



WELCOME TO INCARNATION

Worship. Welcome. Wonder.

September 7, 2025 | Ordinary Time



Welcome

We're so glad you're here! At the welcome table outside the sanctuary (the table with the jade plant), you can find name tags, information, and sensory items.

Multigenerational Worship

We are a multigenerational church and welcome children as full participants in our community. Adults are practicing hospitality by welcoming the noise and wiggles of our youngest worshipers; children are practicing reverence by using whispers and quiet movements (parents, please help them practice!). We're all becoming like little children in God's kingdom.

This summer, we offer the following:

- **Wild Wonder!** Throughout the summer we'll gather at 10:30am on the playground after church for Wild Wonder, a casual time of creation appreciation for all ages.
- **Mustard Seed Atrium (ages 0-4).** Nursery care for our youngest children is available at 9:00am in the Nursery (follow signs in the hallway). Children should be picked up at the Peace so that the whole community can celebrate the Eucharist together.
- There are many spots where parents and children can take a break together as needed: right outside the sanctuary in the narthex, the nursery, courtyard, fellowship hall, or the playground.
- Parents or caregivers with infants in arms may use the sanctuary balcony, but it's not a suitable spot for mobile children.

Child Safety in a new space. As we become accustomed to sharing a building with another congregation and a preschool, parents and all community members should remain aware of our child-protection policy (incarnationanglican.org/safe-community). **No children should be left unattended**, and all activities and interactions should be visible and in the open.

Announcements

- **Abuse Prevention Training TODAY!** Required every 2 years for staff, vestry, and children's volunteers. Training TODAY 1-4pm at Restoration Anglican; talk to Josie!
- **Vestry Nominations Open.** We will hold a vestry election this fall to elect two new vestry members. Nominations are open until Sept 15. If you would like to nominate someone for vestry, please send their name and a brief explanation of why you are nominating them (1-2 sentences is plenty) to nominations@incarnationanglican.org.
- **Fall Small Groups.** We are looking for people interested in hosting a fall small group. Groups will begin the week of October 5 and end the week of November 23 (8 weeks). If you have any questions, email Katie (katie@incarnationanglican.org).
- **Church Workday.** Our next workday will be on Saturday, September 13, and we will need volunteers to help us move things Greenbrier Baptist Church to Beverly Hills Community UMC. [Sign-up here](#).
- **IAC Fall Retreat.** IAC will be retreating at Camp Highroad from October 3rd-5th. Join us for delicious food, outdoor activities, music, crafts, and spiritual refreshment. Registration opens today (Get hyped!).
- **CGS Training Classes.** Church of the Good Shepherd in Charlottesville, VA will host a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation course (i.e. training!) over three long weekends this year: September 17-20, January 21-24, and April 15-18. If interested, reach out to Josie (josie@incarnationanglican.org)

Year-to-Date (YTD) Finances thru July 2025		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Expense	\$399,242	\$383,266
YTD Income	\$443,007	\$381,000
YTD Net	\$43,765	-\$2,266



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A Service of Holy Communion

Opening Procession

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and king
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain

*O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show.

5. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care!

6. And thou most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord thy way hath trod.

7. Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

*Throughout the summer,
children are invited to
join the opening
processional with gifts of
God's creation.*

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Opening Acclamation

Leader	The Lord be with you:
People	And also with you.
Leader	The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
People	Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.
Leader	I was glad when they said to me:
People	Let us go to the house of the Lord.
Leader	Praise the Lord:
People	The name of the Lord be praised.

*From Easter until the fall,
we use a liturgy from our
brothers and sisters in
Kenya. This liturgy
connects us to the global
church and is full of
joyful participation!*

The Collect for Purity is an English translation of a prayer that has been prayed at the beginning of worship for over a thousand years.

The Collect for Purity

Leader Let us pray:

All **Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

Leader Glory to the Father,

People **Glory to the Son,**

Leader Glory to the Spirit,

People **Forever Three in One.**

Song of Praise

Awake, My Soul

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of service run
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice

2. Thy precious time misspent, redeem
Each present day thy last esteem
Improve thy talent with due care
For this great day thyself prepare

3. All praise to thee, who safe has kept
And hast refreshed me while I slept
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
And with thyself my spirit fill.

4. Lord, I my vows to thee renew;
Disperse my sins as morning dew.
Direct, control, suggest, this day,
All I design, or do, or say

Chorus:

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

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Collect of the Day & Prayer for Children

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Leader Let us pray.

All **O Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day "collects" the people's prayers according to theme of today's readings or of this day of the church calendar.

Collect for Sabbatical Return

Heavenly Father, who calls your servants to both labor and rest: We give you thanks for our Rector, Amy Rowe, and for her journey of renewal undertaken during her sabbatical. Grant her now the wisdom and joy to lead your people afresh, that together we may proclaim your love, serve the world in your name, and grow more deeply into your likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Reader Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

People **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

Reader They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

People **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Reader Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

People **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often quoted.

