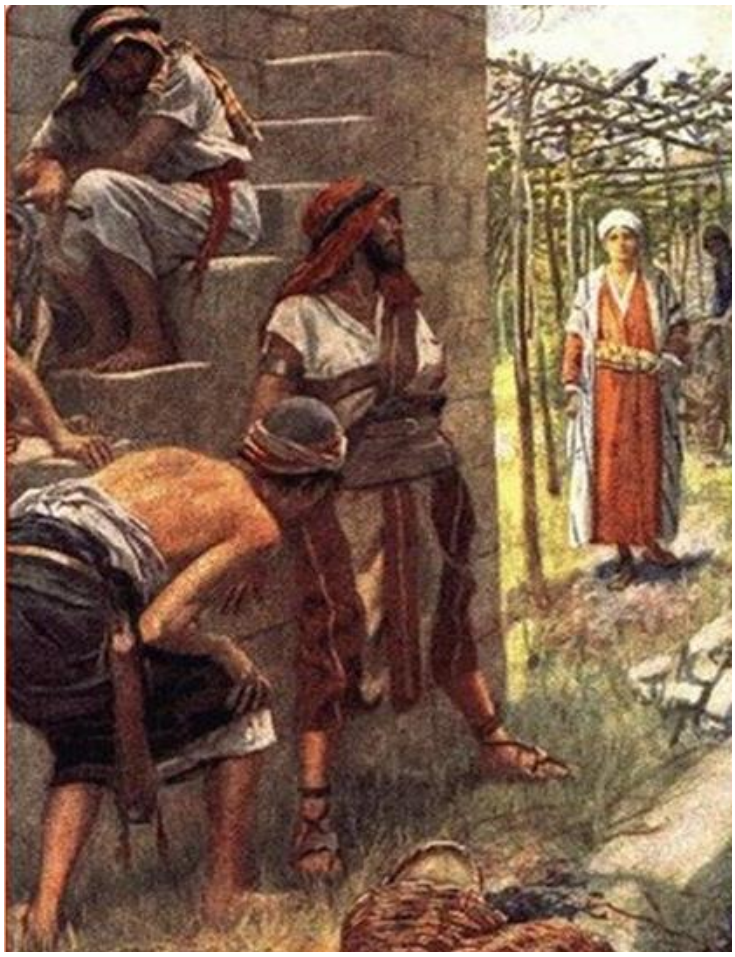
# St. Paul's Episcopal Church
# Canton, Ohio

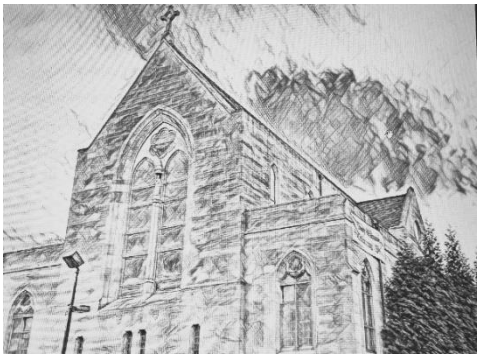


## Sunday, October 8, 2023
## 10:30 a.m.

## Holy Eucharist Rite II
## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome to St. Paul's

## Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.



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## Our mission

St. Paul's is a radically welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

