

# ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – WALPOLE, NH

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 10 am – The Third Sunday of Easter

## HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

Vladimir Odinekikh

WELCOME

## THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Hymnal 182 v 1,4,5

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

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4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

All stand as able

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

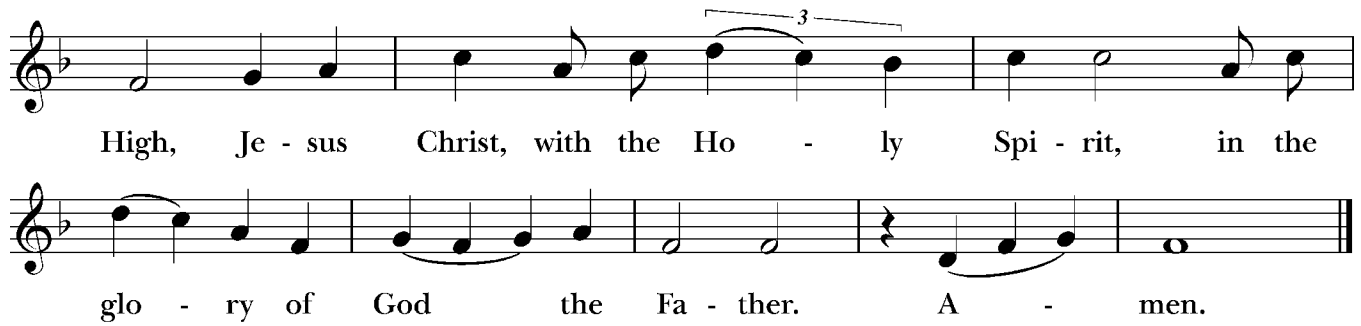
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

## Glory to God

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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## 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 LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

**Acts 3:12-19**

*People may be seated while Lector reads.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 4

*Lector and people read responsively by half verse.*

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed;**  
**have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
**how long will you worship dumb idols**  
**and run after false gods?"**

- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
**when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.**
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
**speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
**and put your trust in the LORD.**
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
**more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
**for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**THE SECOND READING**

1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Blessed Jesus at thy word

Hymnal 440

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and - fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 24:36b-48

*People stand to hear the gospel.*

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE CREED**

*After a time of reflection, all stand as they are able*

**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**

*The LEM and people pray responsively. People remain standing if able.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. Especially for Katrina, Jan Crocker and Family, Bruce MacDuffie and Family, Marilyn Wilking, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Brianna Miller, John Boudrieau, Natalie, Rebecca Dupin, Avery, Doug Barnes, John Tuttle, Fred and Ellie Ernst and family, Mary Lou Montgomery, and Peggy Pschirrer.

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Pittsfield, and for peace on earth:

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop, Fred our Priest, and Bill our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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**

*All stand. People may greet one another from their seats*

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

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

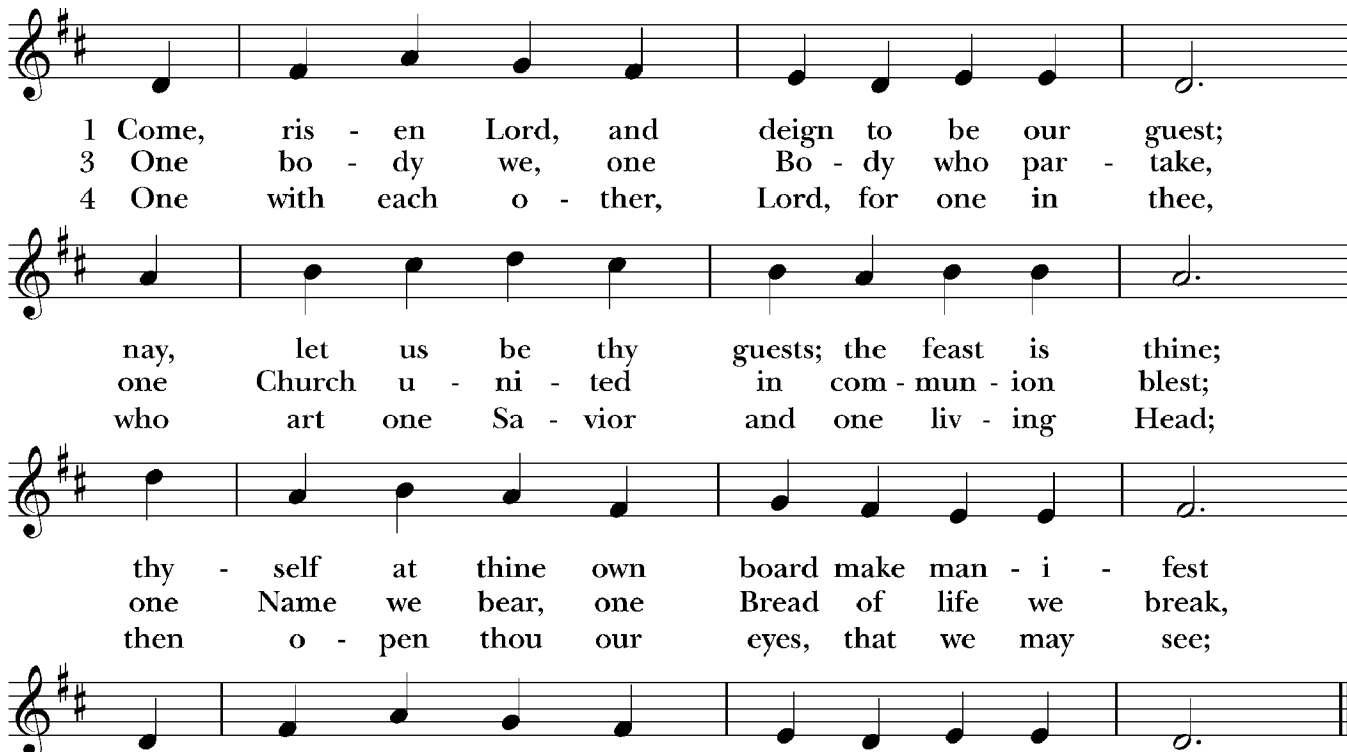
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*The congregation may be seated as the Offering is received.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest*

