

Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, CT
September 13, 2026

9:00 a.m.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word Rite II



Growing in Faith
Living in Hope Serving in Love

Welcome to Trinity

We welcome all who worship with us at Trinity Episcopal Church in Collinsville, CT, those here in our sanctuary, and those who join us by live streaming.

Please know that your presence and your prayers are a beloved gift to this faith community. We pray that you sense the love of Christ, the stirring of the Holy Spirit, and God's presence here.

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Trinity Episcopal Church Mission Statement

MISSION STATEMENT: *"With God's love, we joyfully welcome and nourish all; with God's help, we serve our community and beyond."*

Sunday, September 13, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word
Presider/Homilist: Stan Moraski

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord #390

Words: Joachim Neander, Music: Craig Sellar Lang

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of
creation;

O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and
salvation:

Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously
reigneth:

Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he
sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and
defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises
before him!
Let the "Amen"
Sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy
Spirit.

**People: And Blessed be God's Kingdom, now
and forever. Amen**

Collect for Purity *(said in unison)*

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

The Gloria *(sung in unison)*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Let us pray

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**

The Old Testament Exodus 14:19-31

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 114

(BCP 756-757)

Reader: Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

People: **Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.**

Reader: The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

People: **The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.**

Reader: What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

People: **You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep?**

Reader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

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

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

*All stand for the Alleluia verse and
the reading of the Gospel*



Al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia; Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

Stan Moraski

(A period of silence is kept)

Choir Anthem: Go Down, Moses

Words: Traditional, Music: Negro Spiritual, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

The Nicene Creed (*in unison*) 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**

Choral Call to Prayer O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Words and Music: Francesco Blackmore

The Prayers of the People Form III BCP 387

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: **That we may all be one.**

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader: We pray especially for those on our intercession list _____
and for those named here
(pause for congregation to add their Intercessions)

Reader: In your mercy.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us pray for L'Eglise de L'Epiphanie, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Stamford; and St. Francis', Stamford. We also pray for Province 1: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode

Island, Vermont and Western Massachusetts. Let us pray for the Provincial Synod and all Provincial Networks. We pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for peace in the world.

People: God of peace and justice, we pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East, in Ukraine and Russia, and in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for all in these wars who have died, are wounded or missing.

We pray for all who grieve, live in fear, and wait anxiously for the return of their loved ones.

We pray for those who protect and defend our country. May your kingdom of justice and peace reign throughout the world.

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

The Offering

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave of himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus #336

Word: John Henry Hopkins, Music: Johann Sebastian Bach

1. Come with us, O blessed Jesus,
With us evermore to be;
And though leaving now thine altar,
Let us nevermore leave thee

Be thou one with us for ever,
In our life thy love divine
Our own flesh and blood has taken,
And to us thou givest thine.

2. Come with us, O mighty Saviour,
God from God, and Light from Light;
Thou art God thy glory veiling,
So that we may bear the sight.
Now we go to seek and serve thee,
Through our work as through our prayer;
Grant us light to see and know thee,
In thy people everywhere.

3. Come with us, O King of glory,
By angelic voices praised;
In our hearts as in thy heaven,
Be enraptured anthems raised.
Let the mighty chorus ever
Sing its glad exultant songs;
Let its hymn be heard for ever -
Peace for which creation longs.

The Doxology Old 100th Hymn #380, Verse 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**

Presider: All things come of thee O Lord,

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Grace

Presider: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, be with us all, now and forever.
Amen

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God #397

Words: Catherine Winkworth, Music: Felix Mendelssohn

1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way

with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us!
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be, evermore.

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia Alleluia

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia Alleluia

Postlude

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The Altar Flowers, and the Sanctuary Lamp,
are given to the Glory of God.

Welcome to our Service of the Word at Trinity Church. We are glad to have you joining the people of God, whether you are gathered here in the sanctuary or viewing online from home.

Presider/Homilist:	Stan Moraski
Reader:	Jack Henne
Usher:	Gary Nicksa
Altar Guild:	Phyllis and Dawn Lowell
Music:	Francesco Blackmore, Director of Music and The Trinity Choir

September Worship Calendar

Today

Sun, Sept 13 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am Service of the Word, Rite 2
Presider: Stan Moraski
Welcome back choir and summer vacationers!

***Join us for Coffee Hour after service today.
Emily and Jack Henne are hosting.***

Sun, Sept 20 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Priest: Rev. Marilyn Anderson

Sun, Sept 27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Priest: Rev. Claudia Scheda

September Events Calendar

CANTON FOOD BANK

Monday hours 6-7 pm	Tuesday hours 8:30-11:30 am
September 14	September 15
September 21	September 22
September 28	September 29

MIRIAM'S CLOSET

Open the first Monday of each month 6-7 pm
(Open October 5)

Open the first Tuesday of each month 8:30-11:30 am
Open Tuesday, October 6, 2026

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVERS

Wednesday, September 16 @ 1:00 pm our Wednesday meeting takes place

Sunday, October 4 @ 1:00 pm our first October meeting takes place

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

No Meetings this week.

