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Diocese of Western Massachusetts Revival

On October 21st, the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts will host revival events in Pittsfield and Worcester. The revival will consist of two services, along with several opportunities for Episcopalians to serve the wider community.

The first of the two services will take place at First United Methodist Church in Pittsfield. At 1:00 pm Eastern, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher will preside and the Presiding Bishop will preach at the Holy Eucharist. The second service will occur at 5 pm Eastern at the Hanover Theater in Worcester. This service will feature music and testimonies, along with preaching by Bishop Curry on the Way of Love.

Episcopal revivals, far from singular events in the life of a region, are preceded by focused community service from Western Massachusetts Episcopalians. In Worcester, the faithful will focus on cleaning up a neighborhood park, beautifying and blessing the area, and gathering people for worship. During the month of September, Addiction Awareness Month, Episcopalians on the western side of the diocese have worked to educate their communities about the scourge of drug addiction and the hope and health available to them through ministry and treatment. The entire diocese has
also undertaken the Bible Challenge, reading the entire Bible over the course of a year.

Please keep the Western Massachusetts Revival, its participants and planners, and the people of the diocese in your prayers. Selected portions of the revival will be live-streamed on the Episcopal Church’s Facebook page. For more information, including future revival locations and events, please visit bit.ly/episcopalrevivals.

A Prayer for the Western Massachusetts Revival
God of the living, your faithful love has made us a people of hope. This hope is your gift to be shared. We wonder how to share Jesus’ mission of mercy, compassion and hope in this time, in this place. We hear voices that cry out for your justice. We see children who long for bread. We are waiting for your Word to spark our imagination. We are trusting that you will lead us to a deeper praise that touches hearts and lifts up those who are bowed down. We know that if we wonder, listen and wait, you will revive your people. We thank you for guiding our way and for what we, as yet, cannot see. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.

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