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wherever you are on your spiritual journey, st. luke's welcomes you

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Alleluia!

Holy Saturday
The Great Vigil of Easter
Streaming live online
at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Day
Festival Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Streaming live online
11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Outdoors
Registration Required

Celebrate
Easter
Joy!



On the very evening of Easter, Jesus greets the disciples with the words. "Peace be with you." For many of us, as spring unfolds and vaccinations become more readily available, we feel relief and peace. But it's an unsettling peace—a peace that lies side by side with the harsh reality that hundreds of thousands of beloved human beings have died, making us so intimately aware of the fragility of the human condition.

The past 13 months have reminded us of the capacity for bravery, the depth of compassion, and the resilience which resides within each of us and has been exhibited by the whole human family as we have

entered into the unknown, the suffering, and the grief of this pandemic.

Peace be with you.

Jesus' greeting comes in the Resurrection, the revelation that God's promise of unending, unbreakable love surpasses even the boundaries of death.

Peace be with you.

The greeting of new and transformed life, made whole in God's love, is revealed to Jesus' followers as the fulfilment of the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Through the Resurrection, Jesus is not simply restored. Jesus is completely transformed into new life while still recognizable once revealed to his disciples. I believe something similar is happening in our current time.

With more and more people vaccinated and the numbers of infections declining, life is beginning to expand a little. Rather than a return to our pre-COVID existence, everyday life will look continue to look different, for we cannot help but be changed by all that has happened in our world, in our country, in our own health, in our institutions, and in our businesses. Not an area of life has gone untouched.

This time has challenged some of our self-concepts we held dear. The notion of American individuality—the notion of self-reliance, of pulling oneself up by the boot-straps, that's at the core of our identity—has been forever transformed for me. What I, and many of us, carry out of this pandemic is the undeniable connection, link, overlap, dependence, and reliance we have on one another. We are a part of God's whole creation, that intricate, interconnected, interdependent amazingly diverse, deeply gifted, living, and breathing community that embodies all life. No longer can I hold onto the notion of self-reliance as a core of my American identity. I am reliant on the whole of humanity, and many are reliant on me. We're reliant on each other not just for surviving but for thriving, for health, and for fullness of life.

Life will continue to be different at St. Luke's as we explore new worship opportunities. On the first Sunday after Easter we will hold our first in-person Eucharist inside the church—the first in 13 months—as well as an in-person outdoor Eucharist. And we'll have a third, beautifully streamed service like we've offered the past 13 months.

This transition is a time of both/and. We continue to gather online with our larger community while embracing the opportunities for limited gatherings in person.

Our new life, both in worship and out in the world, will be familiar and recognizable to what was before. Yet it will also bring a transformed present to incorporate new ways of being in relationship with one another, new embodiments of loving one another, and new revelations of ways we are being called to engage our world to work together toward health and wholeness for all the people of God.

Peace be with you.

Elizabeth

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HOLY WEEK



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.
Live Online, Facebook, YouTube

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2

THE THREE HOURS: Meditations on Christ's Last Words
 Noon until 3 p.m.

In addition to the St. Luke's clergy, preachers include: the Rev. John Vaughn, Jenny McBride, and Marisa Sifontes.

Live Online, Facebook, YouTube

THE WAY OF THE CROSS
 6:15 p.m.

Online, Facebook, YouTube



EASTER

THE GREAT VIGIL

Saturday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The lighting of the New Fire,
 Renewal of Baptismal Vows
 and the first
 Eucharist of Easter

Live Online, Facebook, YouTube

THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Festival Holy Eucharist

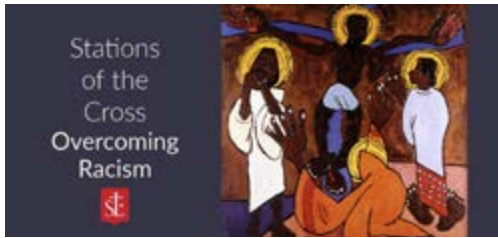
Sunday, April 4 at 10 a.m.

Live Online, Facebook, YouTube

Holy Eucharist in The Park

11:30 a.m. - [Click here to register](#)

1 p.m. - [Click here to register](#)



From Tuesday through Friday of Holy Week, we invite you to walk in the Park at St. Luke's for an outdoor contemplative walk through our Stations of the Cross. Our outdoor installation examines the events of Good Friday with a focus on the sin of racism and the part it plays in our lives. This is an extension of the work we are doing both individually and together, as part of our Caste book club, and as we move through the world around us each day.