Rev. Claudia's Schedule for this Week

Week of: September 13 – September 19, 2026

**Sunday
Sept 13**

Rev. Claudia
Vacation

**Monday
Sept 14**

Rev. Claudia
Vacation

**Tuesday
Sept 15**

Rev. Claudia
Vacation

**Wednesday
Sept 16**

Rev. Claudia
Vacation

**Thursday
Sept 17**

Returning from
vacation
AM Trinity
PM St. John's

**Friday
Sept 18**

Work from home.
Available for
pastoral calls,
meeting over
coffee, etc.
Pls. Call to
Schedule.

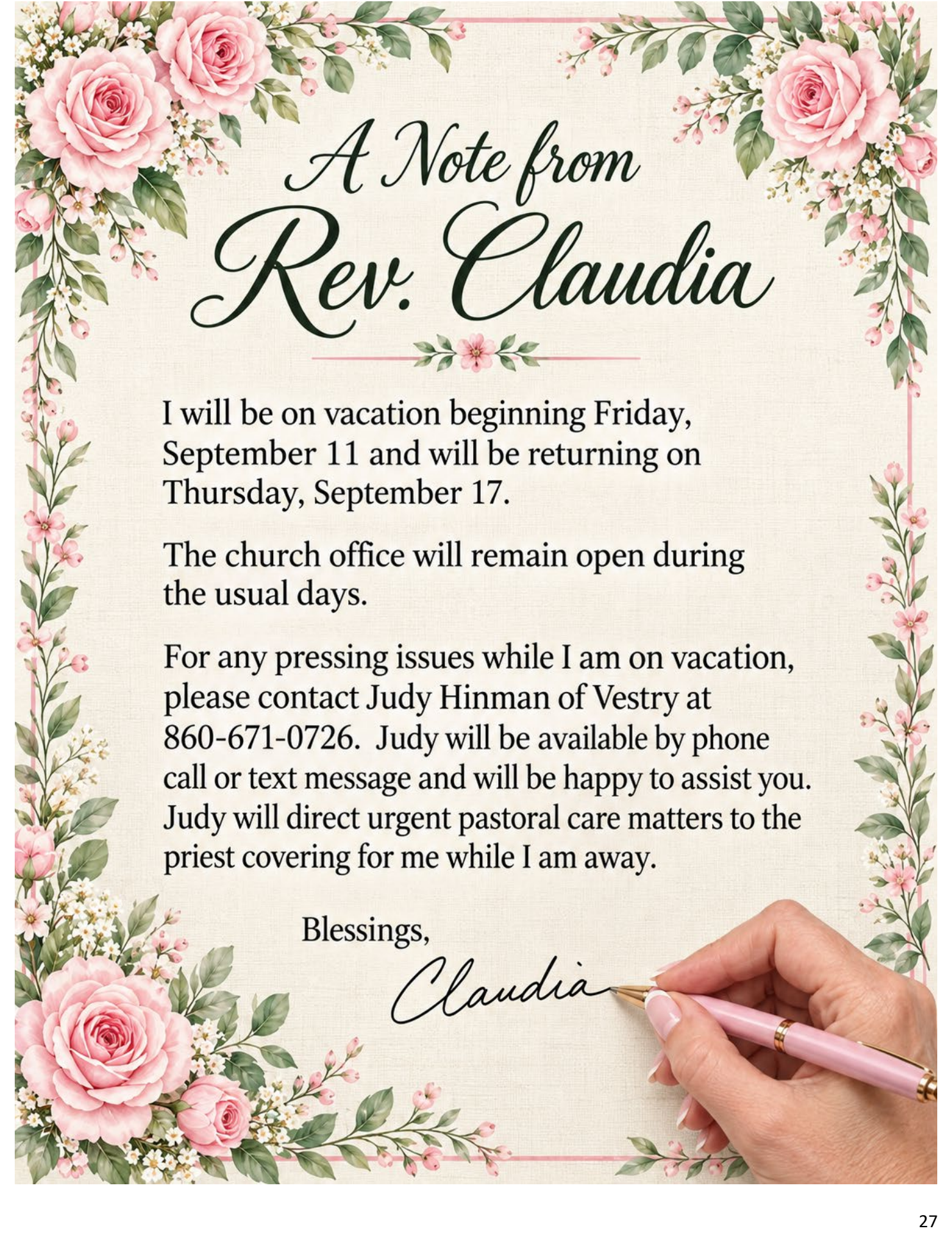
**Saturday
Sept 19**

Clergy
Funeral

*O clap your hands,
all you his people:
shout to God with
songs of joy!*

Psalms 47:1





A Note from Rev. Claudia

I will be on vacation beginning Friday, September 11 and will be returning on Thursday, September 17.

The church office will remain open during the usual days.

For any pressing issues while I am on vacation, please contact Judy Hinman of Vestry at 860-671-0726. Judy will be available by phone call or text message and will be happy to assist you. Judy will direct urgent pastoral care matters to the priest covering for me while I am away.

Blessings,

Claudia



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