

THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMMANUEL

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2009



Peace Be Still by He Qi from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" *Mark 4:35-41*

Bishop Laura's visit to Emmanuel Church on June 14, 2009

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Laura Ahrens celebrated Eucharist with us last Sunday and preached a great sermon. Before the blessing, she took some time to talk with our young people about her mitre (hat) and crozier (hook) and how they relate to her job as bishop.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Paul's Church Tag Sale, Westbrook Green, Saturday, June 20 from 9-2.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, June 21 after church and some fellowship time.

Four Seasons Summer Concert, Sunday, June 28 at 4 p.m. See Rosemarie to help out with baked goods.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church, July 8-17 in Anaheim, California.

Community BBQ, Saturday, July 11 starting at 5 p.m. See Darcey if you can help out.

Town Meeting to meet the candidates for diocesan bishop, Central Connecticut State University, Friday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

Diocesan Convention, including the election of the 15th bishop of the diocese, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, October 23-24. (The slate of candidates should be released on July 1.)

A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Holy Father,

You are the one who knows how absolutely special fathers are. You made them that way. How else can a man work so hard, give so much, and love unconditionally, without your strength? So first, Lord, thank you for fathers, for daddies. For big, strong men with tender hearts, with hands that are calloused and rough, yet so soft and gentle when hearts need mending.

Lord, help children to delight this day in being with their dads, even if it must be only by phone. May the precious memories flow, and bring laughter, and new love and appreciation.

Lord, please take care of our dads. Though they are brave and protective, they must also be frightened sometimes, when money runs low, when we need things, when we're hurt or sick. Lord, when their hearts break because they can't do it all, please help us to let them know how much we love them. And how much you love them.

Lord, forgive the men who know they are not good fathers, and help them to know when and if they can make things better, with your help. And Oh, Lord, for those Dads who keep trying and keep loving after messing up so many times, help their children to love them even more in return. Lord, for that Dad who has lost a child, please let him know you are there, right beside him, for nothing else can heal a heart so torn. For the father who is parenting alone, strengthen him with your love.

For those whose father is already with you, give him a hug, Lord, and tell him it's from his children.

And you, too, Lord.
Happy Father's Day!
In Jesus' name,
Amen