

*Grace Episcopal Church*  
 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
 October 13, 2024  
 The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Elevation, Op. 33 – R. Weidner*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #680 *(In the Blue hymnal)*

*O God, our help in ages past*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Sung by All)



Organ Unison Voices

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,  
al - migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*slower*  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:  
have mer-cy up-on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand  
*a tempo*  
of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a - lone  
are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Amos 5:6-7, 10-15*

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
 and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
 Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
 and take from them levies of grain,  
 you have built houses of hewn stone,  
 but you shall not live in them;  
 you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
 but you shall not drink their wine.  
 For I know how many are your transgressions,  
 and how great are your sins —  
 you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
 and push aside the needy in the gate.  
 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
 for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
 that you may live;  
 and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
 just as you have said.  
 Hate evil and love good,  
 and establish justice in the gate;  
 it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

**PSALM 90:12-17** (*Responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days  
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?  
 be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the  
 morning;  
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of  
 our life.

<sup>15</sup> **Make us glad by the measure of the days  
 that you afflicted us  
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup> Show your servants your works  
 and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup> **May the graciousness of the Lord our God  
 be upon us;  
 prosper the work of our hands;  
 prosper our handiwork.**

## THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 4:12-16

*Lector* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

*(Please stand)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN (VV. 1-2)

*Take my life and let it be*



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and  
for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with  
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery

flow in end - less praise, let them flow in end - less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
power as thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

#### SEQUENCE HYMN (VV. 3-4)

*Take my life and let it be*

*(Please be seated)*

#### THE HOMILY

The Rev. Edward Kelaher

#### 358 THE NICENE CREED    *(All Standing)*

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 Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *Silence*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially **Sidney** Briggs, **Cameron** Klass, **Julia** Klass, and **Josey** Parker, and those with special needs:

**Sean** Sullivan, **James** Giles, **Roy** Deese, **Lou** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Paul** Batson, **Sissy** Bolstad, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Susan** Branscomb, **Lynne** Broch, **Barbara** Brooks, **Gayle** Burke, **Seraphina** Byers, **Jean** Campbell, **Lynne** Cleckley, **John** Clippard, **Joan** Clodfelter, **Tom** Cook, **Morgan** Curia, **Dan** DiRenzo, **Susan** Dixon, **Kim** Dube, **Renee** Ewbank, **Charlotte** Froehlich, **Jenny** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Jane** Grimes, **Jim** Hackney, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris** Hodges, **Brittany** Hudson, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Alisa** Johnson, **Andrew** Jones, **Brian** Kent, **Cara** Lee, **Becky** Lendahl, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Liz** Marr, **Debbie** Mason, **Martha & Drew** Mayse, **Kate** McKenzie, **Charles** McNeair, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **Howard** Palmer, **Fred** Pfohl, **Thomas** Pierce, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Melissa** Routh, **Christine** Ryals, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Lynn** Santolla, **Suzy** Sheets, **Patty** Short, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Clyde** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Vaughan** Spencer, **Jackie** Touchton, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary & Jay** Williams, **Paul** Wylie, and **Charlotte** Young.

"Are there others?" Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

*Celebrant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Please stand if you are able*

### 360 THE PEACE

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord – P. Weaver*

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS DOXOLOGY

*-Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### 361 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

*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.

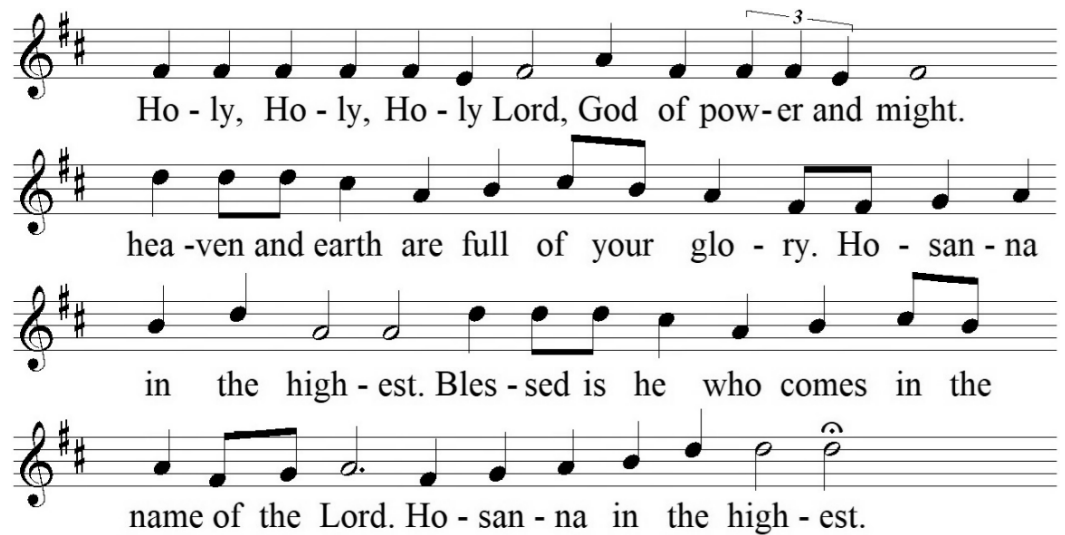
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS *(Sung by All)*



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*The people may stand or kneel*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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



364 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

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine. Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally. If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.*

*During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.*

## COMMUNION HYMN #701 (In the Blue Hymnal)

*Jesus, all my gladness*



1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,  
 2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,  
 3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,



Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit  
 Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they  
 Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -



strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;  
 were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;  
 la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,



on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.  
 nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.  
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

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.

### THE BLESSING

May the Holy Spirit empower you now and always to speak and live the Good News of Jesus for you and for all, with the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL HYMN #460 (In the Blue Hymnal)

*Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.*

*Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.*

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.*

### THE DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

*Variations on Hydrydol – W. Stallson*

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Lynn Meeks & Max Leonard  
in prayer for those who have been impacted  
by Hurricane Helene and its aftermath.*

**WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY**

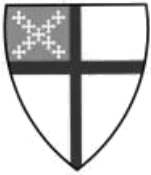
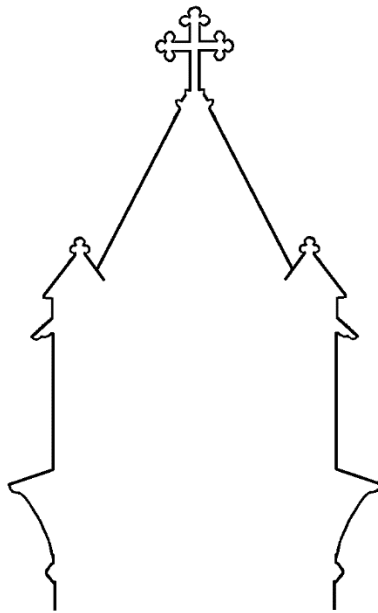
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	Kathie Goodman		Richard Wolfe
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Hadley Briggs	<b>Greeter:</b>	Donna Wiederhold
	Tucker Sheets		
	Ward Inabinett		

**WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!**

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex and join us immediately following the service in the Undercroft (beneath the church) for refreshments and conversation. **Today our hosts are Marjorie Parker and Mary-Cameron Welborn.**

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper-changing stations are provided in both rooms.

**During Holy Communion**, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.



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### THE VESTRY

2025

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2026

Karl Bolstad  
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2027

Dan Briggs  
Melissa Helms  
Mary Matthews  
Leslie Sheets

The Vestry Person of the Month for October is Henry Duquette.