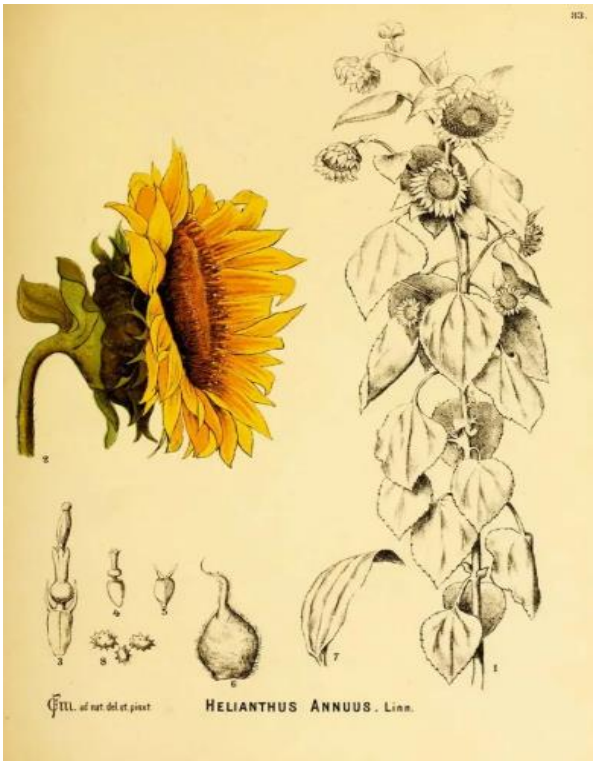
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Canton, Ohio



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer Rite 1
July 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's

On-line and in-person service begins at 10:30 a.m. and coffee hour follows each service

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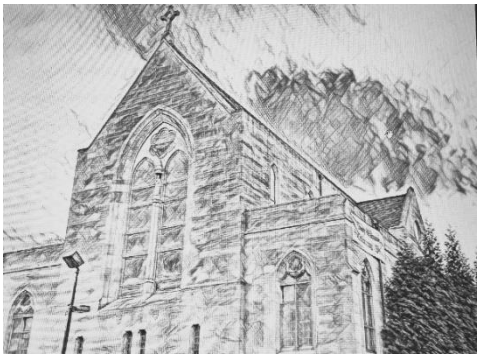

St. Paul's Mission

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

The mission of The Episcopal Church is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." In step with that mission, we follow Jesus into loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God, with each other, and with the earth.

"Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Change the World."

"God Loves You. No Exceptions."

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Officiant: Douglas Colmery
Lay preacher: Demetrius Carrothers

Readings

- First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8
- Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25
- Third Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Opening Sentence

Officiant Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord’s for he made it: O come, let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7, 96:9, 13

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
    let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
    and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
    and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
    and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it, *
    and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down *
    and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
    and we are the people of his pasture
    and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
    let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
    and with righteousness to judge the world
    and the peoples with his truth.

Psalm: 86:11-17

[11]Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
  knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.
[12]I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
  and glorify your Name for evermore.
[13]For great is your love toward me; *
  you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
[14]The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
  they have not set you before their eyes.
[15]But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
  slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
[16]Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
  give your strength to your servant;
  and save the child of your handmaid.
[17]Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
  because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
8 Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

First Canticle: Gloria in excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy,
thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

12So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the
flesh—13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to
death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are
children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you
have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16it is that very Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may
also be glorified with him.

18I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the
glory about to be revealed to us. 19For the creation waits with eager longing for the
revealing of the children of God; 20for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own
will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be
set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children
of God. 22We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until
now; 23and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24For in hope
we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25But
if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Second Canticle: The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Third Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

A Reading from Matthew.

[24][Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;[25]but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. [27]And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' [28]He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29]But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. [30]Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; [38]the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, [42]and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Demetrius Carrothers*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People
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.

Suffrages

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer For Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

Prayer For Those In Need

We pray especially for Tom Lilly, Johanna Middleton, Viola Sullins, Linda Fogle, Peter Dench, Cara Warren, Alice Bolam, Molly and Nathan Weisel, Andrea, Marilyn Dickinson, Jackson, Gary, Richard Green, John Titmas, Holly Hillen, Bob Reiner, Frances Beacon, Vicki Simpkins, Brinley Wyczalek, Ronnie Long, Aiden Ortiz.

