



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. John E. Morison III

Question of the Day: *"What possession have you treated as a treasure, but now recognize is more burden than blessing?"*

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.

We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ
as we worship together!

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Prelude

“Prelude on *Gardiner*”

Healey Willan

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Awake, awake to love and work!”

Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky,
The fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry
Their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.

Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
See how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days!
So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze,

To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee;
To spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously
The God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929); Music: *Morning Song*, att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)

The Word of the Lord

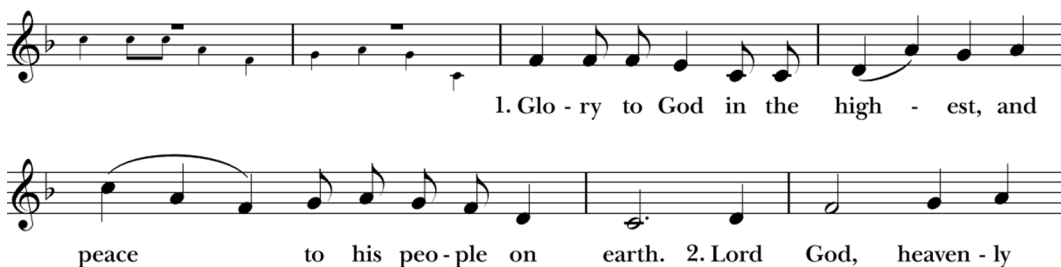
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Gloria in excelsis (*Please stand as able*) “Glory to God”

Hymnal S-280



King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **Merciful God, turn our hearts to your ways and make us faithful with the gifts you entrust through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-8

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

Think of us in this way: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

I have applied all this to Apollos and myself for your benefit, brothers and sisters, so that you may learn through us what "Not beyond what is written" means, so that none of you will be puffed up in favor of one against another. For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“All things are thine”

All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today
Thine own before thy feet we lay.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892); Music: *Gardiner*, William Gardiner (1770-1853)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Response “All things are thine”

All things are thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer thee;
And hence with grateful hearts today
Thine own before thy feet we lay.

The Sermon

The Rev. John E. Morrison III

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

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.
With the Father and the Son he 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.**

Prayers of the People

You may stand, sit or kneel for the prayers

- Celebrant: **O** God of mercy and healing, hear our cries to lift us each day and restore us to your favor and spiritual health, that through your help we may be clothed with the joy of your immortal righteousness.
- Intercessor: God of grace, you call us to be faithful stewards of your mysteries. Strengthen all who serve - clergy, caregivers, medical workers, counselors, and companions - especially when their labor is unseen or exhausting. Deliver us from pride, comparison, and discouragement, that we may serve with humility and hope.
- All: Lord, in your mercy, heal and restore us.**
- Intercessor: God of all nations, bring healing to places torn by violence, injustice, and division. Guide leaders with wisdom, soften hardened hearts, and inspire citizens toward the common good. Let your peace take root where anger and fear have long prevailed.
- All: Lord, in your mercy, heal and restore us.**
- Intercessor: Holy God, you know our ways and call us to turn from all that harms us and others. Where hearts are burdened by guilt, shame, or regret, grant the grace of repentance and the freedom of new life. Where communities are fractured, restore justice, mercy, and mutual care.
- All: Lord, in your mercy, heal and restore us.**
- Intercessor: Merciful Lord, teach us your paths and lead us in your truth. For all who feel lost, confused, or afraid, shine your light upon their way. For those

who wait for guidance in illness, treatment, or recovery, surround them with your steadfast love.

All: Lord, in your mercy, heal and restore us.

Intercessor: Generous Lord, you entrust each of us with gifts meant for the healing of the world. Give courage to those who fear failure, and kindle imagination in those who feel they have little to offer. Bless all who invest themselves in acts of compassion, justice, and reconciliation.

All: Lord, in your mercy, heal and restore us.

Intercessor: Gracious Father, you are good and upright; you lead the humble in your way. Give us confidence that nothing is wasted in your kingdom, and that your mercy is always greater than our failures. Keep us faithful until the day when all creation is made whole.

All: Lord, in your mercy, heal and restore us.

Intercessor: Compassionate Savior, stretch out your hand over all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Grant relief to the sick, comfort to the anxious, strength to the weary, and peace to the dying. Hold close those who care for loved ones, and those who feel alone in their pain. We pray for those in need as we remember those who have asked for our prayers.....

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor: Receive into your eternal care all who have died, especially those dear to this congregation. Grant them rest in your peace and the light of your presence, and comfort all who mourn with the hope of your healing and resurrection life.

All: Lord, in your mercy, heal and restore us.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: Gracious God, in your mercy turn our hearts to you, guide us in your truth, and make us faithful stewards of the gifts you entrust to us. Heal all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and renew your people with hope and courage, that we may serve you boldly in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

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

Silence may be kept.