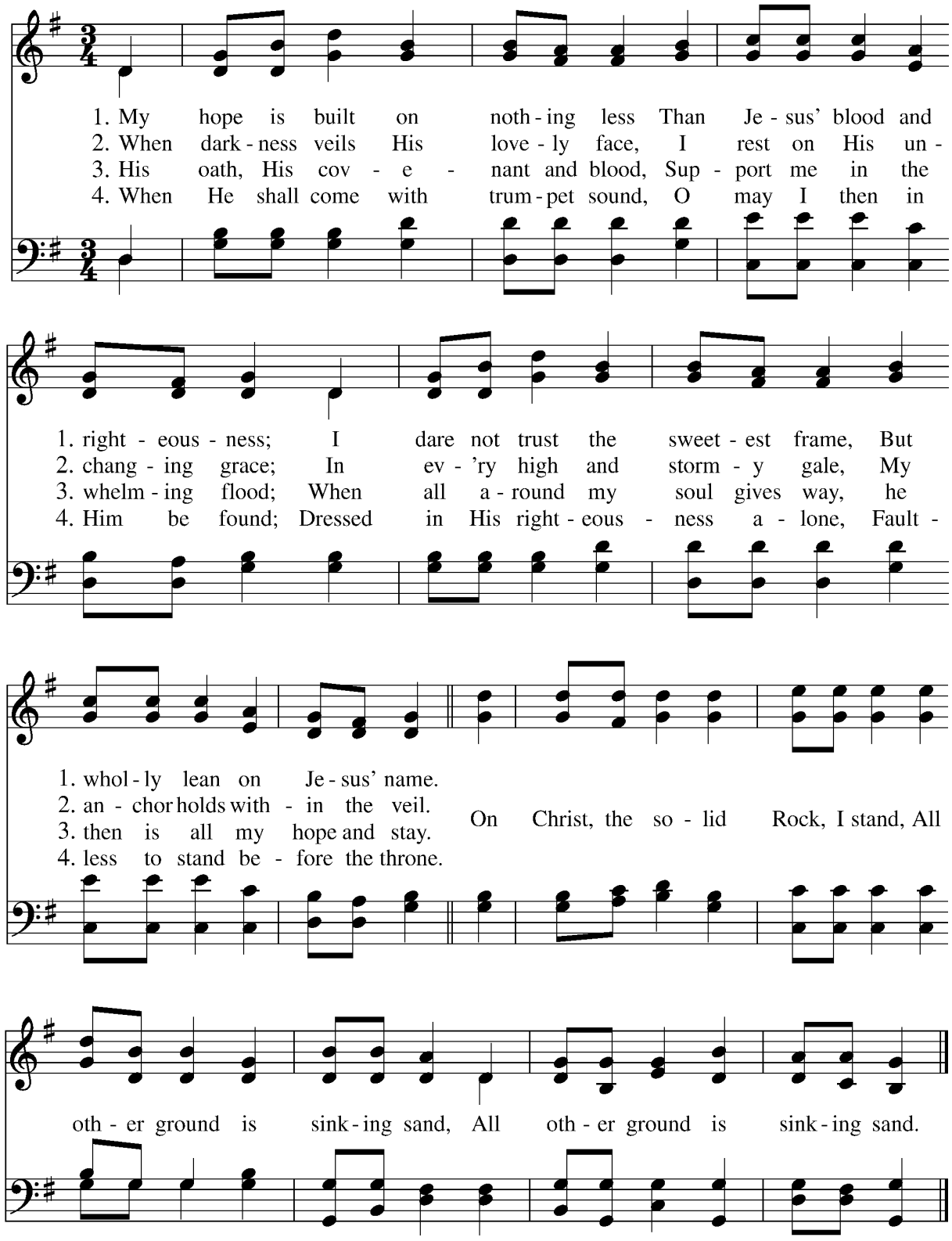
***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of the parish, at 330-455-0286.***

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Readings and Psalm**
**First Lesson:** Isaiah 5:1-7
**Psalm:** Psalm 80:7-14
**Second Lesson:** Philippians 3:4b-14
**Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

