

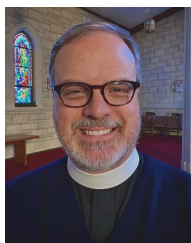


The Cathedral chimes

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From the Dean



At the end of October, we dress up and toss sweets to strangers, and we commemorate saints gone before us in this life. We also laugh at death.

That last doesn't sentence doesn't mean that we don't take the idea of death seriously. It just means that the Christian understanding of death is tempered because we know that it is not final – death does not have the last word. Beyond what we can easily glimpse or apprehend there lies something else, and this knowledge should be a source of tremendous encouragement for us.

If you're reading this and you have never been to an Episcopal funeral, I strongly encourage you to check it out. At least look up the service in the *Book of Common Prayer*. It is a time to celebrate the continuation of life through the saving mercy of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. You hear a lot of Bible verses extolling the hope that is within us: "The Sun of Righteousness is gloriously risen, giving light to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death." "The Lord will guide our feet into the way of peace, having taken away the sin of the world."

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BETHANY HOUSE & GARDEN RIBBON CUTTING!



**Come and celebrate the
official opening of the Garden!**
Friday October 21, 2022
Tours begin at 3:30 pm
Ribbon cutting and convention
Eucharist begins at 4:30 pm
All are welcome!

BETHANYHOUSEANDGARDEN.COM

Bethany House & Garden is located
just to the south of Grace Cathedral
on the Diocesan grounds.

From the Dean

“Christ will open the kingdom of heaven to all who believe in his Name, saying, Come, O blessed of my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you.”

I have observed families understandably distraught over the death of their loved ones. Through the course of the burial service, through the many reminders they hear of the resurrection to life, I have observed a certain release of pressure, a relaxation, an opening-up, and a deeper connection and bond established with one other. It is a wonderful thing to be the guy whose job it is to state our Christian hope so plainly through the ministrations of the service.

Those services are completed once we do a couple of things: one, we commend the person's body to its resting-place; and two, we commend the person's soul to God. We are effectively saying, “God be with you til we see each other again.” These moments are sincere and simple.

So inside of a funeral, I honor the presence of God in our lives. Outside of funerals, I find it easy to mock and laugh at the idea of death. There's no need to hasten it, and we should do all we can to preserve our human lives. I just know that in a very basic way, my human death simply will not be my last moment of my spiritual existence.

Because Jesus Christ is risen, so are we. We can anticipate this and look for it amongst the skeletons and skulls later this month.

— Torey



October 9 & 16, November 6 & 13 - Steven Roth will present a short series entitled, “Holy places, Divine spaces, Sacred things and Hallowed times.”

Throughout history God has attempted to connect with us, his children, by imparting or imbuing His holiness upon special places, objects, or special times and occasions. These Adult Forum lessons hope to explore the how, when and why this granting of holiness occurs and what is the spiritual and practical benefits of recognizing and accepting various holy gifts from God.

October 23 & 29 - Scott Shipman will lead a class titled, “Finding Time for God In a Very Busy World”

This class will explore the obstacles that keep us from including God in our busy, frequently hectic, lives. Strategies will be explored or developed that will help us to incorporate God more fully and reveal the benefits that we can all reap from that process.

The Adult Forum is held at 9:30 a.m., Sundays, in All Saints Hall. No class is scheduled for October 2 due to the 10:30 service at Evergy Plaza.



Join us for a fun Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot at Grace Cathedral on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, from 3 - 5 p.m. There will be decorated vehicles/trunks with volunteers handing out candy. There will also be bounce houses, and we'll be serving hot dogs and chips. We invite you to participate and costumes are encouraged!

Donations of bagged candy are appreciated. There is a collection box in the sanctuary at the Cathedral.

Grace Cathedral, First Presbyterian, and First United Methodist churches are pleased to co-host this community event.

Injustice:
Where is it seen

How to get
involved

Build
relationships

Community
advocacy

Listen to
concerns

Justice Ministry @ Grace

"What does the LORD require of you? To do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
— Micah 6:8

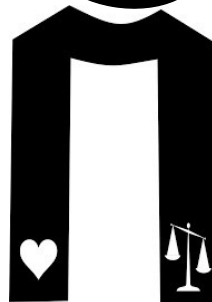
Greetings! You are invited to learn more about "doing justice" here at Grace Cathedral. Our new year of ministry begins the **first week of October** with information and an invitation. Join us for **one** of the following meetings:

- Tuesday, October 4 or Wednesday, October 5, 5:30 p.m., Robyn Room
- Thursday, October 6, 2 p.m., Robyn Room

Choose your meeting and let us know you're interested. Contact one of the people listed below. We look forward to hearing from you!

