St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross
and follow me.

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer
Aug. 30, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's

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

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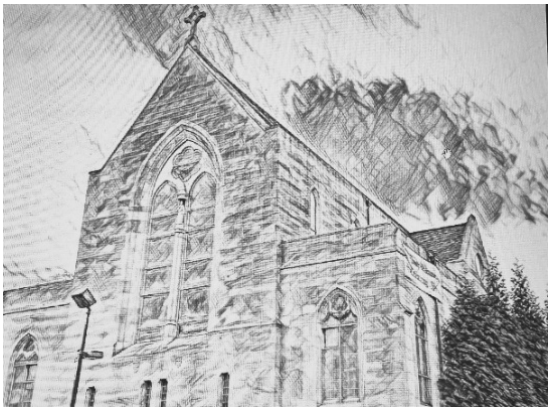

St. Paul's Mission

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."

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Officiant: Douglas Colmery
Lay Preacher: Demetrius Carrothers

Readings and Psalm

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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Prelude: Hymn prelude on *Bunessan* (Michael Higgins)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Morning has Broken* (Bunessan) (H 8)

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his 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
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 officiant alone stands and says
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*.

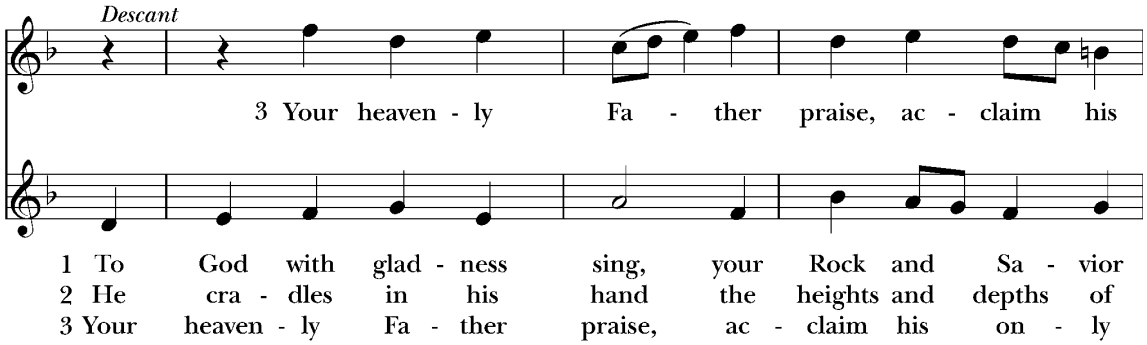
The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE
All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your 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.

VENITE *To God with Gladness Sing* (Camano) (H 399)



PSALM 26:1-8

[1]Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
[2]Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
[3]For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
[4]I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
[5]I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
[6]I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

[7]Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
[8]LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said
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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21
The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

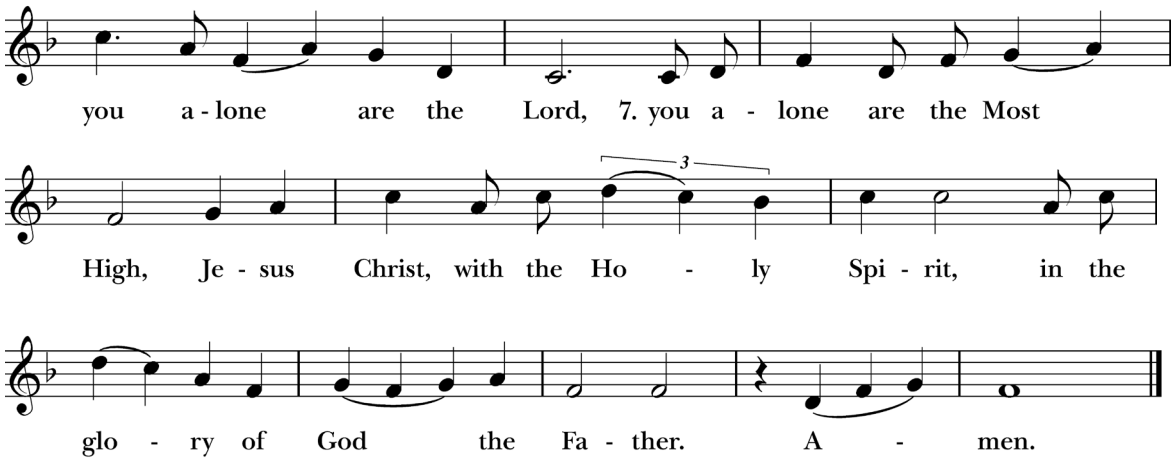
[15]O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
[16]Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
[17]I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
[18]Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
[19]Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
[20]And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Silence may follow.