**Prelude:** *Adagio* by Robert Schumann

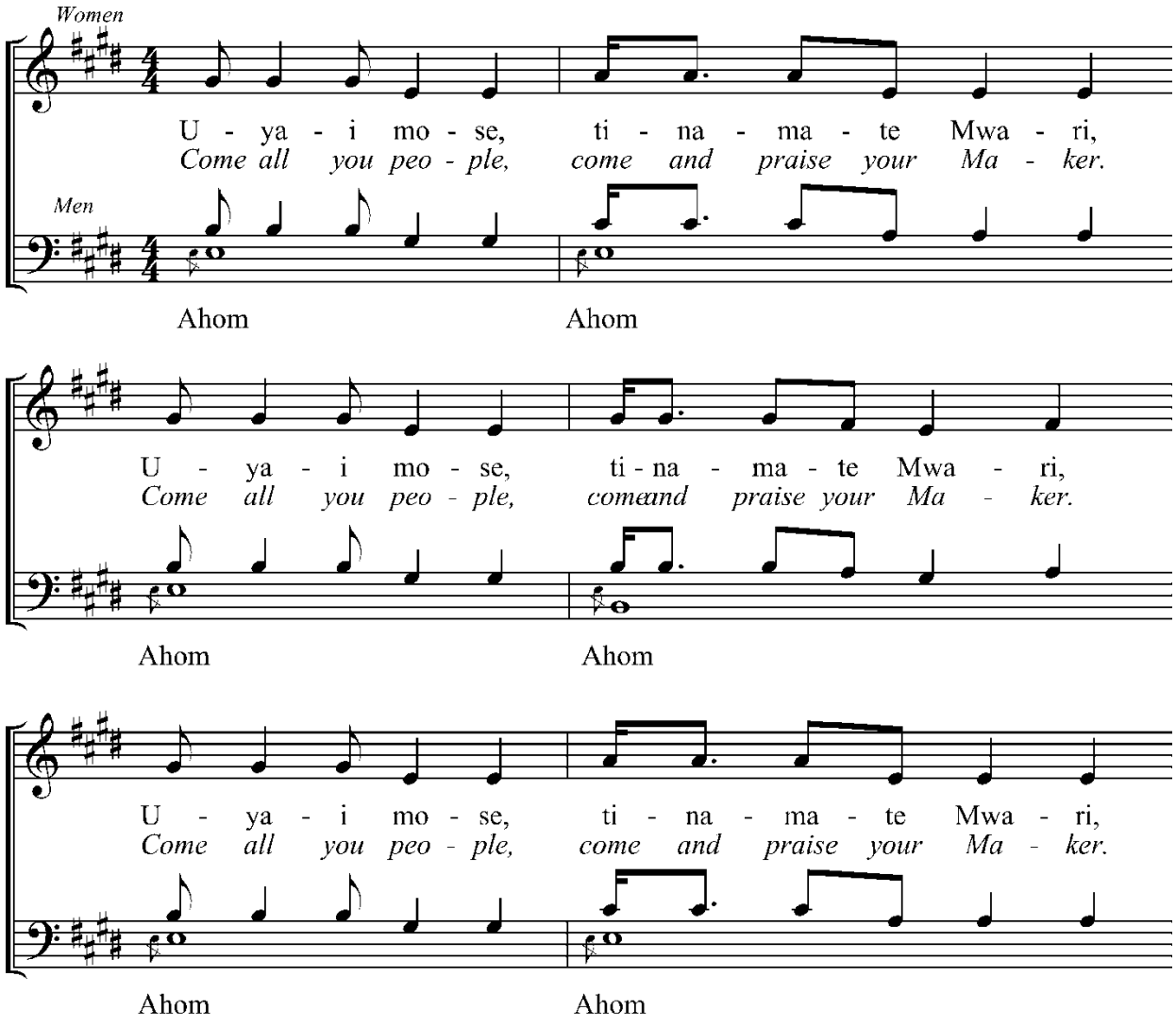
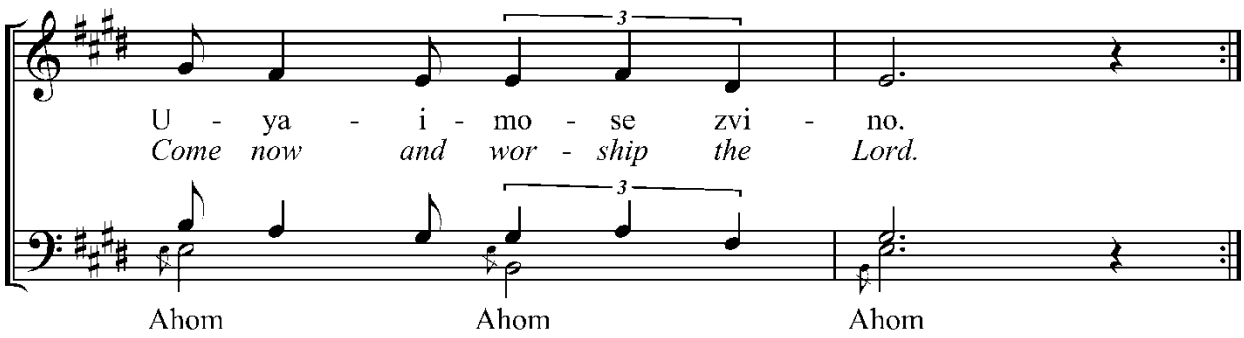
# The Word of God

**ENTRANCE HYMN "On Christ the Solid Rock" (LEVAS 99)**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**SONG OF PRAISE *"Come All You People"* (MHSO 2)**

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* And also with you.
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The Lessons

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

[1]Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
[2]He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

[3]And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me
and my vineyard.
[4]What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

[5]And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

[6]I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

[7]For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 80:7-14**
*Remain seated.*

[7]Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
[8]You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
[9]You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
[10]The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
[11]You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
[12]Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
[13]The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
[14]Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14**
*The people sit.*
A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Philippi.

[4b]If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: [5]circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6]as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

