

# Jesus Lives Here



**BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING:** At my baptism as a baby in a small Episcopal parish in Virginia, my parents, godparents and parishioners promised to see that I was brought up in the Christian faith and life. How I thank my Lord that this has been true all throughout my life! Here at the Cathedral we make the same promises for those being baptized. **How is it that we keep and carry out our commitments?**

In Genesis 12:1-3 God promised to  **bless Abraham so that he would be a blessing to others, and that through him “all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.”**

Here at the Cathedral I have witnessed opportunities for youth of all ages to be nurtured, encouraged and challenged to learn and grow together in service to others and to bond in friendships that go beyond this community. The homeless are being served – even one being confirmed after being accepted here.

My own experience in the Christian faith is constantly being nourished as I participate in our rich liturgy and worship; singing, praying and praising our Lord; as lector, chalice bearer, greeter of those who faithfully come and of those who are new to come.

My greatest joy is being a Pastoral Visitor. For more than a decade I have been blessed to participate in the lives of those who are unable to get to church. The joyful tears of thanksgiving of those receiving prayer shawls from “Yarns of Love” have been mine to share. The sharing of the history of this parish with members from the early twentieth century has swelled my sense of this community of faith. The sacred privilege of being at the gate with those as they enter paradise has filled me with a sense of awe at God’s eternal mercy.

What a plethora of opportunities to follow the **WAY OF LOVE!**

**TURN** to intentionally follow Jesus

**LEARN** from Scripture of Jesus’ life and teachings

**PRAY** regularly, each day

**WORSHIP** together in thanksgiving and praise

**BLESS** each other

**GO** live like Jesus and tell of his love

**REST** in God’s grace and re-creation

**How have YOU been blessed to be a blessing?**

--Laura C. Drum