CANTICLE 20



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SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

[9]Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; [10]love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. [11]Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. [12]Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. [13]Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

[14]Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15]Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16]Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. [17]Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. [18]If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19]Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." [20]No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." [21]Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Silence may follow.

SECOND CANTICLE

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Song of Creation Canticle 12 The Cosmic Order III

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

THIRD READING: Matthew 16:21-28

The people sit.

A Reading from Matthew.

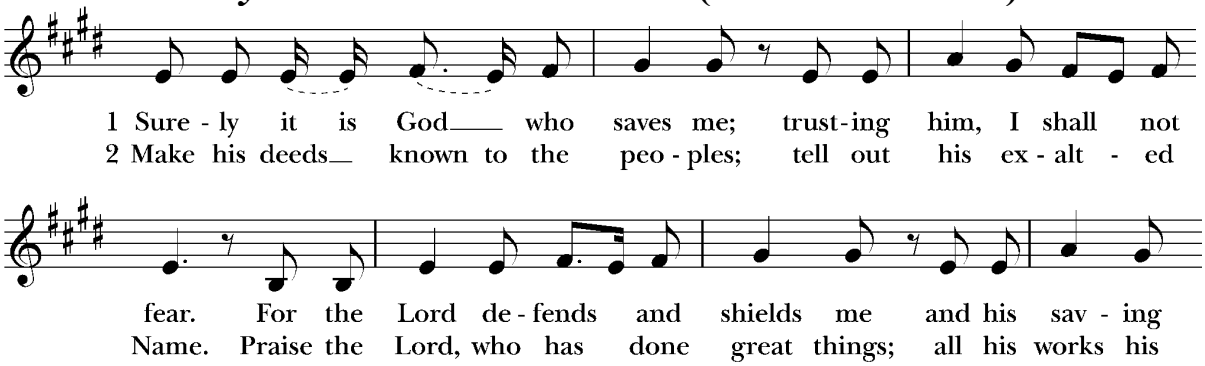
21 Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at
the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must
never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a
stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will
lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they
gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will
repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will
not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

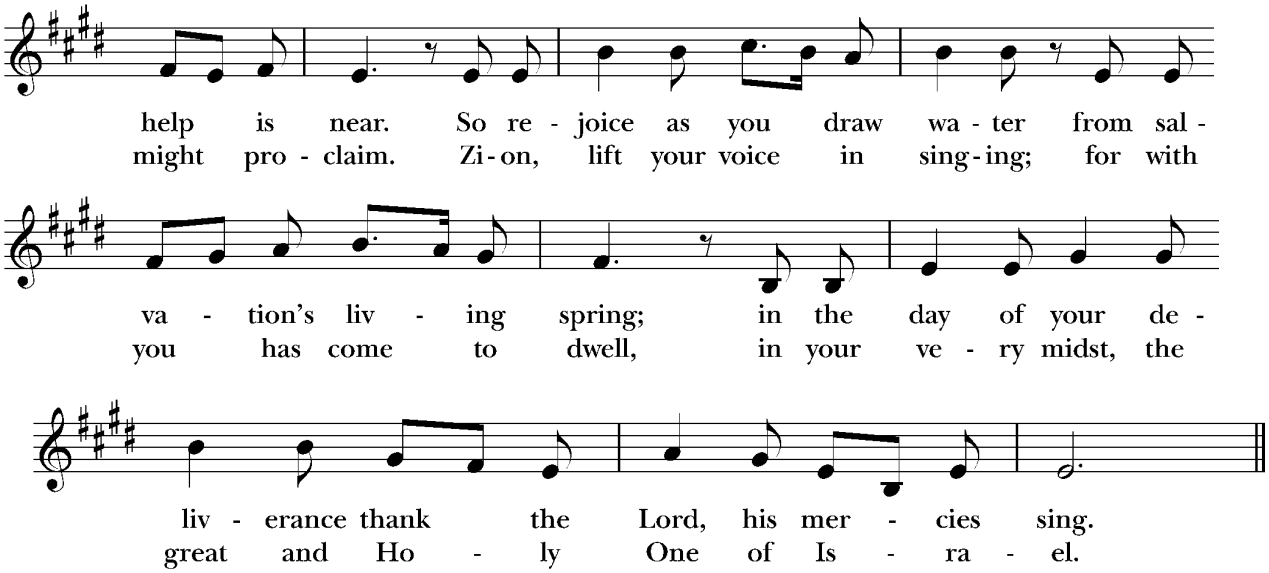
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SERMON: Demetrius Carrothers, lay preacher

HYMN *Surely it is God Who Saves me* (Thomas Merton)





THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.