Each station features a scripture reading, a reflection and a prayer to help guide your contemplative time. Because this is an outdoor installation, we ask that you wear masks and maintain proper social distancing from those not in your pod.

An audio and written version of the Stations is accessible on our website for those who are unable to visit the park in person or for those in the park who would prefer to listen as they go from station to station.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE PODCAST](#)



The Interfaith Mourning Into Unity prayers for peace now continue on a monthly schedule. Our leadership will also rotate among the interfaith community. The Temple will host on April 5, led by Rabbi Loren Lapidus. Join us for a powerful litany of interfaith prayers on Monday, April 5th from 6-6:30 p.m.

[Pray with us on Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m.](#)

Worship Schedule in April

The Second Sunday of Easter April 11

9 a.m. Eucharist in-person in the Nave
also streaming live

[Click here to register.](#)

10:30 a.m. Eucharist in-person in The Park

[Click here to register.](#)

11:30 a.m. Eucharist steaming live.

The Third Sunday of Easter April 18

9 a.m. Eucharist in-person in the Nave
also streaming live

[Click here to register.](#)

10:30 a.m. Eucharist in-person in The Park

[Click here to register.](#)

11:30 a.m. Eucharist steaming live.

JOIN US TO HEAR ISABEL WILKERSON

St. Luke's and Ebenezer Baptist Church have joined in a Lenten book study of *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson's bestseller that examines laws and practices that created what she describes as a bipolar, Black and white caste system in the United States. We are delighted to announce that Ms. Wilkerson will be with us virtually on Wednesday, April 7, and all are invited to join us from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a musical selection followed by a short homily, and then Ms. Wilkerson interviewed by Ed Bacon and Rev. John Vaughn (Executive Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church), using questions submitted by participants in our Lenten book study ministry. This event is open to the public (livestreamed via the St. Luke's website, Facebook Live and YouTube), so feel free to share the invitation. If you have questions, contact Sue McAvoy, Carolle Perkins, Marisa Sifontes, or Jon Tonge.



Adult Education

THE FORUM AT ST. LUKE'S



Sewanee President Reuben E. Brigety II
Sunday, April 11

The Forum resumes after an Easter break with Ed welcoming to St. Luke's Reuben E. Brigety II, the 17th vice-chancellor and president of The University of the South. The Jacksonville, Fla. native, who is the first Black vice-chancellor in the school's history, took office in June after serving five years as dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. Previously, he was U.S. ambassador to the African Union

under President Barack Obama. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a doctorate in international affairs from the University of Cambridge.

A self-described Anglophile, he is fond of bow ties and horseback riding and has embraced the distinctive culture of academics and outdoor adventure found here on the wooded campus known as the Domain in a rural expanse of the Cumberland Plateau northwest of Chattanooga. Peace on the Domain has been broken after racially motivated incidents at the college. In a Feb. 7 speech in All Saints Chapel addressing this racism, including threats against his family, Brigety said: "Chen Hall, our home, has been repeatedly vandalized by phantoms who came at night. They have trashed our lawn with beer cans and liquor bottles. They have left threatening messages on pilfered signs near our back door. And they have taken measures to ensure my family and I saw the indecent insults that they left behind.... The sanctity, the security and the dignity of my family are inviolate, and we are not leaving." He challenged the Sewanee community - faculty, staff, students, and alumni: "It is up to you to decide who we are, what we will tolerate and how we will live together."

Coming in Eastertide: Diana Butler Bass on Jesus

Diana Butler Bass returns to St. Luke's for a series of Wednesday evening sessions focused on Jesus. Her new book, *Freeing Jesus*, takes a look at how Jesus is perceived in present-day America and how that squares with what we know about the Jesus who walked the Earth.



Wednesdays, April 21, 28 and May 5 on Zoom | 6:30-7:25 p.m. | Register online.

Meet at 5:45 p.m. to "check in"

About the new book:

"How can you still be a Christian?"

This is the most common question Diana Butler Bass is asked today. It is a question that many believers ponder as they wrestle with disappointment and disillusionment in their church and its leadership. But while many Christians have left their churches, they cannot leave their faith behind.

In *Freeing Jesus*, Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence.

Freeing Jesus is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most.

The Wednesday evening class resumes April 14 with a session led by Ed Bacon.



