thanks, we praise you for \_\_\_\_\_ your glo- ry. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Lord Je- sus Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord God,

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Lamb of God, you take a - way \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of the world: have mer- cy on us; \_\_\_\_\_ you are

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seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther: \_\_\_\_\_ re- ceive our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_ For you a -

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lone are the Ho- ly One, \_\_\_\_\_ you a - lone are the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ you a -

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lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, \_\_\_\_\_

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in the glo- ry of God the Fa - ther, A - \_\_\_\_\_ men.

## The Collect of the Day

[BCP 233]

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray together.

**O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Timothy's Troop – Children aged Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to follow the children's crucifer out of the sanctuary for our children's formation time.*

## The First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31 *(sit)*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.


*After the reading*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 114** (*sung by the cantor*)

**Refrain**



Trem - ble, O earth, at the pres - ence of the Lord.

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

**Refrain**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

**Refrain**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

**Refrain**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

### Refrain

#### The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*After the reading*

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** (*all sing*)

*Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord*

**Hymn 393**

## The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*The Gospel passage is read.*

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** (*sit*)

*The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz*

**The Nicene Creed** (*stand*)

[BCP 358]

**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

*Intervessor* Let us pray to God, trusting in his mercy to all who call upon him in faith. Guard the Church from too much concern for lesser things.

*People* **Grant us grace to keep reverence and order but to seek first the salvation of souls.**

*Intervessor* May those who work in the world of finance be just as compassionate in their dealings.

*People* **Give them wisdom, and the grace to use their skill not as an end but for the welfare of all.**

*Intervessor* Give us tolerance as we live and work with others.

*People* **Since none can live to themselves alone, help us to care for our community.**

*Intervessor* Have mercy on all distressed by debt or financial worry.

*People* **Turn by your grace the hearts of those who oppress the poor and needy.**

*Intervessor* Have mercy, even at the last, on the greedy and unforgiving.

*People* **Help us so to forgive that in the hour of death we may be forgiven.**

*Intervessor* In the spirit of forgiving, as we trust to be forgiven, we offer these our prayers.

*Silence*

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray for the special needs, concerns, and thanksgivings of this congregation and community. (*Intercessor waits a minute or two so people can add prayers aloud or silently.*)

*Silence*

We pray especially for members: Kay, Lorna, John and Gayle, David and Pastor Robin, Mili and LaWane, Pamela, Jim, Norma, Lauren, Jeff and Davis, Lori and Jared, Mary, James, Jake, Denis and Judi, Ben, Chi and Amaka, Bill, the Friehauf family, Ed, Dave and Kay, Carolyn, Kurt, Jessey, David, Steve, Jay and Cathy, Michael, Robert, Kay and Roy, Donna and Larry, Linda, Susan and Keith.

For friends and families: Kathleen, Mike, Nolan, Earlene, Brennan, Pam, Annette, Nina, Liam and family, James, Cody, Holly, Crystal and Billie, Signe, Jane, Kim, Andrea, Nancy and Bill, Carmen, Kristi, Terri, Marie, Jaycob and Stephanie, Lane, Jaycie, Cody and April, Charlie, Casey, Leisa, Mita, Jay, Alexander, Dustin, Kristi, Hannah, John, Margaret, Sue and Kenneth, Grace, Tate, Douglas, Steve, Jean, Rebecca, Kellye, Liz, Lorie, Derek, Mary, Eric, Judy, Kelly, Jocelyn, Cheryl, Terry, Matt, Kevin, Claire, Mary, and Amy.

For our men and women serving in the Armed Forces: Jordan, Brad, Lucas, Annie, Justin, Joseph, Caleb, Ed, Brett, Thea, Jaycob, and Joshua.

We give thanks for all who have answered God's call to leadership in the church. May you watch over them and guide them in their studies, discernment, and process. We especially lift up to you Stephanie Townes and Will Parker. We pray for our college students: Hannah Poore, Carter Hutchison, Sarah Laurel, and Oren Murillo.

We pray for all who have died, especially Sam Arant (Gayle Pitts brother-in-law), that they may have a place in your eternal Kingdom.

For the diocesan cycle of prayer: San Esteban in Cleveland, St. Aidan's in Cypress, St. Cuthbert's in Houston, St. Dunstan's in Houston, Santo Nino Filipino Episcopal Church in Pearland, and the Diocese of Peshawar.



## Concluding Prayer

[BCP 834]

*Priest* Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

[BCP 360]

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Those who are able are invited to kneel. Silence may be kept.*

*Priest 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.**

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

## The Peace *(stand)*

*Priest* 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.*

*- Timothy's Troop returns to the sanctuary.*

*Members of St. Timothy's healing prayer team are available in the side chapel to pray with anyone who desires healing for themselves or others. Simply go to the side chapel after taking communion.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Sentence:** Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## The Offertory

*Cantate Domino*  
Chancel Choir

Giuseppi Ottavio Pitoni

Come ye with joyfulness, come sing!  
Sing a new song to your maker,  
O praise him with the saintly congregation.  
Israel, be joyful and glad in him,  
in him who made Israel,  
and children of Zion be joyful.  
Be joyful and glad in your King!

*(The gifts are brought forward by members)*

## Doxology *(The people stand) (all sing)*

Hymn 380, vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Priest:* All things come from thee, O Lord.