The Prayers

SALUTATION

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.
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. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your 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 your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen*.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

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

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

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED
We pray especially for Elizabeth Mapp, Rachel Valentine, Vic Sutek, Judy Johanning, Tom Lilly, Dr. Claire Pernsteiner, Johanna Middleton, Viola Sullins, Linda Fogle, Peter Dench, Cara Warren, Alice Bolam, Molly and Nathan Weisel, Andrea, Henry, Marilyn Dickinson, Jackson, Gary, Richard Green, John Titmas, Holly Hillen, Frances Beacon, Vicki Simpkins, Brinley Wyczalek, Ronnie Long.

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 your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

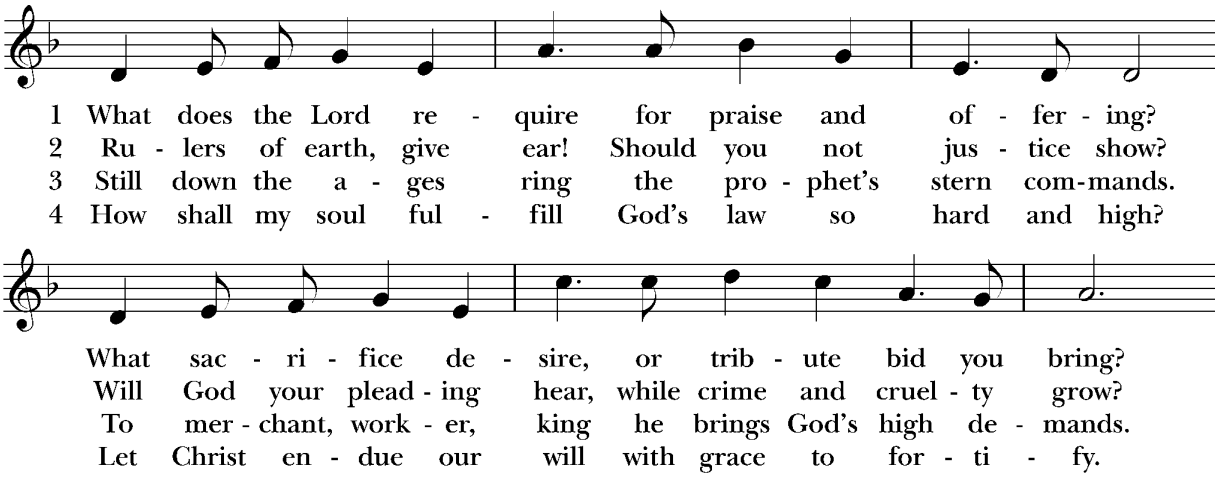
A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM
Officiant and People

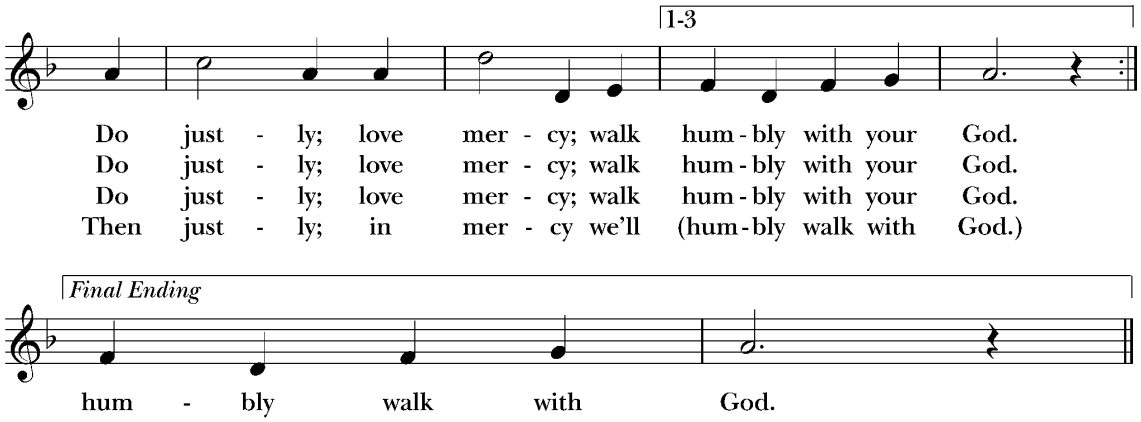
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age 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 Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *What does the Lord require* (Sharpthorne) (H 605)