Melissa Weikel, 785-215-0501, cell auntiem988@gmail.com

Archdeacon Anne, 717-385-0885, cell arflynn@gracecathedraltopeka.org



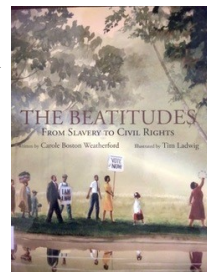
The Library Shelf

Kansas artist Tim Ludwig has created a lovely illustrated book celebrating the Beatitudes (Luke 6:20-26) in the context of American civil rights. The Cathedral/BKSM library has two copies available to check out and share! Here is the call number for this book:

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Tim Ludwig is from Wichita and has created a whole series of Bible-related illustrated books. We hope to add more of them to the Library collection!

This book and many others can be checked out from the Cathedral/BKSM Library. You can use this QR code to access the library website.



Sacred Ground opportunity offered Diocesan-Wide

As part of the Episcopal Church's commitment to *Becoming Beloved Community*, a diocesan-wide *Sacred Ground* circle will be available on Zoom this fall. LeRoy and the Rev. Kay Dagg will co-facilitate the reconciliation conversation circle, beginning the week of October 3 and running through the week of December 11.

More detailed information about *Sacred Ground* is available at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>.

Please send questions about *Sacred Ground* or express your interest and a preference for the meeting day/time to the Dags at ks_sacredground@daggsgound.com.



Sunday October 9, 2022

4pm–5:30pm

**Location: Countryside United
Methodist Church**

3221 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611

Hosted by the Great Plains Conference of
the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal
Diocese of Kansas, and Kansans for
Payday Loan Reform

Purpose of the Rally

Have you or someone you know gotten trapped into payday loan debt? You are not alone. Payday loans in Kansas are designed to trap people into paying interest rates of up to 391% APR. An interest rate this high is morally reprehensible. Join Kansans for Payday Loan Reform as we fight to make payday loans fairer for borrowers. We can change this injustice if we join our voices together.



MINISTRY FAIR 2022

Sunday, September 11



THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Under the direction of new Choirmaster, Eduardo García-Novelli



Silents in the Cathedral

Friday, October 28

7 p.m., Grace Cathedral

*Sponsored by the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
with the cooperation of the Kansas Silent Film Festival, Inc.*

Free and open to the public

THE GOLEM (1920)

Our feature presentation for the 25th annual 'Silents in the Cathedral' was inspired by a Jewish folktale. In 16th-century Prague, a rabbi creates the Golem - a giant creature made of clay. Using sorcery, he brings the creature to life in order to protect the Jews of Prague from persecution. (75 minutes)

The feature will be preceded by three short subject films — *Haunted Castle* (1896), *The Fortune Teller* (1923), and *The Caretaker's Daughter* (1925) — with an intermission.

Organist Marvin Faulwell and percussionist Bob Keckeisen have put together a dazzling music score for this feature and they will be playing it 'live' at the Cathedral.

Free and open to the public.



October Birthdays

- 1 Peggy Palmer
- 2 El Shipman
- 6 Deborah Barnes
Judy Gilliland
Barbara Lewerenz
- 7 Jim Allman
- 8 Austin Nothern
- 10 Brenda Escalante
Alana Seddon
- 12 Lynne Horne
Margaret McGillivray
George Pejakovich
- 17 Shirley Moses
- 18 Payge Quintana-Padgett
Mason Vosburgh
- 20 Adrian Horne
- 21 Wim Gunasegaram
- 22 Mary Florence Brinton
- 24 Molina Quintana
Jim Turner
- 25 Karla Denton
- 26 Susan Weber
- 27 Vanessa Hill
Roy Menninger
Margaret Scharf
- 31 Dennis Weikel

*O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. —Book of Common Prayer*

(Please contact the office if we have missed your birthday or have incorrect information.)

About the window...

The stained glass window on the cover of this month's Chimes is located on the north wall of the west transept and depicts Abraham. The cloud with stars above Abraham's head represents God's covenant with him that his descendants would be plentiful as the stars. Genesis 15:1-5

THE SPIRE ENSEMBLE

Saturday, October 29, 7:30 p.m.



Spire Ensemble appears this season with the first of two concerts. *Our Hands: Together We Rise* features the classic Mass in G of Ralph Vaughan Williams and a contemporary piece, *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed* by Joel Thompson,

depicting the last words and/or correspondences of seven unarmed black men each killed by police or authority figures. This compelling program travels from calm to unsettling, thoughtful to explosive, and invites the listener to join hands, as only together can we rise to create a brighter world.

Tickets \$25/\$10 students/under 12 free.



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Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. — Holy Communion,
Rite I
9:30 a.m. — Sunday School
(Sept.-May)
10:30 a.m. — Holy Communion,
Rite II

GRACE CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Right Reverend Dr. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom,
Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas
The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*
The Reverend Donald Chubb, *Deacon*
The Venerable Anne Flynn, *Archdeacon*

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Eduardo García-Novelli, *Choirmaster*
Zachary Cope, *Associate Choirmaster*
Kathy Smith, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries*
Michael Godfrey, *Sexton*

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Cynthia Sheppeard Langston, *Chancellor*