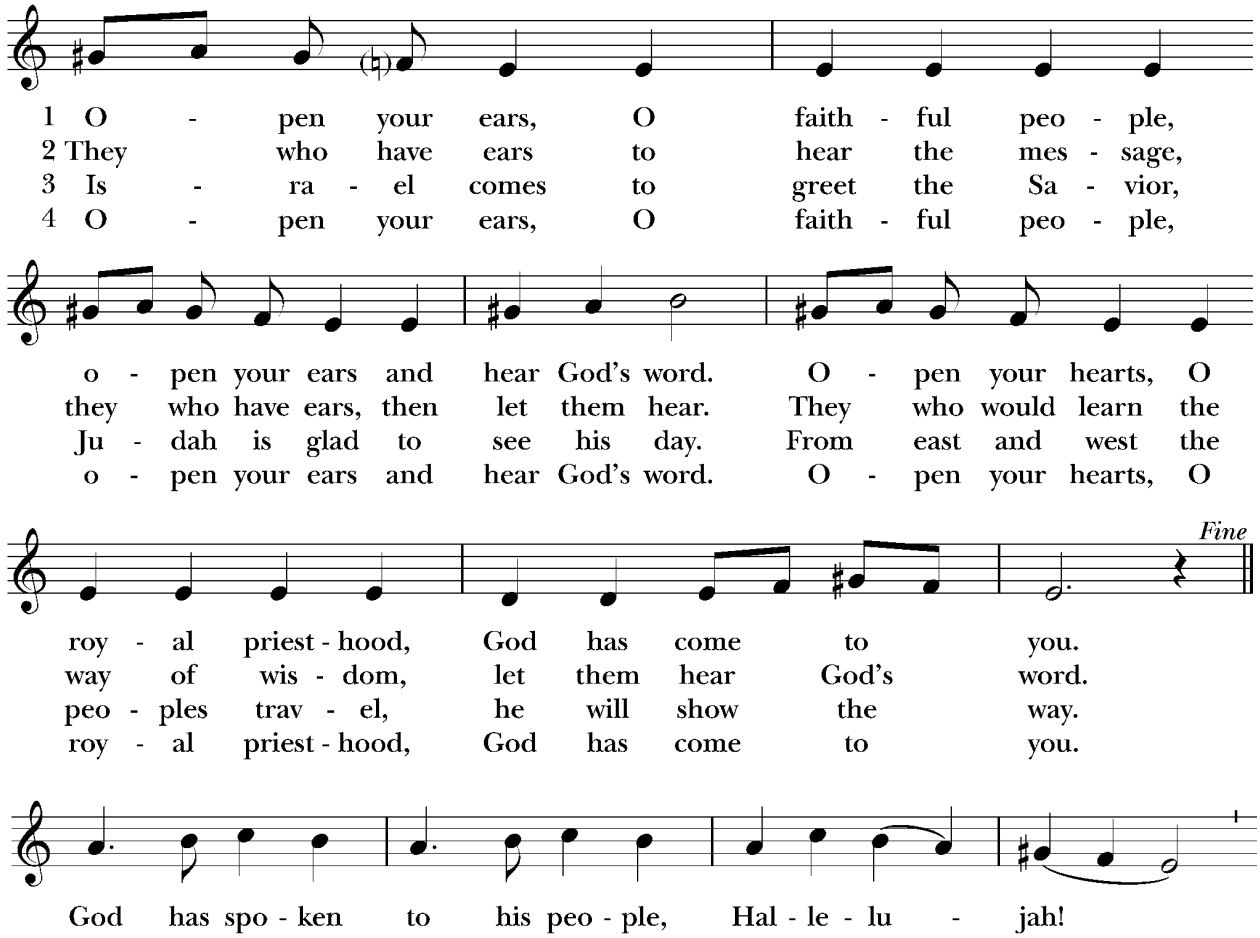
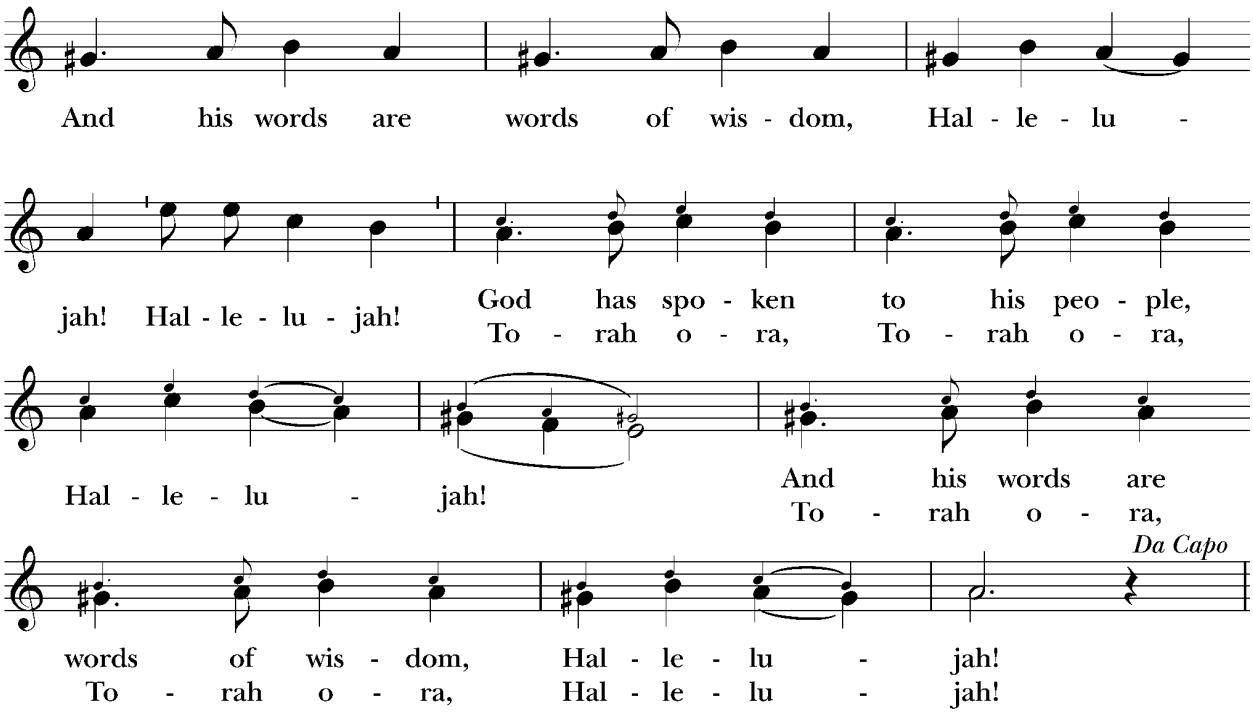
[7]Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

