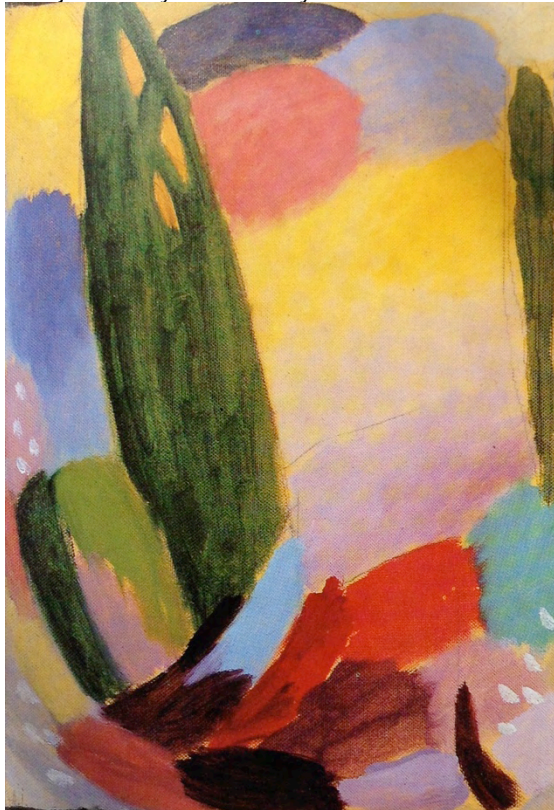


Lord, who can be trusted with power,  
and who may act in your place?  
Those with a passion for justice,  
who speak the truth from their hearts;  
who have let go of selfish interests  
and grown beyond their own lives;  
who see the wretched as their family  
and the poor as their flesh and blood.  
They alone are impartial  
and worthy of the people's trust.  
Their compassion lights up the whole earth,  
and their kindness endures forever.

Psalm 15, Translation by Stephen Mitchell

Alexej Jawlensky, Summer Day



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**Rev. Wielki will be away May 29 – June 16**  
attending the International Whitsun Conference in  
Den Haag, The Netherlands and for vacation. In  
case of an emergency you can try her cell phone or  
call Rev. Oliver Steinrueck at 773 368 8558.  
After June 4<sup>th</sup> call Robb Creese (212) 787-2457

#### **Priest exchange as a work vacation**

Sundays August 27 and September 3  
Rev. Susan Locey from Vancouver, BC  
will be with our congregation and Rev. Wielki will serve the  
Vancouver congregation, allowing both to experience a  
different city and congregation.

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**Pentecost - St. John's - Trinity**  
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## SERVICES

THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF MAN  
Sundays at 11:00 AM

Whit-Sunday, June 4  
Devotional Gathering at 11:00 AM  
(The Act of Consecration will not be celebrated)

Thursdays at 9:00 AM  
Not in June and Irregular during July and August  
Please call to confirm 212-877-0208

CHILDREN'S SUNDAYS  
Resumes in September  
Call for dates

## PENTECOST

**Pentecost Sunday, June 4**  
11:00 AM **Devotional Gathering**  
The Act of Consecration will not be celebrated  
Rev. Wielki is attending the International Whitsun  
Conference in the Netherlands

## TRINITY SEASON

**Sunday, June 11**  
11:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man  
12 Noon Light lunch followed by talk:  
**What Are We Really Afraid of?**  
Rev. Peter Skaller, Hillsdale, NY

## ST. JOHN'S SEASON

**St. John's Day, Saturday, June 24**  
10:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man

**Sunday, July 9**  
11:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:00 Noon light Lunch  
followed by talk and conversation  
**Offering With Him**  
Elements of Christian Renewal in the Act of  
Consecration of Man

## TRINITY SEASON

**Sunday, August 6**  
According to tradition the day of the Transfiguration  
11:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man  
12:00 Noon Light Lunch followed by  
**The Transfiguration**  
**In Art and in the Gospel**

**Sunday, August 27**  
11:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man  
12 Noon Light lunch followed by  
**Conversation with Rev. Susan Locey**  
Vancouver, BC

**Sunday, September 17**  
11:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man  
12 Noon Light lunch followed by  
**Community Meeting**  
Summer Memories - Autumn Challenges  
*With the wind in our backs, the road ahead ...*

Dear Congregation,

On Sunday afternoon, April 30, we hosted for the neighborhood a Memorial Service for a young homeless man who died in Riverside Park. Everyone in the neighborhood knew him. For four years he was a quiet presence on a bench down the Street from The Christian Community or by the river. The event was reviewed in the West Side Rag, a local paper for the upper Westside. <http://www.westsiderag.com/2017/05/02/a-proper-memorial-service-for-an-anonymous-but-beloved-homeless-man>

Summer reading: Go to the website [www.thechristiancommunity.org](http://www.thechristiancommunity.org) and read the latest North American Newsletter for many pages of substantive and informative content.

On the same website you can also download more free reading material from our publishing house, Floris Books.

Summer lends itself to dip into one's playful creativity, to spend some time outdoors, to be more attentive to one's sense perceptions in this world. The elemental beings feel a sense of liberation when we take in the sights of the natural world with real interest. You may think you cannot draw or write, but consider these words of Mary Oliver:

*It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch  
a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway  
into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak.*

Mary Oliver calls it Praying