



Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan

Our Mission

Our mission, rooted in the Episcopal tradition, is to worship God, to follow Jesus Christ, to grow together in the Holy Spirit, and to serve the world.

Our Vision

Our vision is to live our values and be healthy, mission-focused diverse parishes with innovative, collaborative engagement at all levels.

Our Values

Transformation of Lives

We Value:

- + Living our baptismal promises, inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- + Empowering each other on our spiritual journey with Jesus Christ.
- + Bringing God into our lives through prayer, holy communion, meditation, and action.
- + Faith formation programs for youth and adults.
- + Building healthy congregations.

Service to Others

We Value:

- + A life of service with those in need, as modeled by Jesus Christ.
- + Participation in local, national, and international ministries.
- + Promoting justice for all, especially the voiceless and unheard.

Active Participation

We Value:

- + Participation of youth and adults together in the life of the church.
- + The active involvement of all congregations in the ministries of The Episcopal Church and our Diocese, with the Bishop as our chief pastor.
- + Coming together regularly for worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Acceptance & Respect

We Value:

- + Jesus' commandment that we love one another
- + The dignity of every human being.
- + Celebrating, affirming, and including all persons.
- + A safe, nurturing environment.

Sharing

We Value:

- + God's gifts, grace, and love by being faithful stewards.
- + Jesus' example to share abilities, time, and money beyond ourselves.
- + Reaching out and accepting all people of faith.
- + Looking within and beyond our borders to promote reconciliation, acceptance, and respect.

Engaging Worship

We Value:

- + Inspirational, scripture-based, Christ-centered worship that draws us closer to God.
- + Sacred traditions and beauty of our historic worship.
- + Worship as the expression of our spiritual involvement and growth.