[8]More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them
as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in
Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. [10]I want to know Christ and the power
of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,
[11]if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[12]Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on
to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13]Beloved, I do not
consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14]I press on toward the goal for the prize of the
heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.
*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN*: "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" (Torah song [Yisrael V'oraita]) (H 536)***

*All stand.*




"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

## GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

*All stand.*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] [33]"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. [34]When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. [35]But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. [36]Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. [37]Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' [38]But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' [39]So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. [40]Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" [41]They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

[42]Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

[43]Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. [44]The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

[45]When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. [46]They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON: *Rev. Anna Sutterisch***

**THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**
*All stand.*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
he has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant*: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Leader*: For all people in their daily life and work;
***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For our president; local elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;
***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;
***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are ill, especially Fred, Sr. Rosina, Ron Neidig, June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Brian Berstler, Alisha Rittenour, Jackson, Jen Davidson, Rev. Eric Howard, Douglas Colmery, Stacy, John Titmas, Joe Myers, Ed Sutek, Allison, Jen Phelps, Linda Heitger, Kamau, Rev. Wendy, and Don. We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Cuyahoga Mission Area. (See bulletin for a list of names). In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Anne our bishop, for Anna our guest preacher, for Robin our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;
***For all who serve God in his Church.***

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

***<u>YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED</u>***

Hear us, Lord;
***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birth of Sutton William Wade, and the birthdays of Shirley Brown, and Victor Sutek.
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, especially Bill Schumacker that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
***Who put their trust in you.***

**CONCLUDING COLLECT**
*Said by all*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**
*The People sit, stand or kneel.*

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

*People*: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

**THE PEACE**

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

*The people greet each other in the name of the Lord*

# *Church Announcements*

# The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
*Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM*: "Fill Your Hearts with Joy and Gladness"* by Susan Quartel**

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*The People remain standing.*

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| *Celebrant* | The Lord be with you. |
| *People* | And also with you. |
| *Celebrant* | Lift up your hearts. |
| *People* | We lift them to the Lord. |
| *Celebrant* | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| *People* | It is right to give him thanks and praise. |

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:, ♪ ♪ ♪

**SANCTUS (said)**
*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

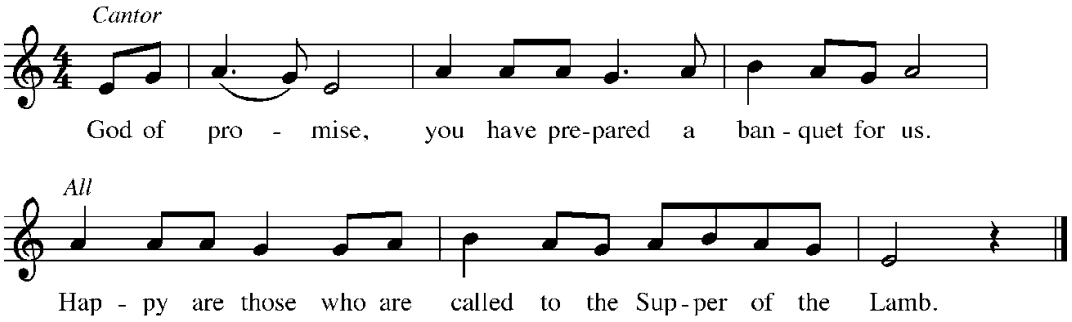
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

**FRACTION ANTHEM: "*God of Promise" (EOM1)***

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*Celebrant*: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*Celebrant*: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

***Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.***

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of the parish.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Let us pray together*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

