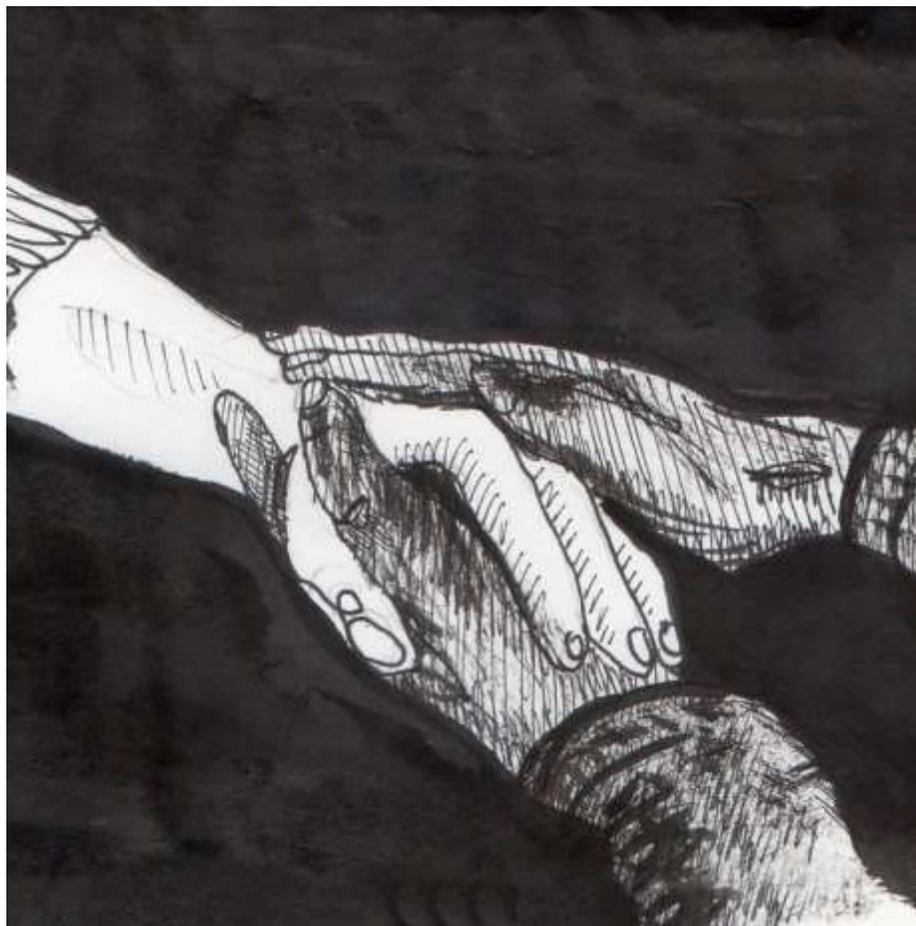




THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
St. Paul & St. James



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

10:30 AM Morning Prayer

## PRELUDE

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

## OPENING HYMN H376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

*Leader:* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

**People:** And your glory all the day long.

**All:** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*Leader:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **AMEN.**

**People:** And your glory all the day long.

**All:** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **AMEN.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE *We've come this far by faith*

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord;  
Trust-ing in His ho-ly word, He's nev-er failed me yet.  
Oh can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith. Fine

*Please be seated for the the Psalm and the Readings.*

## A READING FROM ROMANS 14:1-12

**W**elcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we

are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**All:** Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. AMEN.

**THE PSALM** Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

**1 Hallelujah!**

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**2** Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

**3** The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

**4** The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

**5** What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**6** You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

**7** Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**8** Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 18: 21-35.**

**P**eter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I

will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **SERMON Lynne Severance**

### **JAZZ RESPONSE**

*A musical response to the sermon*

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I** believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
**I** believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
**I** believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.  
We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.  
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.  
We believe in everlasting life in God.  
And we believe in the hope that one day  
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Leader:* Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. AMEN.

**P**ADRE nuestro  
que estás en los cielos  
Santificado sea tu Nombre  
Venga tu reino  
Hágase tu voluntad  
En la tierra como en el cielo  
Danos hoy el pan de este día y  
perdona nuestras deudas  
como nosotros perdonamos  
nuestros deudores  
y no nos dejes caer en al tentación  
sino que líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la  
Gloria, ahora y por siempre. AMEN.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**    *BCP, p. 233*

**O** God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us Pray

O God of Jacob and our God, we call upon your name and ask for your guidance that we may seek and follow you. May we trust in your leading, as the Israelites did, tremble, O earth at the presence of the Lord,  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

God of Creation, the earth has trembled in Morocco and waters have flooded Libya. Homes have been lost and families separated. May all who suffer, find comfort. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Loving God, we are often like Peter, seeking the limits of your mercy and grace. Give us eyes to see one another and ourselves with mercy, love, and grace. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