The Psalms are the prayer book of the people of God throughout all ages. They cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. They teach us how to pray as we recite them each week.

*The New Testament
records the preaching,
letters, and stories of the
early church.*

*During the Gospel
Procession, children are
invited to join the
procession by taking a
hand-held cross from the
front and following the
Gospel Reader.*

*The four Gospels
(Matthew, Mark, Luke,
and John) tell the life,
teachings, death, and
resurrection of Jesus. We
stand to hear them as a
sign of our reverence for
Christ the Word. We read
the Gospels in the midst
of the people because
"the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us."*

New Testament Reading: Philemon 4-21

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession (sung)

Please stand.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

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Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count

the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

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

The Sermon

Rev. TJ Ono

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Nicene Creed summarizes essential Christian faith and has been said by Christians across traditions, time, and space ever since the 4th century.

Prayers of the People

Leader Lord in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer**

*Confession is a time to
tell the truth about
ourselves and our world,
aloud and in one voice.
Having confessed our
sins, we are then assured
of God's forgiveness.*

Confession and Absolution

Leader Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *[silent confession]*
All **Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
Leader Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you. As far as the East is from the West, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful high priest. Amen.
All **Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

*Having made our peace
with God, we can now
make peace with one
another. Use this time to
seek reconciliation with
those you have hurt, or
who have hurt you.
Please also welcome
someone new!*

The Peace

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

Announcements (see inside cover)

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

*The priest sets the table
with the bread and wine
during the offertory.
These gifts represent the
labors of our common
life, given back to God in
worship.*

Teach Us What Our Hands Are For

1. Teach us what our hands are for
Bread to break, wine to pour
To bless and serve, shape and form
Teach us what our hands are for

2. Teach us what a table is
If you're hungry, come on in
We'll have more, the more we give
Teach us what a table is

*Chorus:
Jesus, come, take a seat
Break the bread so we can eat
Share the pieces far and wide
Let ours be a given life*

3. Teach us what our ears are for
We're listening for the speaking Lord
A still small voice, a wind that roars
Teach us what our ears are for

4. Open up our mouths to speak
To preach the Kingdom that we seek:
"Blessed are the poor and meek"
Open up our mouths to speak

5. Show us what the world can be
Enough for you, enough for me
Alleluia, taste and see
Show us what the world can be

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All (sung) **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! A - men.**

Leader All things come from you O Lord.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Sursum Corda

Leader Is the Father with us?
People **He is.**
Leader Is Christ among us?
People **He is.**
Leader Is the Spirit here?
People **He is.**
Leader This is our God.
People **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
Leader We are his people.
People **We are redeemed.**
Leader Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Leader It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father . . .

The Sanctus

Leader . . . Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in
heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:
All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest (x2)**

*Chorus
Jesus, come, take a seat
Break the bread so we can eat
Share the pieces far and wide
Let ours be a given life*

*You are invited to give to
Incarnation in several
ways:*

• *Use the QR code on the
inside cover of the
bulletin*

• *Give online:
[incarnationanglican.org/
give](https://incarnationanglican.org/give)*

• *By giving a physical
offering in the basket
which is passed during
the song.*

*Sursum Corda means
"lift up your heart" in
Latin. We are invited to
bring our whole selves
into the story of the
Eucharist.*

*Sanctus means "holy" in
Latin. We join the song of
the saints and angels
who praise God without
ceasing, as described in
Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation
4:8.*

The Prayer of Consecration

Leader Almighty God, owner of all things . . . On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People **Amen! His body was broken for us.**

Leader In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Leader We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

People **We have died together,**

We will rise together,

We will live together.

Leader Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

People **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Leader This is the feast of victory.

People **The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Hallelujah!**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Leader Christ is alive forever.

People **We are because he is.**

Leader We are one body.

People **We share one bread.**

Leader Draw near with faith.

People **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

Distribution of Communion

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have decided to follow Jesus; (x3)

No turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me; (x3)

No turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow; (x3)

No turning back, no turning back.

4. Where Jesus leads me, I'll surely follow; (x3)

No turning back, no turning back.

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Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

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All People That on Earth do Dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the LORD with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth-tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice!

2. Know that the LORD is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4. Because the LORD our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

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5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

All baptized Christians are invited forward to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free bread and wine are available; just ask your server.

If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward with your arms crossed and we will pray a prayer of blessing.

When trained prayer ministers are available, we offer prayer during and after communion in the choir loft to the right of the altar. If you would like to receive prayer, come up to the choir loft after you have received communion.

Prayer continues after the service until all who seek prayer have received it.

The Prayer after Communion

All **Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

Leader All our problems

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Leader All our difficulties

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Leader All the devil's works

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Leader All our hopes

People **We set on the risen Christ.**

Leader The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Leader Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Please pick up any trash or belongings left in your pew, and please tidy and refresh any children's worship bags and return them to the shelves. We want to leave the sanctuary as clean as when we arrived!