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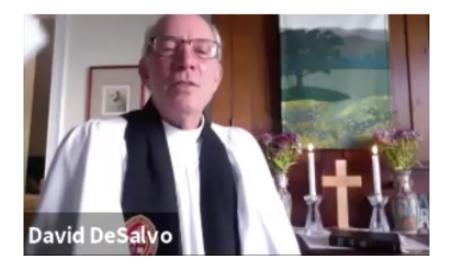


The Rev. David DeSalvo, Priest-in-Charge



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Morning Worship Online



9:00 am Morning Prayer Rite II on Zoom

PC/Smartphone/tablet: https://bit.ly/StJBSundayMorning Join by phone: 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 993 0976 0596, Password: 025189

(Immediately followed by a Zoom virtual coffee hour)

Note: a link to the Bulletin will be provided on Saturday by email.



Sunday Lectionary Readings

<u>Isaiah 45:1-7</u> <u>Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)</u> <u>1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</u> <u>Matthew 22:15-22</u>

Announcements

- Morning Prayer: Sunday, Oct 18 at 9:00am on Zoom. Followed by Zoom Coffee Hour.
- Building Committee Meeting (IF needed): Tuesday, Oct 20 at 4:30 pm on Zoom. Please pray for the health of BC Chair Kirt Gillum.
- Bible Study: Wednesday, Oct 21 at Noon on Zoom. Scripture: Matthew 22:34-46, Theme: The Greatest Commandments. Contact Fr. Dave to join the Zoom invite.
- Book Group: *New Book* <u>With Sighs Too Deep for Words by our</u> Bishop, Rob Hirschfeld, Tuesday, Oct 28 and Tuesday Nov 10 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Contact Fr. Dave to join the Zoom invite.
- Outdoor Eucharist (weather permitting) and UTO in-gathering: Sunday, October 25 at Noon in the church yard. Note: Collection

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of United Thank Offering "Mite Box" offerings will be held Noon - 1:00pm even in the event of inclement weather/Eucharist cancellation.

Editor's Correction: Pam Tyler (with Fr. Dave and Ann Elkins but not Rhonda Burke) represents us at Lakes Region Convocation. Apologies to Pam and Rhonda for the error in last week's eBB.



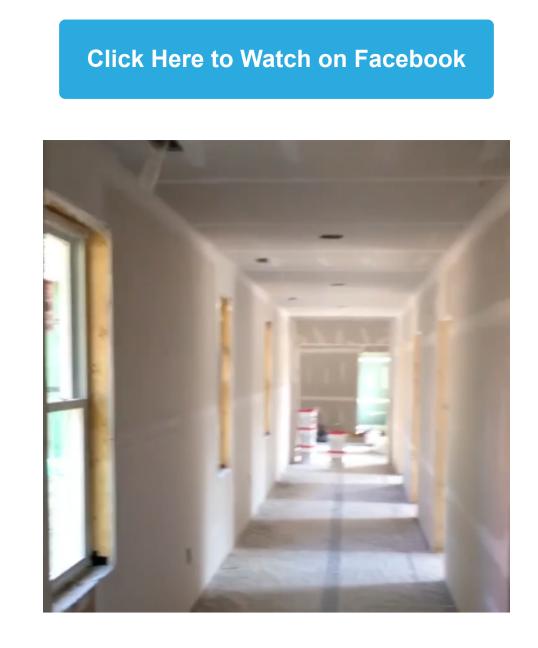
Father Dave's Office Hours

Tuesday, Oct 20 **4:00 - 6:00 pm** Wednesday, Oct 21 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

On Zoom: <u>https://bit.ly/StJBOfficeHours</u> or call Fr. Dave at 302.824.6272 Emergencies, please call Fr. Dave at 302.824.6272

A word on indoor gatherings: Fr. Dave attended a diocesan call today (Oct 15) and learned that a document is coming to all NH Episcopal churches giving guidance about re-opening for indoor worship and meetings. The present position, however, is that all Episcopal churches and missions remain closed for indoor gatherings and continue with virtual worship services, meetings, etc. Rest assured that StJB will reopen when it is safe to do so.