God of compassion, be present to those on our prayer list and especially for Alyce, Greta, John, Kathie, Mary Jane, Matt, Nanci, Nancy, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Please add their names, either silently or aloud. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

Creator God, the climate emergency is here. May we learn to use our earth's resources wisely. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* La paz del Senor sea siempre con ustedes. *People:*    **Y con tu espiritu.**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:*    **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

**O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, especially Tiffany, Tiras, Dorothy and John as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11 (p 377, BCP)*

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

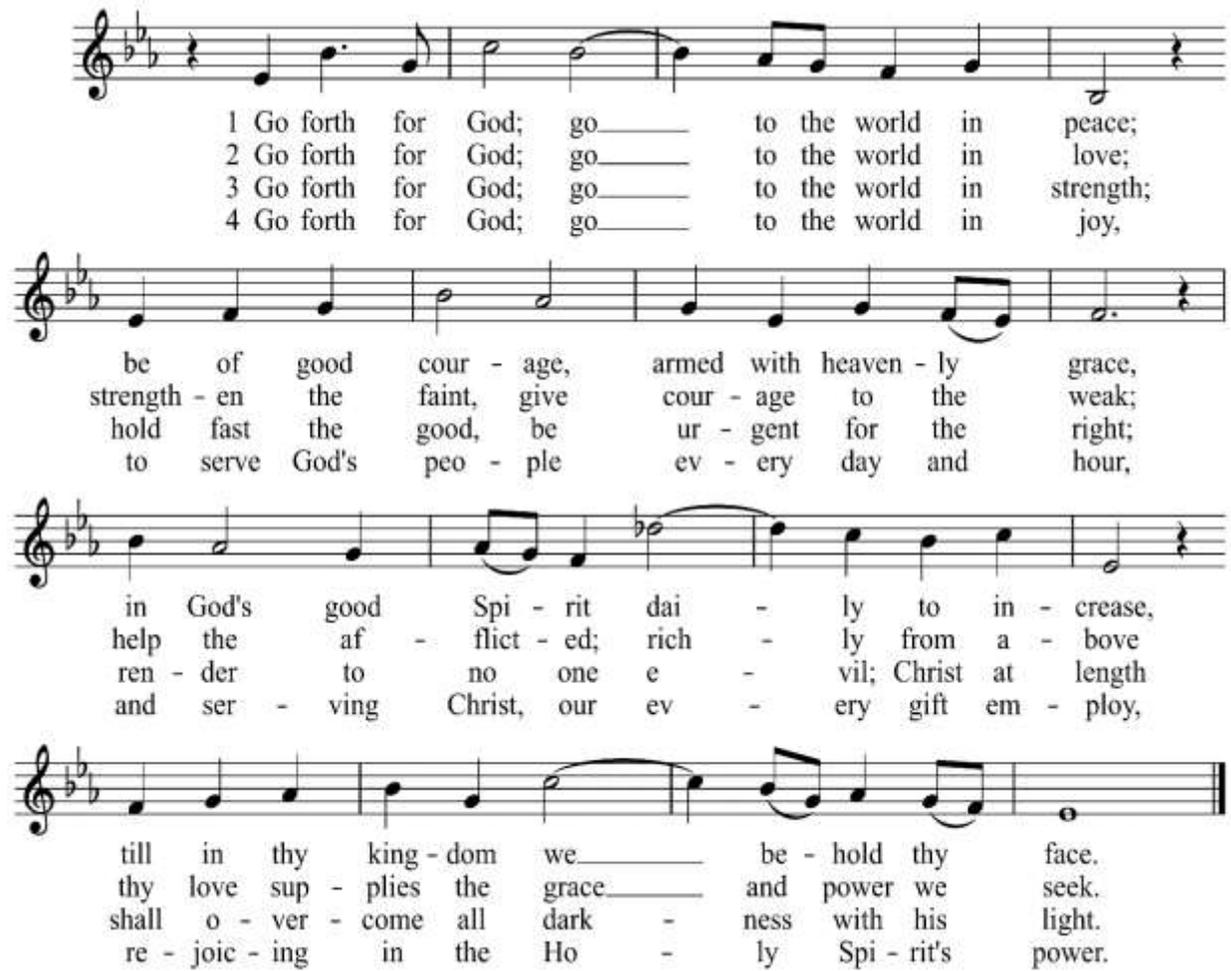
### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spririt, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Leader: Let us bless the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN H347 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace



1 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
2 Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
3 Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
4 Go forth for God; go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in thy king - dom we be - hold thy face.  
thy love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.  
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