Postlude: *Fugue in A Major* **(**Johann Pachelbel)

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
Parish musician: Edward Grimes
Lay preacher: Demetrius Carrothers
Greeters: David Lewis and Paula Hampton
Crucifer: Karl Roshong
Video/Photography: David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Lector: Valerie Frear
Altar Guild: Susan Phillips and Douglas Colmery
Counters: Valerie Frear and Demetrius Carrothers

Parish News

Happy August Birthdays

Karl Roshong, 8/3
Stephen Johnson, 8/5
Katie Ryan, 8/12
Thomas Lilly, 8/13
David Lewis, 8/16
Victoria Suba-Roshong, 8/29
Richard Reinbold, 8/31
Cara Warren, 8/31
Tammy Patterson, 8/31

Happy August Anniversaries

Greg and Cathi Johanning, 8/11 Demetrius and Cynthia Carrothers, 8/29

Morning Prayer

This morning's 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.

Because it is more rarely used today, here's a further explanation of some of the parts of the service of Morning Prayer. Most are derived from Latin.

Antiphon: A short chant with the texts usually taken from the Psalms or Scripture.

Canticle: A non-metrical song drawn from biblical texts other than the Psalter.

Collect: A succinct prayer that gathers the people's intentions and focuses the worship.

Invitatory: Antiphon used with the invitatory psalm to "invite" the congregation to prayer.

Psalter: A body of liturgical poetry for congregational use, by singing or by reading.

Suffrages: Bridging the Lord's Prayer and the collects of the week and day.

Venite: A liturgical chant with parts of Psalms 95 and 96.

Versicle: A short two- or four-line verse sung or recited alternating between the officiant, cantor and congregation.

Remembering Bob Reiner

The St. Paul's family has lost another member, Robert J. Reiner, who left us on August 23, 2026, at the age of 83. Born on March 2, 1943, in Canton, Robert lived a life rich in experience and surrounded by those he loved. He found his calling as a repairman for Con Rail, where he dedicated many years to ensuring the trains ran smoothly for all who depended on them.

Robert found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He was an avid fisherman, often spending peaceful hours by the water with a rod in hand, and a loyal supporter of Cleveland baseball, finding excitement in every game. He also cherished the time spent on backpacking trips, creating memories with friends and family in the great outdoors.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Sophie Reiner and his wife, Susan Reiner. Robert is survived by his daughter, Lynette Reiner (Keith Rowles), brother Richard Reiner, nieces Kim Reiner and Emily Rohrer (Michael),

and nephews Eric Reiner (Elizabeth) and Scott Landers (Gayle), and sisters-in law Bonnie Landers and Marianne Arnold.
His funeral service will be Monday at Reed Funeral Home, 705 Raff Rd. SW in Canton, beginning at 1 p.m. The Rev. Sally Goodall will officiate and calling hours will be one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation in Robert 's name to the wildlife of the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum through the McKinley Museum Donation Page, selecting the option for "Support Our Educational Wildlife." Online Guest Book available at reedfuneralhome.com.

St. Paul's welcomes the Daughters of the King

Next month, St. Paul's will be hosting the Fall Assembly of the chapters of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Ohio, and everyone is welcome to attend the program and buffet luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 19. The day begins with check-in at 9:30 a.m. with the service, programming, meals and fellowship concluding at 2 p.m. The cost is $10 and reservations are due Sept. 16. Please send a check to St. Paul's, Attn: Tammy Patterson, 425 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton, OH 44702.
Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King are a spiritual sisterhood of Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran and Roman Catholic women dedicated to prayer, service and evangelism – and a lifelong journey with Jesus Christ. "We see our Order as a community nurturing women, accepting all people." Our motto is:

For His Sake…
I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?

Want to know more? Join us at the fall assembly!

Welcome back Bible Study!

St. Paul's Bible Study returns from summer hiatus on Wednesday, Sept. 9. But there's a change in both time and place. We'll be gathering at 11:30 a.m. at Taggarts for lunch and a discussion about choosing the fall topic. Enjoy the sweetness! The actual classes begin the following Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the church library. All are welcome.