**PRAYER FOR ANIMALS**

*Celebrant*: Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animal's health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God's servant Francis. *Amen.*

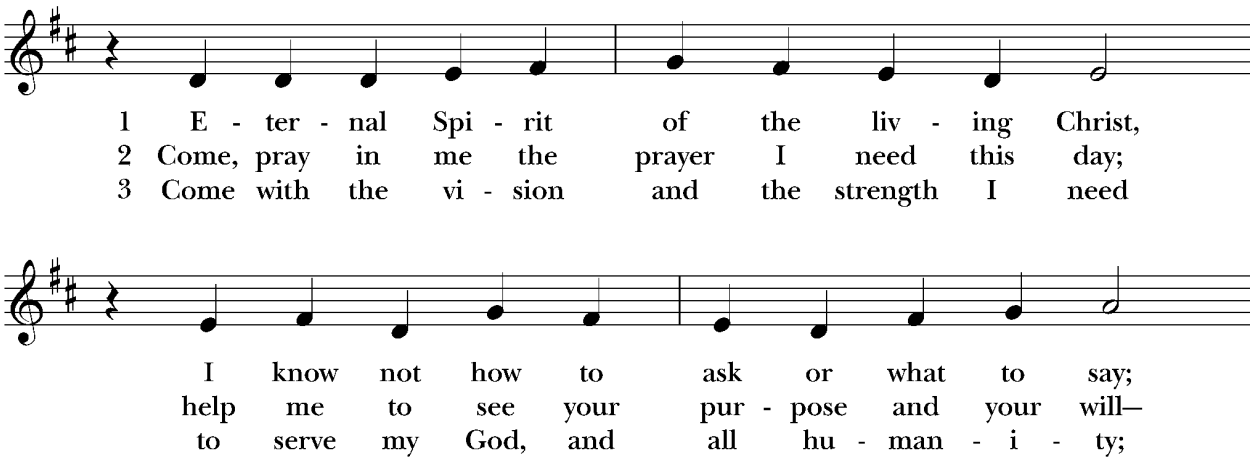
***You are welcome to bring your pet forward for an individual blessing.***

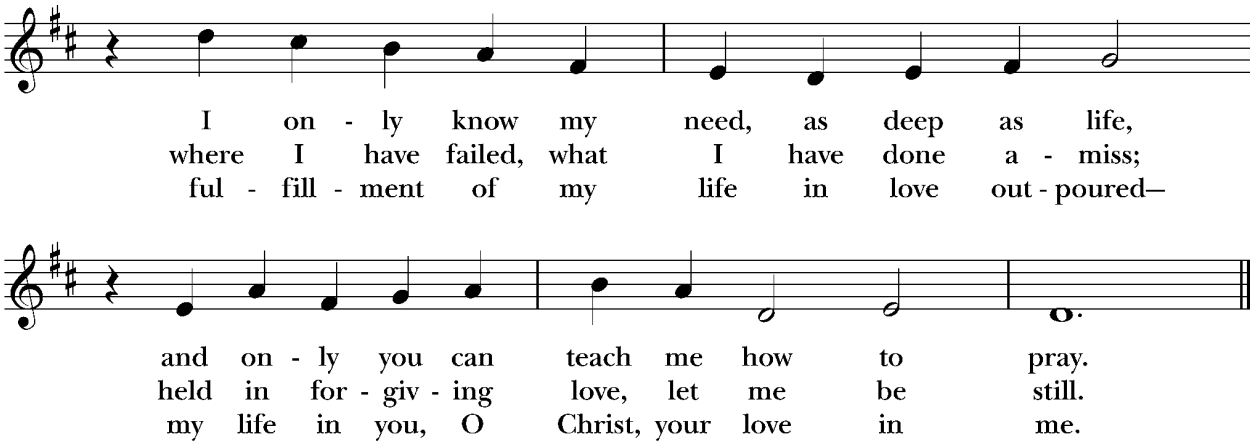
**BLESSING** (From St. Clare)

*The Celebrant blesses the people, saying*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road. May the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. *Amen.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** ***"Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ" (Flentge) (H 698)***






**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** *Fugue in G Major* by Johann Pachelbel

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:**

**Director of Music:** Edward T. Grimes
**Greeters:** David Lewis
**Guest Preacher:** The Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation
**Lectors:** Cara Warren
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Douglas Colmery, Brenda Maurer
**Crucifer:** Demetrius Carrothers
**Camera/Audio:** David Lewis, David Rotthoff
**Altar Guild:** Susan Phillips, Karen Swope
**Counters:** Demetrius Carrothers, David Rotthoff

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Communications Meeting:** Monday, October 9th, 6:00p.