Hymnal 306 v 1,3,4



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,  
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;  
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;  
thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest  
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,  
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;  
in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

## DOXOLOGY

*All stand.*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**



From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-130

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are". The piano accompaniment features chords and single notes, with some measures containing rests. The vocal line includes some long notes and rests, particularly in the second system.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.  
Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know at the altar that you'd like one.*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

#### **COMMUNION**

*Forgive our sins as we forgive (Hymnal 674)*

Vladimir Odinkikh

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*People stand as they are able*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*God of grace and God of glory*

Hymnal 594

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, days, goal, dore, for the fac - ing of this hour. for the liv - ing of these days. lest we miss thy king - dom's goal. serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please be seated and wait to begin greeting one another until after the postlude.*

**POSTLUDE**

Vladimir Odinokikh

**WORKING TOGETHER AT ST. JOHN'S**

	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i>
<i>Officiant:</i>	The Rev. Fred Chisolm	The Rev. Bob Lindberg
<i>Organist:</i>	Vladimir Odinokikh	Vladimir Odinokikh
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Conor O'Donnell	Conor O'Donnell
<i>LEM</i>	Sarah Downing	Andrew Wilking
<i>Lector(s)</i>	Eric Herr	Lynne & Bill Reed
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Andrew Wilking	Patti Sparks
<i>Flowers</i>	Patti Sparks	Kris Tyson
<i>Ushers</i>	Al Sparks & Patti Sparks	
<i>Counters</i>	Marillyn Wilking & Sarah Downing	Marillyn Wilking & Sarah Downing
<i>Hospitality</i>	Lynne & Bill Reed	Jane Loomis

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS**

**Additional Easter Flower Memorial**

We just received a donation in memory of the Ciercielli and Ford families from Lois Ford and Lou Ciercielli.

### **Egg Sales for the Fall Mountain Food Shelf**

Alison Brule sells her farm fresh eggs on Sundays with all proceeds going to Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Although she brings eggs regularly, the income for January - March is down \$50 (or 30%) from last year. When you purchase eggs, please remember to put money in and help us resolve this outreach issue. Thank you.

### **Usher Training – 4/14 & 4/21**

There will be usher training right after church on April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>. Training is for new and experienced ushers. Additional ushers are always welcome. If you are new to ushering, please see Chuck Loomis to let him know you'd like the training.

### **Fall Mountain Food Shelf**

During April we will focus on rice, pasta, and canned meats (tuna and chicken). These are frequently requested items. Betsy McGuire is our Fall Mountain Food Shelf Coordinator.

**Our Priest in Charge:** The Rev. Fred Chisolm can be reached at (802) 649-6495 (cell) or via email at [rector@StJohnsWalpole.org](mailto:rector@StJohnsWalpole.org).

**St. John's Vestry 2024:** Marilyn Wilking (Senior Warden), Drew Street (Junior Warden), Sue Bauer (Treasurer), Linda O'Donnell (Clerk), Alison Brule, Joe Cuoco, and Chuck Loomis. Both wardens may be reached at [info@StJohnsWalpole.org](mailto:info@StJohnsWalpole.org).

### **Mission & Vision Statement**

St. John's Church is a welcoming, open congregation. We, its members, provide love and support for each other by worshiping together, praising God with music and liturgy. And we serve the Lord with joyful hearts, individually and collectively, in our community. Honoring our traditions, applying knowledge gained from experience and imagining future possibilities, we strive with hearts and minds to be more than what we are, to live the will of the Lord in new ways. Our vision is that St. John's Church will manifest its love of God to the community through ongoing and new activities. These will include but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- Deepening our social and spiritual growth with one another
- Supporting the Fall Mountain Food Shelf
- Offering our church space by reaching out to and meeting the needs of our community
- Engaging in programs that aim to end racial and other forms of injustice.