Rocking' the Sheetrock at StJB!! Video from Saturday October 10!!

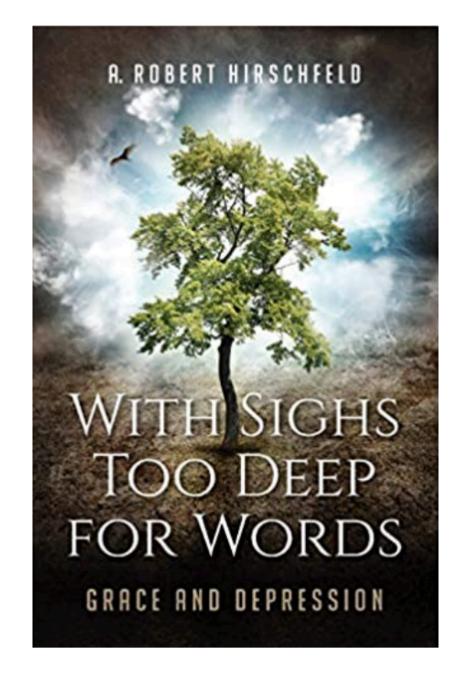


Book Group

New Book by our own Bishop Rob

> Tues Oct 28 and Tues Nov 10

> > 7:00 pm



A meditation and prayer companion for Christians who struggle with depression...or love someone who does.

The stigma around mental illness in our culture has had a damaging effect on those who suffer from its grip. As a priest and bishop, Hirschfeld has quietly and secretly been in treatment for depression for decades but now shares his own experience publicly. In this book, he offers short meditations, prayers, and suggestions of how one can follow and call upon Jesus for strength and peace during times of emotional upheaval.

Christians often feel that their experience of depression or mental illness is a reflection of a deficit in their faith. As a result of seeing depression as a moral shortcoming or spiritual failure, we risk more damage to ourselves and even hurt those around us by denying what is really going on. This book, with its prayers and practical suggestions for spiritual and creative practices and resilience, can be a companion for those who suffer so that they may know more deeply the resilient love of Jesus.

Readings: Oct 28: Chapters 1 - 5. Nov 10: Chapters 6 - Epilogue

All are welcome! Please let Fr. Dave (david.desalvo@gmail.com) know if you'd like to be on the list for the Zoom invitation!

From Father Dave

In this world of online, email and



video connections, Fr. Dave is busy! If you have not yet seen his messages...

> Visit our website's "Church Online" page: https://www.stjohntb.org/church-online for pastoral letters, videos and prayers.

DO YOU KNOW...

About the women who built our church?



Rebecca Maria Phippen Dow 1783 - 1875

We know that our beautiful Carpenter Gothic church was built in 1876-7 through the dedication and generosity of three women: **Rebecca Maria Phippen Do**w, whose dying wish was to see an Episcopal Church built in the village then known as "Wolfeborough Junction", her daughter *Harriette Dow* and her granddaughter (from a different daughter), *Harriette Low*.

Research offers additional interesting facts: (1) these women descended from very early New England settlers, (2) their families were surprisingly - considering the demographics of our town today prosperous and philanthropic and (3) they were committed Christians and Episcopalians.

Rebecca Maria Phippen Dow, in whose name our cornerstone was dedicated, was born in Salem, MA in 1783. Both her father Samuel and mother Mary's families had been in the Salem area for over 130 years, arriving before 1650. In 1806 she married Josiah Dow. Josiah was born in our own Wakefield, NH, where his family moved after his father's service in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. The Dow family also arrived early in America from England, originally settling in Hampton, NH about 1639.

Rebecca Maria and Josiah settled in Wakefield where they had 14 children - eight sons and six daughters – perhaps a reason for her "beautiful Christian character" recognized at the dedication of our church! Josiah was a Dry Goods Merchant, and apparently a very successful one. They also owned a farm.