**Wednesday Study Group:** Come and join us on Wednesday at 10:00a.

**Finance Meeting:** Wednesday, October 11th, 6:00p.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7p-8p. Please see the music director, Edward Grimes for more information.

**Thanksgiving Baskets Registration:** Saturday, October 14th, 9a-1p. If you're interested in assisting, please see Linda Kendrick.

**The Annual Convention:** The 207th Annual Diocesan Convention will be Nov. 10-11th, 2023, at the Greystone Event Center in Wooster, Ohio. If you would like to be a lay delegate, please let Rev. Robin or any member of the Vestry know. Delegates must be certified by Oct. 27th.

## Upcoming Commemorations

**William Dwight Porter Bliss, Priest, 1926, and Richard Theodore Ely, Economist, 1943**
**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**Robert Grosseteste, Bishop, 1253**
**Monday, October 9, 2023**

**Wilfred Thomason Grenfell: Medical Missionary, 1940**
**Monday, October 9, 2023**

**Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator, 1954**
**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

**Philip, Deacon and Evangelist**
**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

**Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop and Missionary, 1906**
**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

*In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Cuyahoga Mission Area.*

- St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights
  The Rev. Jeanne A. Leinbach, Rector
  The Rev. Brandon C. Ashcraft, Associate Rector

- Church of the Ascension, Lakewood
  The Rev. Vincent Black, Rector

- St. Peter's Church, Lakewood
  The Rev. Michael Lager, Rector

Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown
Sharing the Feast

# Sign Up Dates 2023

**ONE REGISTRATION PER ADDRESS**
**NO PHONE OR ABSENTEE REGISTRATION**

**Saturday, October 14th**
**9:00am-1:00pm**
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
425 Cleveland Ave SW
Canton 44702
-and-
J. Babe Stern Center
2628 13th St SW
Canton, 44710

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**Tuesday October 17th**
**6:00pm-8:00pm**
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
425 Cleveland Ave SW
Canton 44702

**Wednesday, October 18th**
**10:00am-1:00pm**
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The Canton Fresh Market
3412 Harmont Ave NE
Canton, 44705

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**Wednesday, October 25th**
**8:00am-10:00am**
Christ Presbyterian Church
530 Tuscarawas St. West
Canton 44702

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**Thursday, October 26th**
**12:00pm-2:00pm & 3:00pm -5:00pm**
StarkFresh
321 Cherry Ave NE
Canton 44702

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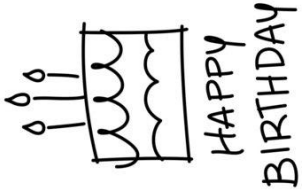
**STARK COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

## Pick up Date

**Saturday, November 18th from 10:00am-2:00pm**
**Canton Civic Center**
1101 Market Ave N, Canton, OH 44702
ENTER FROM CLEVELAND AVE ONLY

## October Birthdays

1st- Holly Hillen, Dorothy Oloya
2nd- Richard Anderson
7th- Robin Woodberry
14th- Shirley Brown, Victor Sutek
18th- Donald Stauffer
19th- Rebecca Geissinger
Nicole Marcum
20th- Michael Lewton
Rebecca Patterson
22nd- Jeffrey Nowlin




## Anniversaries

Linda & Mark Heitger: 10/24
Barbara & Richard Anderson: 10/27

# October 2023 Calendar

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| Oct. 1<br>10:30a Service<br>HOMECOMING SUNDAY<br>Blessing of Animals | Oct. 2 | Oct. 3 | Oct. 4<br>10 am Bible Study | Oct. 5<br>7 pm Choir Rehearsal<br>7 pm AA<br>(Blue Room) | Oct. 6<br>6-7:30p Blessing of Animals @ Centennial Plaza | Oct. 7<br>Diocesan Youth Retreat @ St. Paul's |
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| Oct. 8<br>9a D.O.K.<br>10:30a Service | Oct. 9<br>6 pm Communications Mtg. | Oct. 10 | Oct. 11<br>10 am Bible Study<br><br>6 pm Finance Mtg. | Oct. 12<br>6 pm Wedding Rehearsal<br>7 pm Choir Rehearsal<br>7 pm AA<br>(Blue Room) | Oct. 13<br>5 pm Wedding | Oct. 14<br>7 pm AA (Library)<br>7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm) |
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| Oct. 15<br>9a Adult Forum<br><br>10:30a Service<br><br>12 noon Worship Cmte Mtg. | Oct. 16<br><br>Robin Vacation → | Oct 17<br>6-8 pm Thanksgiving Baskets Registration<br><br>6:30 pm Courageous Conversations | Oct. 18<br>10 am Bible Study | Oct. 19<br>7 pm Choir Rehearsal<br>7 pm AA<br>(Blue Room) | Oct. 20 | Oct. 21<br>7 pm AA (Library)<br>7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm) |
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| Oct. 22<br>10:30a Service<br>Fr. Christopher Hofer<br><br>Robin Vacation → | Oct. 23 | Oct 24<br>7 pm Social Justice Book Group | Oct. 25<br>10 am Bible Study<br>7 pm Vestry Mtg. | Oct. 26<br>7 pm Choir Rehearsal<br>7 pm AA<br>(Blue Room) | Oct. 27 | Oct. 28<br>11 am HOT Lunch<br>7 pm AA (Library)<br>7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm) |
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| Oct. 29<br>10:30a Service | Oct. 30 | Oct. 31<br><br>HALLOWEEN! | | | | |

