



## ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear parishioners of St. Edward's,

In times of transition, Jesus turned to God with questions, not necessarily needing an answer, but hoping for direction, for comfort, for hope.

St. Edward's is entering this time of transition. After decades of distinguished service Father Casey has been called to a new ministry journey in his retirement, and it falls to us to guide this parish into the future with the help of God's steady hand. We truly are the stewards of God's kingdom this year in a way that's just a little more meaningful, just a touch closer to home than usual, and it is a responsibility that we must bear with equal measures of thoughtfulness and care.

The act of giving is its own reward. It is no secret that for St. Edward's to be successful in the future, not only in worship but also in the efforts of the search committee we seek a fruitful and thoughtful stewardship season. As our Presiding Bishop, The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, reminds us, stewardship gives us the tools to practice our faith in the way of love – to learn from one another in God's presence, to pray together, to worship the Lord and all his works, to bless those we know and those that we do not, to go forward speaking the good word, to rest easy in the hands of a loving God, and in our time of transition and change to turn once more to God, to Jesus his son, and to the Holy Spirit.

To support the ministry of St. Edward's we have no resources but God's grace, our own endeavors, the generosity of guests, and the support and generosity of you, our parishioner, who understands that St. Edward's is more than a building, but rather a community of faith that comes together in worship and service.

Therefore, we invite you to prayerfully consider completing the pledge form enclosed with this letter and return it prior to Sunday, January 13, 2019, which will be our Ingathering. If you are able, we invite you to consider increasing your pledge or giving, in thankfulness for what God in Christ has done for you and to support your community of faith. We know that together, in these exciting next steps of parish life, we are buoyed by the strength of God's love and the support of each other.

With gratitude,

Brian Newsome, Senior Warden

Susan Landin, Stewardship Chairperson