

October 14, 2021



*“While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Matthew 26:26*

Dear St. Anne’s Family,

As we regather, I feel a sense of expectation that I’ve heard many express. After months of uncertainty, it feels like we can now begin to plan ahead. It’s exciting to welcome members we’ve only met online, revitalize ministries with new ideas, and refresh our worship spaces while continuing to enjoy the outdoor areas we’ve grown to love. And it’s especially exciting to prepare to welcome our new rector!

The theme this year – Broken Open – comes directly from our Communion experience where we are received, blessed, broken, and given – and then we Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

### **St. Anne’s serves in many ministries where we are broken open for the sake of a world so in need of love!**

Over the next several weeks during worship, you will hear Ministry Moments about ministries that continue to thrive at St. Anne’s through our **‘Broken Open’** story series. These might include:



Increasing the number of people we feed through the Pantry as the COVID crisis deepened for so many

Supporting voter registration drives and registration tables in coordination with Cornerstones



Since regathering in Spring, celebrating Holy Eucharist together indoors and outdoors

Just as Jesus blessed and broke the bread at the Last Supper, transforming plain bread into something special, Jesus continues to set us free for his love and service. Please join me and all vestry members with your 2022 annual pledge. Your generosity during these transformational days is essential to St. Anne’s and to the community in which we live. God has given us all we need, and it is our great joy to give back.

Your Stewardship Committee will be sending you a packet with your pledge card and an appeal. I invite you to receive this with grace and prayer as you consider how you will share with God and God’s Church from what you have received.

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura +'. The plus sign is a simple cross.

The Rev. Laura D. Cochran  
Associate Rector

P.S. If you would like to make a pledge online now, please use this link: <http://tinyurl.com/sa-pledge2022>.