



# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE MESSENGER

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Dear Faithful Parishioners,

I hope by now you have all seen the vision statement that was toiled and prayed over for a year as a community, with leadership from our Dream Weaver team. It was blessed and celebrated as part of our Pentecost feast and now sits ready to be given its legs to walk. If you have not seen it, you can find it on Page 4 of this newsletter. Copies are also available in the Gallery.

I was encouraged to look at each statement and find a specific initiative that inspired me to carry forward – just one new, measurable idea that stirred excitement in my own being to then share and create excitement within the community. I said in my sermon on June 3rd that right now is one of my favorite periods in a lifetime as an Episcopalian. Part of that is the vision and articulation of our faith that is being proclaimed by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. Our St. Michael's Vision Statement reads, "We embrace resilience by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope." In further discerning my initial interest and excitement, I underlined "proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love." And then I wrote the word EVANGELISM.

I truly feel like our unique and particular Pacific Northwest corner of the world is hungry to hear a message proclaiming love. Our Presiding Bishop is paving the way through highly publicized preaching (at the recent royal wedding), chats on *Good Morning America* and even a spoof on *Saturday Night Live*. A bit more behind the scenes, though, he is working to equip us to spread the same message. Through a partnership with the Rev. Jim Wallis, president and founder of Sojourners, and a group of colleagues, a declaration was written called *Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis* – which can be found at [reclaimingjesus.org](http://reclaimingjesus.org) – and a nine-week Bible study was created to learn how we can do our part to reclaim Jesus. During the summer, I am offering this course.

In the spirit of Moral Mondays, you are invited to join me for any or all of these nine sessions, each just one hour long. We will gather in the Parish Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 pm on these dates:

- June 11, 18 and 25
- August 13, 20 and 27
- September 10,17 and 24

From the Declaration: *Our urgent need, in a time of moral and political crisis, is to recover the power of confessing our faith. Lament, repent, and then repair. We believe it is time to speak and to act in faith and conscience, not because of politics, but because we are disciples of Jesus Christ. It is time for a fresh confession of faith.*

I hope you will join me.

Faithfully,

Rev. Christopher Craun