Officiant and people

Prayer for Discernment

O Lord our God, May we, the parish of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, embrace your commandment of loving our neighbors as you have loved us while we discern who we

are and how best to serve you. We ask that you quiet our souls, so we may listen to you. We ask that you grant us wisdom as we seek new leadership. And lastly, we ask for the courage to follow wherever you lead us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Concluding Versicle
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

A prayer for peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

TODAY'S SERVERS:

Officiant: Douglas Colmery
Lay preacher: Demetrius Carrothers
Greeters: David Lewis and Paula Hampton
Crucifer: Demetrius Carrothers
Video: David Lewis and David Rotthoff
Lector: Cara Warren
Altar Guild: Karen Swope and Peggy Neidig
Counters: Cara Warren and Kelli Green

Parish News

Happy July Birthdays

Kay Ashby, 7/1
Alice Hopkins, 7/2
Molly Ryan, 7/5
Marcia Enslen, 7/8
Baylor Wade, 7/12
Lilly Montgomery, 7/15
Richard Enslen, 7/17
Brett Marcum, 7/25
Troy Dunn, 7/31

Happy July Anniversaries

Theresa and Mark Voyk, 7/14

Explaining the differences

Today's service is different in several ways from what we're used to at St. Paul's. One is the service itself. The second is the language. And the third is who is officiating and in the pulpit.

The service is Morning Prayer, rather than Holy Eucharist. The title of Morning Prayer goes back nearly 500 years to the Book of Common Prayer of 1549, and it once was the primary Sunday service in most Anglican churches throughout the world. It does not include Holy Communion.

The language we're using for today's service is Rite 1, which reflects the wording (including "thee" and "thou") and piety of the Elizabethan era and was the language used in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. The service's structure, if not the language, has been updated over the centuries. These days, we're far more used to the language of Rite

2 from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, though St. Paul's used Rite 1 for an 8 a.m. service up into the 1990s. Rite 2 puts an emphasis on more inclusive language.
Finally, rather than ordained clergy, today's service is being led by two lay members of St. Paul's. Douglas Colmery is the officiant and Demetrius Carrothers is the lay preacher. Both are roles that require training and licensing by the Episcopal Church. Demi is on his path to become an ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church, and Doug has officiated numerous services over the years including during the earliest days of Covid.
So, we hope you enjoy the different sound, flow and feel of today's service as one more way to touch – and be touched by -- God.

Just three weeks until the HOF parade

St. Paul's again has a front row seat to the Hall of Fame parade, which steps off at 8 a.m. Aug. 8 pretty much at our doorstep. We will again be celebrating the event and raising money for our HOT lunch program by offering the community coffee, water, hot dogs and donuts. It's never too early to start collecting, so please consider donating a case of water and/or money to help us underwrite the costs. We'll also be posting a signup sheet in the Narthex if you want to help and get a great view of the best of the parade.

Come share a great movie at St. Paul's (It's free and the popcorn's on us.)

Tuesday, July 28, we'll be converting the Guild Hall into a movie theater, complete with popcorn and Cracker Jacks. The movie is Marshall, a legal drama, biopic and a movie that critics say evokes some of the best dramas of the 1940s. The story centers on one of the early cases that shaped the career of Thurgood Marshall. The grandson of an enslaved man, Marshall became a civil right's lawyer who won 29 of the 32 cases he argued to the U.S. Supreme Court before he became the first Black justice on that court. This is the first of two movies we'll be sharing this summer. Snacks and air conditioning are on us.
Showtime is 6:30 p.m.

Photos that share "A wider vision"

The Diocese of Ohio is inviting all our faith communities to join in *A Wider Vision*, by sharing photographs that show "What God is helping you see." That includes where you encountered Christ this week, a ministry happening outside your faith community, a place where your community is participating in God's mission, someone whose gifts blessed your community, an unexpected place where you saw God's love, a place where your understanding of church has been stretched.
You can participate by posting photos on social media using **#AWiderVisionDOHIO** and ensuring it is public. The photos will be compiled into a mosaic. More information is available on the diocesan website at https://www.dohio.org/convention/a-wider-vision