**DISMISSAL**

*Leader:* Let us bless our God and all Creation. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTLUDE**

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# GRACE NOTES

— YOU ARE WELCOME HERE —

## Sunday Worship

10:30 am

*in person and livestreamed on Facebook  
visit our website to find the livestream*

## Wednesday Noonday Prayer

12:30 pm

*in person in the Chapel,  
enter by the ramp off Chapel St.*



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SERVING TODAY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

September 17, 2023

**Leader:**

Marilyn Bergen

**Preacher:**

Lynne Severance

**Worship Leaders:**

Kate Galambos

Maurice Harris

Vanessa Gonzalez-Rivera

**Musicians:**

Will Cleary

Alec Pedersen

Dylan Rowland

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Masking is optional at St. PJs worship services, meetings, and events. This decision was made by the leadership of the parish after carefully weighing public health recommendations as well as the on-going needs and desires of the parish. St. PJs remains a "mask-friendly" environment. Please respect everyone's personal decisions whether or not to wear a mask.

In addition, please be aware that by attending church, you are participating in our live stream, which means you may appear in a video which is streamed and archived on our YouTube or Facebook page.

## REGULAR EVENTS

### SHARE A PRAYER

Lord, thank you for your greatness. Thank you that when I am weak, you are strong. Lord, the Devil is scheming and I know he desires to keep me from spending time with you. Don't let him win! Give me a measure of your strength so that I might not give into discouragement, deception and doubt! Help me honor you in all my ways. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~ *Debbie Przybylski*

### NEW OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS

As we move to streamline some of our office systems, we are transitioning our office email system to a new email address. The new email address is [office@stpaulstjames.org](mailto:office@stpaulstjames.org).

### TO DONATE TO ST. PJs

If you wish to donate to St. PJs, via Venmo, Paypal or Credit Card, please scan the QR code below:



## WELCOME TO ST. PJs!

If you're visiting St. PJs for the first time, or for the first time in a while, we extend a special welcome to you. Whether you are joining us in the building or via Facebook, we're so fortunate to be together. Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on life's journey, and whatever questions dwell in your heart, you are welcome here. Whatever your race, class, sexuality, beliefs, or talents, we hope that you join us in the radical hospitality of God's table.

If you are worshipping with children today, welcome! And please don't worry – crying, laughter, and wandering little feet don't bother us! If you need help finding the bathrooms or a changing table please ask an Usher.

Finally, we invite you to consider signing one of our guest books, located at the front and back of the church. This will allow us to keep you up-to-date on all the "goings on" around St. PJs.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you someone who wishes to write the Prayers of the People once a month? If interested, please see Marilyn Bergen or text me at 203 605-2811 or email @ [mjb.bergen@gmail.com](mailto:mjb.bergen@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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New Haven Free Public Library  
St. Paul & St. James Church  
The New Haven Museum  
Wiloughby's Coffee  
Witch Bitch Thrift  
Staten Library  
The Gunnon  
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## PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed and their families and friends.

*Blessed are they who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors.*

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We give thanks for the birthdays and anniversaries of members, friends, and supporters of the St. Pj's community.

*Tiffany McDowell-(9/17)*  
*John Abdenour-(9/17)*  
*Tiras Jaske-(9/20)*  
*Dorothy Hass-(9/21)*

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...  
-Romans 15:13*

## ST. PJ'S PRAYER LIST

*The list reflects prayer requests for those who are homebound, or who have long-term concerns. During the Prayers of the People we read aloud the names of those who are experiencing acute illness or distress.*

Charles Amore	Edd Eldridge	Rev. Ron Kolanowski
Charles Harris	Andy Barnes	Bishop Michael Curry
Cynthia King	Theresa Kovacs	Bruce & Ann Levison
Gary Sapp & Family	Herman Mukwaya	Anne Matthies
Gwen Chapin	Isaiah Colville	Greta Ward
Hanne Howard	Judi Barnes	Dwayne McDowell
Nanci Perez	Nanci Perez	Nancy Aldrich
Leota Tucker	Enid Harrison	Brenda & Juhani Jaske
Marcia Smith	John Hill	Mary Jane Roy
Tiras Jaske	Marilyn Bergen	Pete Golsol
Ralph Magwood	Jean Sayre	Matt Keating
Edwina Johnson	John DeRosa	Alyce O'Keeley
Martha	Julie	Andrew, Anastasia & Katherine Oghy
Gwen	Misha	Michael

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William Cleary, Director of Music  
Dylan Rowland, Associate Music Director  
Susan Yates, Liturgist  
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Samuel Rodriguez, Sexton  
The Rev. Steve Crowson, Priest Associate

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Treasurer: David Hill  
Clerk: Maggie King

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Maggie King	Roni Holcomb	