All: **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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Healing Testimonies

Gratitude Reflection - *Kagan & Max Kronberg*

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Hymn “Take my life, and let it be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Words by Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879); Tune: *HOLLINGSIDE* (John Bacchus Dykes, 1823-1876)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

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.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are a God of justice and mercy, who teaches us your ways and leads us in truth. You call us to be faithful stewards of your grace, to return to you with repentant hearts and to serve you with courage and joy .

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

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

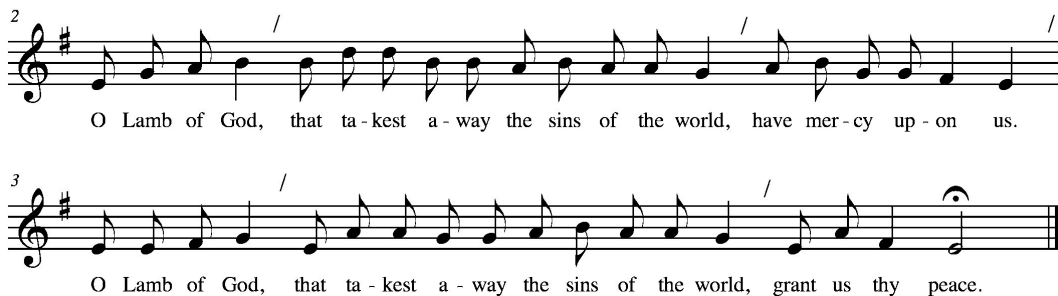
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

(Fraction Anthem continues on next page)



The Invitation

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.

- *Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Hymn “Let us break bread together on our knees”

[Hymnal 325](#)

Communion Hymn “Fairest Lord Jesus”

[Hymnal 383](#)

Postcommunion Prayer

All: **M**erciful God, you have nourished us with the sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Guide us in your truth, turn our hearts to your ways, and make us faithful stewards of the grace you entrust to us; through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: **G**o now to in the ways of the Lord, turning from all that leads to death and seeking the truth he teaches. Be faithful stewards of the grace entrusted to you, serving with humility, courage, and joy. **Amen.**

And may the God whose mercy is steadfast guide you in his truth;
May Christ Jesus, the Master, receive your offering with joy;
And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to walk faithfully in his ways.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

[Hymnal 535](#)

Dismissal

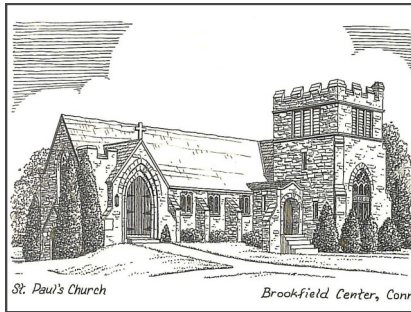
Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Postlude on *St. Magnus*”

Healey Willan



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Sermon Talkbacks - Join us in Crocker Hall at 9:45 am, each Sunday thru Oct. 25th. Sermon Talkbacks are a chance to keep the conversation going. At St. Paul's, we believe preaching happens not just for the church, but with the church as we reflect on our current sermon series on The Giving Parables of Jesus.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be this Wednesday, September 30th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 169th food drive since we started doing them in April 2020!

Choir Rehearsal - Choir rehearsals have resumed. They gather each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome.

Friday Walking Group - This week's walk will take place in the Newtown Borough and will explore St. Paul's early history from 1785-1812 and our connection to Trinity Church. Meet at the Newtown General Store at 10 am for this easy 3 mile walk, concluding with tea at one of Newtown's historic Main Street homes.

UPCOMING:

Sun, Oct 4, 1:00 pm - Blessing of the Animals

Sun, Oct 18, 9:45 am - Visit from our Cambodian Missionaries

Sun, Oct 25, 2:00 pm - Trunk-or-Treat

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes and the confirmation class meet at 9:45 am. Children will return to their parents or guardians during the service.

The Weekly Point - is our weekly newsletter. If you did not receive this e-mail this week and would like to, contact Mary Perry at communication@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and let her know.

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com)

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| Sun., Sept 27 | 8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
| | 9:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms |
| | 9:45 am - Sermon Talkback, Crocker Hall |
| | 10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
| Mon., Sept 28 | 7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live) |
| | 10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall |
| Tue., Sept 29 | 9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room |
| Wed., Sept 30 | 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live) |
| | 11 - Noon - Drive Through Food Collection |
| | 12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room |
| | 7:00 pm - Women's Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom) |
| Thu., Oct 1 | 9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Crocker Hall |
| | 11:30 am - Chronic Pain Group, Crocker Hall |
| | 7:30 pm - Property Committee, Guild Room |
| | 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| Fri., Oct 2 | 9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Newtown Borough |
| | 10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall |
| Sat., Oct 3 | 7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford |
| | 10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom) |
| Sun., Oct 4 | 8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) |
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Next Sunday - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for October 4th

[Isaiah 5:1-7](#) - [Psalm 80:7-14](#) - [Philippians 3:17-21](#) - [Luke 14:15-21](#)