*People:* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving *(stand)*

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

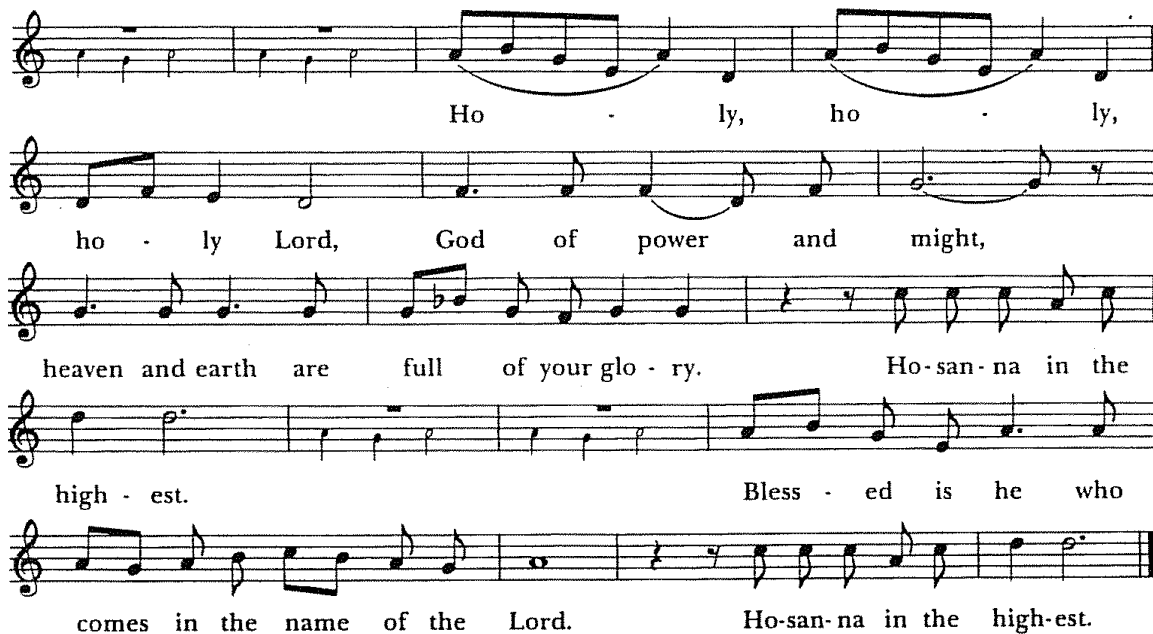
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant and People read*

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:**

Sanctus (S128) (all sing)

William Mathias



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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*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.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

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

*Priest and People* **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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem (S155) (all sing)

Setting by Gerald Near



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the priest says the following invitation*

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.

**The Ministration of Communion**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table and receive the bread and wine of communion. Others are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest just before you receive communion.*

**At Communion**

- Hymn 329 (all sing)

*Now My Tongue The Mystery Telling*

- Hymn 690 (all sing)

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**Post Communion Prayer** (stand or kneel)

[BCP 366]

*Priest and People* 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.*

*When a Eucharistic Visitor is sent out:*

*Priest* N., in the name of Jesus Christ and of this congregation,  
I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,

*People* that those to whom you go may share in the Communion  
of Christ's Body and Blood.

*All* *We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

## **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn** (*all sing*)      *Go Forth For God, Go To The World In Peace*      **Hymn 347**

## **The Dismissal**

*Priest:*      Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

### **Prayer Challenge for September**

Read Daily this Blessing for Yourself: "Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!' And God granted what he asked." (1 Chronicles 4:10)

## *This Week at St. Timothy's*

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### **Sunday, September 17, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

9:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

**10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II** (Timothy's Troop)

11:45 a.m. - Fellowship in the Welcome Center

12:00 p.m. – DOK Meeting, Parish Hall

- Keep Ron Weeks in your prayers as he completes his Walk to Emmaus today. May he bring what he's learned back, and we continue to encourage him on his faith's journey.

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### **Monday, September 18, 2023**

6:30-8:30 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

7:00-8:30 p.m. – Round Dance Lessons (Waltz), Parish Hall

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### **Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

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### **Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

8:30 a.m. – Army of Retired Men (ARM), All are welcome!

11:00 a.m. – Silent Prayer in the Chapel

6:00 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m. – Compline (Facebook Live)

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### **Thursday, September 21, 2023**

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### **Friday, September 22, 2023**

10:00 a.m. - Healing Prayer Group, Welcome Center

6:00-10:00 p.m. - Gulf Coast Duplicate Bridge Group, Blue Room

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### **Saturday, September 23, 2023**

2:00 p.m. – Tabitha's Sewing Guild, Room 250

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### **Sunday, September 24, 2023**

7:30 a.m. – Brotherhood of St. Andrew Study and Breakfast, Parish Hall

**8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I**

9:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

**10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

11:45 a.m. – Fellowship in the Welcome Center

## St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

### Altar Party

#### **Acolytes:**

**Chalicer/Intercessor:** Charles Collins

**Lector:** Angela McCabe

**Ushers:** Mel McKey and Jon Cox

**Healing Prayer:** Cathy Richardson and Char Aslakson

**Rector:** The Reverend Robin Reeves-Kautz

**Director of Music:** Andrea Hutchison

**Organist:** Bonnie McDaniel

#### **St. Timothy's Vestry**

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*Fran Hammond*

*Mark Lehnboff – Jr. Warden*

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*Kerry Cormier*

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