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of the independence of Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day, or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30-day period. https://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/about/?

# Prayer:

*God of all peoples and nations, Dios de todo el mundo —*
*We praise you for your creativity made manifest in the gifts of tribes, ethnicities, and cultures across the world. Each one bears your mark of goodness and grace.*

*We especially praise you and thank you for your children with Hispanic heritage – the descendants of Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America. We find you in the beauty of their art, the joy of their song and their commitment to la comunidad.*

*We hear you in their call for a more just world – one of solidarity and liberation. We know you better because of the witness of their faith, may their faith and ours be bound together by your love in convivimiento — that spirit of unity, respect, and empathy for which there is no substitute.*

*Keep all those with Hispanic heritage in your care, hold them in your love and make us fierce advocates and allies for welcome, inclusion and the common good. Amen.*
*https://www.chausa.org/prayers/cha-prayer-library/prayer/prayer-for-hispanic-heritage-month*

Dear friends in Christ,

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This October also sees a "Faith Week" of action culminating in a 24-hour prayer vigil at the Ohio Statehouse toward ending the death penalty in Ohio. And the Ohio Council of Churches is calling on partners to observe its third annual Anti-Racism Sunday on October 15th.

Each of these observances call us to interrupt and confront our culture and cycles of violence, just as the death of our Saviour on the Cross interrupted death and its powers and placed them under the authority of the resurrected life.

May the God of peace be with you,

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## A Prayer for an End to Domestic Violence

Gentle Jesus: You taught us to pray: Deliver us from evil. Deliver us from doing evil; deliver us from evil done unto us. Shield and protect the victims of intimate violence. Deliver us all from the grip of death. You loved us enough to take on body and soul; you took on our wounds in order to heal us: Where there is harm, bring your healing balm. Where there is fear, bring your presence near. Strengthen us to remember our promises: to renounce, resist, repent of evil, to seek God's help, and to respect the dignity of every human being. Bring your reign of peace into every home and every heart, for the sake of your mercy. *Amen*

# *MORE THAN AWARENESS*

For the 31 days of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM), pink ribbons appear as the impact of breast cancer is brought to the forefront of national conversation.

But we know that to help those facing breast cancer, awareness alone isn't enough. This October, get involved. Get screened. Make a donation. Take action. Make this BCAM about more than awareness.

# Diocesan Confirmation Preparation

*Confirmation: The sacramental rite in which the candidates "express a mature commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (BCP, p.860).*

Parish clergy and leaders are fully equipped to prepare confirmands to express a mature commitment to Christ in ways that make sense to the individual and community context. This confirmation preparation program is a humble offering to parishes of the Diocese, and not at all a prerequisite for confirmation.

**Proposed Structure**
Through a combination of parish-specific formation, mentorship, and inter-regional relationships, candidates for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation will participate in spiritual and vocational discernment on an ongoing basis.

Synchronous formation will occur at an overnight retreat at Bellwether Farm. Youth (9th grade to 12 grade, roughly 14-17 year-olds) and adults (18+) will be separated by age for the teaching and discussion units. Worship, meals, and some structured conversation time will be intergenerational, following SafeChurch policies. The retreat in 2024 is scheduled for March 22-23.

Asynchronous formation will occur at the parish level through six mentorship sessions. The text “Walk In Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices” by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe will provide structured topics, suggested discussion questions, and conversation starters. Each topic will be enfleshed by the confirmand through suggested activities like service in the parish, prayer practices, or writing and artistic reflections.

Mentorship sessions can occur before or after the retreat, or a combination. Mentorship can occur 1-1 or in small groups, depending on the context and needs of the parish. We highly encourage cross-parish and regional confirmation mentorship groups!

Confirmation will occur at regional combined confirmations, or at the Bishop’s visitation to a parish.

With fervent prayer and love for you,

The Rev. Anna Sutterisch
Canon for Christian Formation
The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

# Sermon Notes

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Bishop**
The Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly

**Priest-in-Charge**
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

**Staff**
Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

***Music Begins at 10:25 a.m. The services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.***

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