



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SANBORNVILLE, NH

6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

SERVICE TIMES: 8am and 10:30am

REV. SUE POULIN, RECTOR

LECTIONARY READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

SCHEDULED PARTICIPANTS

L.E.M. 8am Peter Campbell, 10:30am Carole Connors

Lector: 8am Jackie Keating, 10:30am Julia Stackpole

Acolyte: 8am Peter Campbell, 10:30am David Moberg

Ushers: 8am Jim Keating, 10:30am Pam and Dave Tyler

Counting: Ann Elkins and Jane Daniell

Coffee Hour: Jane Daniel and Joanne Bond

Altar Guild: Ann Elkins

Bread Ministry for February: Tina Firicano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week Rev. Sue announced her calling to be the new rector of St. Thomas in Dover, NH. Rev. Sue's last Sunday as our rector will be February 25th.

This Sunday February 11th, Canon Kevin Nichols, will be with us, to preach and lead our 10:30 worship. He will share the timeline and lay out the process that is ahead of us.

Please join us for coffee hour following the 10:30 service.

FOOD PANTRY

There was an interesting article in the Granite State News, on February 1st. I will have copies in church this Sunday if you would like to read the whole article and it is worth your time. This is an amazing group of people, who work to serve those in need in our communities. Remember the food basket and jar for monetary donations, are always in the narthex.

From this week's Synthesis.
Culture

As Rev. Sue has often said: I don't pick the readings, just read them as they appear. And this week's readings are about the Transfiguration. A time of change and transformation.

The form of images the church came to accept came to be called icons rather than idols. The difference between an idol and an icon is that with an idol we take an experience of the divine and try to freeze it into a particular image, whereas an icon is a means by which our vision is opened up to the divine beyond the image.

To utilize an icon, to have our vision opened up, we must be formed in such a way so that we can see. This was the last test for Elisha as his master was taken into heaven: "If you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not," Elijah tells Elisha. Elijah knew that if Elisha was not trained yet to see the reality of what was going to happen then he would not be able to handle the "double portion" of his spirit that Elisha has asked for as a final blessing.....

What if our churches were places where we learn to see rightly? Where our plastic minds were formed so that we can begin to see reality? This is what we must seek. But in doing so we must be careful not to make tents on mountaintops, static preservations of divine moments. Instead we must be formed so that we see the Kingdom as it is—real and always around us. This formation for seeing comes by listening, by becoming disciples and immersing ourselves in the stories and teachings of Jesus.

Let us listen so we can see, let our eyes be opened, let us see the incredible reality of the kingdom of God where we no longer have to live according to the lies we used to tell ourselves. This is the work we must turn ourselves to in the Lenten season.

—Ragan Sutterfield, The Ekklesia Project.

On this snowy evening a prayer from the Wisdom of the Celts

The sacred Three
To save,
To shield,
To surround
The hearth,
The house,
The household
This eve,
This night,
And every night,
Each single night.

Amen

The Smoothing of the Fire – Carmina Gadelica

Peace

Carole Connors

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