2021 Faith & Advocacy Network (FAN) Plan

St. Luke's Faith & Advocacy Network (FAN) is actively engaging the congregation in our baptismal covenant's call to 'strive for justice and peace. D for the upcoming year, including defining its mission and guiding values, establishing a communications strategy and awareness or education campaigns.

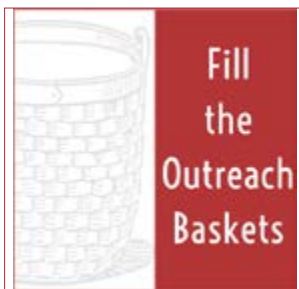
FAN defined four foundational areas, based historic commitments and opportunities for impact: 1) Creation Care, 2) Homelessness, Housing & Hunger, 3) Wealth & Income Inequality and 4) Systemic Racism (as an area of focus as well as within each issue area). A brief summary and contact person for each area are as follows:

- 1) **Creation Care** (Sue Sherrill) prioritizes preserving and sustaining St. Luke's grounds, and encouraging advocacy for state and/or national issues that impact our Earth, air, and water.
- 2) **Homelessness, Housing & Hunger** (Jon Tonge) - targets for 2021 will include focusing on anti-eviction legislation and updates to Atlanta's zoning code to include denser housing development, to provide more affordable housing options, and ease supply pressures that drive up the cost of housing;
- 3) **Wealth & Income Inequality** (Adelaide Steedley) - seeking ways to strengthen the income and earning potential of Atlanta's poorest households, this issue area will focus on Georgia's proposed earned income tax credit legislation, and supporting the national Economic Stability Task Force pilot taking place in the Old Fourth Ward;
- 4) **Systemic racism** (Elliot Watts and Panke Miller) - present a parish-wide forum on the topic "Pandemic as Portal," as a lens for viewing the dire impact on low-income households and people of color. Racial reconciliation runs throughout driving work with groups promoting remedies for unjust laws/policies that sustain racism.

Work will continue on ad hoc/allyship areas including LBGTQIA, immigration rights, voter suppression, gun violence and criminal justice reform. These are important, but tend to be engaged as circumstances arise (ex. last year's focus on expungement legislation and this year's anticipated proposed changes to voter registration).

Over the next 12 months, FAN looks to increase its impact in our community, expand collaborations with The Temple, Ebenezer, and other faith-based communities and broaden its base within the congregation. That is where you come in—look at the list above and let us know how you would like to work 'for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.' Contact Marti Breen for more information.

IN APRIL OUR DONATIONS SUPPORT



Please donate Walmart or Kroger gift cards, ideally in the denominations of \$50, \$75, or \$100.

For over three decades, Foreverfamily has been providing services to children with incarcerated parents and their families. Nearly six million kids in America have experienced losing a parent to prison or jail at some point in their lives. Foreverfamily works to ensure that, no matter what the circumstances, all children have the opportunity to be surrounded by the love of family.

A basket will be placed outside the reception area doors and we ask that you drop off your donation and then, when you are back in your car, call the desk (404-873-7600) to alert Valerie of the drop-off - and she'll have someone retrieve your gifts.



**A GOOD PLACE
TO MAKE
MEMORIES**

Camp Mikell has played an integral role in the faith journey of so many of our diocese's youth for nearly a century. Two of our own staff members here at St. Luke's, Liz Beal Kidd and Ethan Scott, director and associate director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries (CYF), have had this very experience, having been campers, counselors, and summer staffers at Camp Mikell. Liz and Ethan recently sat down to discuss their experiences at camp so that they could share how much this place meant to them in hopes that the children and youth of St. Luke's can continue in this beautiful diocesan tradition. These are the questions they posed to one another and their responses:

What years were you on summer staff?

LIZ: I was on summer staff from 1995 to 1997. It was the roaring 90's and Alanis Morissette, 2Pac/Biggie, and the Beastie Boys were huge! "Gurl power" was on the rise and Doc Martens and Birkenstocks were the footwear. I was officially an Art Shack staffer, but I took every opportunity to do ropes course, canoeing, and rappelling.



ETHAN: I made staff in 2017 and stayed on through 2019. I remember going to buy a fresh pair of chacos at the beginning of the summer and looking at them in disbelief when the soles were worn through by the end of the summer. I had only worn them for two months straight and went on hikes every single day. Taking kids on the creek hike, a hike that is mostly walking upstream was my absolute favorite activity, narrowly beating out a good game of 3 ball soccer. At the end of the week some of us put on a short rock concert for the kids, and they went absolutely nuts. Seeing kids who were born in the early 2000's dance their hearts out to Nirvana songs will always be one of the highlights from my staff career.

