



# New Song Notes

## September 8, 2019

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### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Mission: To invite all to know Christ, celebrate God's presence and be Christ's body in the world.*

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## Calendar



TODAY	-Holy Eucharist —10:00 am -Community Hour — 11:15 a.m. -Spirit School led by Stephen McTier: "Sufi Dervish Practice"
THIS P.M.	-Installation of Rev. John Greve as Rector of Grace Episcopal — 3:30 p.m. All New Songers invited.
TONIGHT	-Taizé Service — 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	-Meditation Group meets at Mercy Hospital Chapel — 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	-Vestry Meeting, Upstairs — 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 25	-TED Talk & Simple Meal Restarts — 5:30—7:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	-David Evans Visitation, Lensing Funeral Home (live jazz band) — 4 to 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	-Celebration of Life for David Evans, Unitarian Univ. Assembly — 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	-Three Rivers Chapter will sponsor Three Rivers Fall Festival at Christ Episcopal Church, Cedar Rapids — 2:00—5:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	-New Song's 25th Anniversary Celebration!
Oct. 11-13	-New Beginnings #23 at St. John's, Dubuque for Youth in grades 6-9; Register online at <a href="http://iowaepiscopal.org">iowaepiscopal.org</a> to be staff by 9/20 and for youth by 10/4

## News and Announcements

*September Prayer to End Racism  
— for racial equality in education, housing,  
public services, and employment opportunity:*

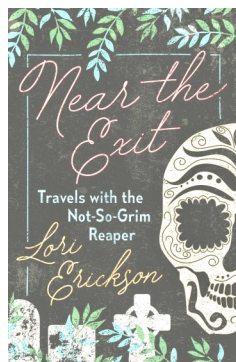
*“God our Creator, you created human-kind in your image, and blessed us with your love. Help us to show that love to one another as we work for equality for all races in education, housing, public services, and employment opportunity. Give us strength and courage to speak out against injustice, and to work for the transformation of unjust systems that keep some in bondage: that we may more fully live out your kingdom here on Earth, through Jesus Christ your son, who came to set us free.”  
Amen*

### **NEW SONG INVITED TO ATTEND JOHN GREVE’S INSTALLATION TODAY**

All New Songers are invited to attend John’s installation as Rector of Grace Episcopal in Cedar Rapids at 3:30 p.m. TODAY. Rides can be arranged during Community Hour if you would like a ride. John is an original member of New Song. We are his family, and he looks forward to our presence. If you can come, he requests your help in providing a few sweets for the reception!

### **LORI ERICKSON’S NEW BOOK FINDING WIDE SUCCESS IN READINGS**

Deacon Lori has a new book just published this last



week entitled, “*Near the Exit: Travels with the Not-So-Grim Reaper.*” Syndy Conger who has reviewed the book says it will appeal to armchair travelers and those who see their travels as pilgrimages, but will especially speak to the hearts of those who are themselves still grieving the loss of a loved one or anticipating their own exit. Lori was featured on Public Radio on Monday, Aug

26 and read from her new book to a large crowd on Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Prairie Lights! This week she read to a large audience in Decorah, her home town.

### **CONSTRUCTION WORK ON ROOF EXTENSION AWAITING FINAL STAGES**

Most of the rough work on the roof extension is now completed, according to Lynn Hochstetler Construction of Kalona, who are working with New Song on the project. The final stage is awaiting the arrival of finishing materials such as siding and trim. A storm door has also been ordered. Once this work is completed, New Songers will be needed to put on the final coats of paint. If you enjoy the fellowship of working together on a project, talk to Jim Conger or Bob Sessions in the next few weeks. The work may even be completed by New Song’s Silver Anniversary Oct. 6!

### **THREE RIVERS FALL FEST TO FEATURE INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND GAMES**

Plan to attend the Three Rivers Fall Festival from 2—5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. There will be snack foods from South Africa and Scotland to celebrate our companion dioceses of Swaziland and Brechin. Mixed in will be well known games from these areas such as “Stones,” “Ring Toss,” “Tire and Stick Racing” and more, as well as entertainment. Tickets for food and participation will be sold on-site. All money raised will be used to host an international youth gathering from our companion dioceses in Iowa in 2020. The site will be the grassy lawn surrounding Christ Church in Cedar Rapids, 220 40th St. NW. New Songers will be asked to help!



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### **TED TALK SEPT. 25 : HOW CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECTS MENTAL HEALTH**

Has the looming prospect of climate change been spooking you from time to time? If so, you’ll want to catch the TED topic for Sept. 25: “How climate change affects your mental health.” Science writer Britt Wray will explore how climate change is threatening our well-being, and offers a starting point for what we can do about it. Join the group at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, for a viewing, discussion, and a light meal flavored with a generous dose of fellowship!

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept. 11 — Emily Silliman  
Sept. 12 — Jennifer Stone