

WILDERNESS WORDS

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This Sunday:

Leading: Lee
Preaching: David C.
Presiding: Carolyn

Readings This Week:

First Reading & Psalm:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

Alternate First Reading & Psalm:

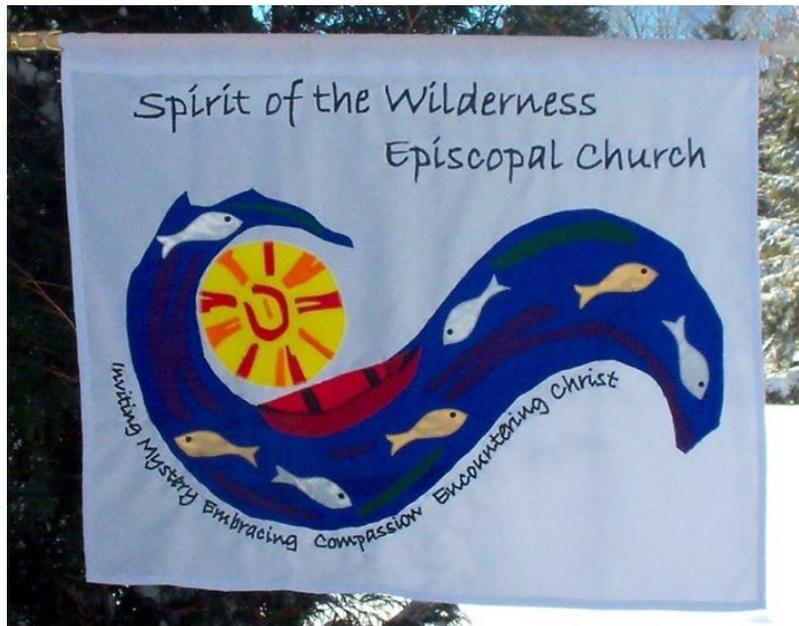
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 and
Psalm 15

Second Reading:

James 1:17-27

Gospel:

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



From Mary Ellen Ashcroft:

(From Iona, Scotland)

Iona is very beautiful and remote ... from Glasgow, a train, ferry, bus, and ferry; St. Columba got there in 582 and started his monastery and there have been pilgrims there since. We joined the Iona Community in its life for a week, with services, cleaning and cooking tasks, singing, a pilgrimage around the island. The other people at the Abbey for the week were from all over the world; we were fortunate with good weather and walked a lot. Letha is an old friend — thirty years we worked out — so it was good to be with her there.

At SOTW we use lots of music from the Iona Community and it became clear to me why it resonates so much with us — their values are hospitality, seeing how to be the hands and feet of Christ, and community.

This time felt very personally healing to me ... I felt I could get the bigger picture and remember that God has been and is God. I am grateful for this time.

Letha and I left Iona Friday and went (by ferry, bus, ferry, bus and then car) to a wee village in the West Highlands called Sheildag where we are staying until

Save these Dates:

August 30: After Church Picnic at Sue and Ron Sutphin's cabin on Poplar Lake. Details Below.

Oct. 18: Annual Meeting after Church.

Picnic Details:

We will host a "fun filled" potluck at our cabin on Poplar Lake, after the Sunday service, August 30th. I will make Cavatelli with and without meat. If you can bring something to help fill out the menu, great,

if not, please come anyway. If the weather is warm enough and you like to swim, bring your suit. We have a kayak and a canoe for anyone who wants to try their hand with those.

We hope to see then.

Ron and Sue Sutphin

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Tuesday. We are driving on these single track roads with hair pin bends and many sheep up over steep hills and down to lochs ... and hiking a lot ... we are cooking and praying and knitting

Although internet has been intermittent, I have heard from family that blood counts for Steve were good again this chemo ... for which I am very thankful.

We head to London tomorrow — (car, train, taxi, plane) — and meet Suzanne before heading to France to meet up with other old friend, Jo.

Thanks to all for prayers and for holding down the fort so I can be here ...

Blessings, *Mary Ellen*

Pastoral Care Committee Assignments:

(week starting) August 23, Ginny; August 30, Carolyn.