What skills did you gain from Camp Mikell?

Ethan: It taught me the true meaning of leadership. Being able to lead collectively as a staff meant more than an individualistic concept of leadership. I have carried this sort of philosophy with me into my work at St. Luke's, and I feel that Liz and I work so well together because we both have this shared experience. This was the first job where I had a hand in designing Christian formation programming, leading worship and music services, as well as facilitating small group discussions and Bible studies. Being on Camp Mikell's summer staff both prepared me for and helped me discern my calling for children's and youth ministry in a church setting.



Liz: I learned to use my spiritual gifts for the betterment of a team. I learned the different roles each person could bring to make our team stronger. The biggest thing I learned was how to best be part of a loving community filled with people of all different backgrounds, race, and worldview.



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Did camp feel like an especially holy place to you?

ETHAN: Camp Mikell is where I feel closest to God, but within camp there are several places that I felt to be especially thin and centering. During my off time as a summer staffer I would often go by myself down to a quiet spot of the creek, listen to the flowing water, and sit in contemplative prayer. I felt that God and I could hear each other especially well there. The time spent in prayer with my fellow summer staffers was beyond profound. We would often pray together around a bonfire and take turns praying for one another. I never felt more cared for and loved by friends than in those moments, and I know I will remember them forever.



LIZ: Camp Mikell is certainly one of those thin places, where you feel in closer proximity to God. Joel and I got married there, and one of our children was baptized there. My father-in-law was a camper there in the 1950's. I look at the writings from the Vietnam era on the walls of the old dining hall--everywhere you look there is a reminder of those who have gone before you. In many churches people are frozen in time with nice bronze plaques on the pews; maybe the priests have old black and white photos on the wall somewhere. Camp Mikell is the only place I can think of where we are all frozen in our youth. That moment where our potential is bursting.



SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE 2021

[MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

- Youth Camp: May 30 – June 4, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated
- Performing Arts Camp: June 6 – June 11, Rising 4th-9th Graders
- Intermediate Camp: June 20 – June 25, Rising 8th and 9th Graders
- Junior Camp: June 27 – July 2, Rising 6th and 7th Graders
- Kid Camp: July 11 – July 16, Rising 3rd-5th Graders
- Work Camp: July 18 – July 23, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated

Note all camps are Sunday - Friday!

WANNA HAVE FUN ALL SUMMER LONG AT MIKELL? BE A COUNSELOR

applications must be in by April 9, so hurry.

[Click here for application form.](#)



**WE CELEBRATE THE LIVES THAT MAKE UP
THE COMMUNITY OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.**

Birthdays during April

1 Lindley Cole Leslie Burns Alex Sherrill John Michael Fierer	Callie Hill 8 Alex King Kay Van Doren Kate De Give James Poindexter Wilson Dobbs 9 Gordon May Mary Cobb Nick Scofield William Okpala William Currey Wynn Healan Julianna Faulkenberry Lila Faulkenberry Avery Sherrill	17 Helen Alston John Brewster Bryan Sells Nadine Cole Sam Boswell Miles Bassett 18 Ruth Caproni Mary Kyle Elizabeth Moore Kate Kane Leslie Cash Sarah Elizabeth Sells 19 Charlie Zapf Len Sinclair Pride Forney Keith Roberts Katherine Law Jacob Evans	Cathy Ephraim Devon Ippolito Callen Inman Victoria Evans 26 John Fry Scott Nelson Betsy Whittum Katherine Evans Michael Jones Erin Eggebrecht Emma Gifford Katie Bryan Sam Noland 27 Barbara Slick Jason Nevoit Jeanine Brogan Mary Helen O'Connor Dawn Biggins Wade Thompson Katherine Johnson Joseph De Give Nora Ann Williams 28 Sara Blanchard Tucker Griffin Emma Graham Lexi Bradley 29 Marcia Williams Ann Barrett Chuck Howard Jeri Durrett Susan Stewart April Lloyd Hunter Anderson Wrenn Wire 30 Cotten Alston, III Rod Daugherty David Lang Frank McDonald, Jr. Ashley Orr Isabel Wynn Erin Kennedy Eve Nettles Josephine Ryder
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