After Rebecca Maria's death at age 91 two of her descendants, both named Harriette, responded to her wish and raised the funds to build our church in her honor:

Harriette Dow, Rebecca Maria and Josiah's tenth child, who did not marry, remained at home in Wakefield, outlived all her siblings and – apparently – was an important part of her namesake niece's life. The family's comfortable circumstances can be seen through her census listing in 1900: she resided in Wakefield with both a "Companion" and a "Servant". Harriette died in Wakefield in 1904 of breast cancer at age 84. She is buried in the private Dow Cemetery (on the former Dow farm) located off Rt 153 slightly north of the intersection with Canal Rd, where Rebecca Maria is probably also buried.

Harriette Low, the oldest daughter of Rebecca Maria's younger sister, Ellen Almira Dow. Ellen married Abiel Augustus Low of Brooklyn, NY in 1841 when she was 18 years old. Abiel was a merchant like his wife's father, but on a grander scale. In the course of his life he would establish business headquarters in Canton, China and own and operate a fleet of Clipper Ships. He was known for his philanthropy, a tradition he passed to his children. The family moved in lofty circles: one of Harriette's brothers was President of Columbia College and was elected Mayor (at different times) of Brooklyn, then Manhattan. Her two brothers built both the Low Library at Columbia and an Episcopal Hospital in China in honor of their father, Abiel. A sister married into the Pierrepont family, was part of the Gilded Age high-society scene of NYC and Newport, RI and has a portrait that hangs in the Smithsonian gallery. Harriette Low did not marry and died in Newport, RI not many years after the completion of our church, in 1884 at the age of only 42 and was buried at the Low family plot in Brooklyn.

Although it's reported that the funds Harriette Dow and Harriette Low raised to build the church came only in part from their personal fortunes, the families' circumstances give clues to a network that helped them quickly gather the money after Rebecca Maria's death in 1875 for not only a lovely church but also its fittings and stained glass windows (many of which are dedicated to descendants of Rebecca

Maria).

The portrait of Rebecca Maria above belongs to the church. Jackie Keating hopes start a campaign to clean and restore it so we can properly recognize her memory and install it in our new hall.

As we look at our lovely old church – and appreciate the vitality of our new addition – let us be grateful to the two Harriettes and to Rebecca Maria, who inspired them.

> <u>Click to see more about our history on our website at</u> <u>https://stjohntb.org/history</u>



You can lock the doors but you can't close the church!

Please remember that our church is still operating. Now, more than ever, we need your gifts. Checks can be mailed to St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, PO Box 249, Sanbornville, NH 03872.



Louise Billy, Oct 17 Becky Keating, Oct 19 David Moberg, Oct 20 Carole Connors, Oct 23 Jack Cunliffe, Oct 24 Joanne Bond, Oct 26 Anne Grande, Oct 28 Jim Keating, Oct 28 Melissa Cunliffe, Oct 28 Carol Branca, Oct 30

Bill Drown, 10/22



Prayer List: Elijah, Jack, Claire, Joanne L., Tim, Sean, Jenifer and family, Paul, Joanna, Nathan, Fran, Maria, Dan, the Walker family, Joe and Carol, Sue A. & Jim, Anne, Barry, Marge, Harry, Thomas, Sebrina and Tyler, Diane, Pat F., Hazel, John, Tess, Jeffrey, Mickey, Michele, Peggy Sue, Martha, Deidre, Marshall and Victoria, Caroline, Julie, Harrison, Paula, Olara, John, Glenda, Tyler, Roberto and family, Meg, Joanne, Martin and family, Tony S., Pamela, Earl, Michael, Galen, Dennis, Evan, Sharon, Ed, Amos and Jan, Tuffy and Diana, Steve, Martha C., Dick, Jerry, Cheryl and her family, Dave T., Brian, Hap, Ken, Tara, Sydney, Murphy, Kathy, Alex, Autumn, the family and friends of Mike, Oftin, Robert, Mary's friends who had to evacuate in Oregon, Kirt and his family, the Froehling family, Susan, Richard and Lisa, Michael, Bobby's family.
Military Prayer List: Jeremy, Colton, Kevin, David, Maxwell, Martin, Tyler, Alex.

