



Saint Paul's Parish

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

Preacher & Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

10:00 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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Bagpipe Prelude

“Highland Cathedral”
Kagan Kronberg

Opening Hymn

“Come thou fount of every blessing ”

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I’ve come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robertson (1735-1790), alt.; Music: Nettleton , melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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.**

Opening Praise

“Open the eyes of my heart Lord”

Chorus 1

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

(Bridge)

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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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. **Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21; 13:8-10; 14:1-4,10-13

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as

it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 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.” Instead, “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.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“Yahweh”

You alone, are worthy,
You alone, are worthy,
Of all that I am, of all that I am.

Beautiful is Your name,
Beautiful is Your name,
Yahweh.

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(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Response

"Yahweh"

You alone, are worthy,
You alone, are worthy,
Of all that I am, of all that I am.

Wonderful is Your name,
Wonderful is Your name,
Yahweh.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

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: Beloved in Christ, God has appointed us to be watchful for one another, attentive to the needs of our neighbors, and faithful in proclaiming the hope of life. With confidence in God's mercy and love, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.
- Intercessor: For the Church throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey & Laura our Bishops, for Fr. Nate our Priest-in-Charge, for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers, and for this congregation. May

we listen for your wisdom, speak the truth in love, welcome correction, and seek reconciliation whenever we are divided.

All: Lord, hear us and make us instruments of your peace.

Intercessor: For the nations of the world and all who exercise authority. Make leaders attentive to the cries of the oppressed, protect those who defend human rights, and turn the hearts of nations from violence toward justice and peace.

All: God of every nation, guide us in the way of love.

Intercessor: For all who labor: farmers and farmworkers, teachers, caregivers, health-care workers, first responders, public servants, tradespeople, artists, office workers, and all whose work sustains our common life. We thank you for their gifts and ask your blessing upon their efforts.

All: Creator of all, bless the work of our hands.

Intercessor: For those whose labor is unseen, undervalued, or insecure; for domestic workers, migrants, the unemployed, the underemployed, and all who struggle to provide for themselves and their families. Give them dignity, safety, fair wages, and hope for a better future.

All: God of justice, uphold those who work and those who seek work.

Intercessor: For employers, business owners, unions, civic leaders, and all who shape working conditions. Give them wisdom and compassion, that they may pursue fairness, honor the dignity of every person, and provide workplaces marked by safety, respect, and mutual care.

All: Lord of compassion, teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Intercessor: For this community and for all who live in conflict with one another. Give us courage to address wrongdoing with humility and gentleness, patience to listen, and grace to forgive. Help us welcome those whose convictions or circumstances differ from our own.

All: Christ our reconciler, unite us in your love.

Intercessor: For the grace to offer our whole lives to you: to love sincerely, rejoice in hope, persevere in suffering, practice hospitality, overcome evil with good, and refrain from judging one another. Keep us faithful in doing what makes for peace and builds up your people.

All: Holy Spirit, transform us and renew us.

Intercessor: For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for those who are lonely, grieving, anxious, imprisoned, displaced, or without shelter; and for all whose needs are known only to you. Bring them healing, comfort,

companionship, and the practical help they need. We pray for those in need as we remember those who have asked for our prayers

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: For those who have died, and for all who have completed their earthly labor. Receive them into your eternal rest and strengthen all who mourn with the hope of resurrection.

All: God of life, grant them light perpetual and peace eternal.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: Almighty and merciful God, you have called us to love one another, bear one another's burdens, and seek the good of all. Receive these prayers and make us faithful witnesses to your reconciling love, trusting in your promise that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are present among us. 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.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Offertory Hymn

“The Arms of My Father”

There is a place that I know
Where I need more often to go
A place of amazing comfort and rest
Where a smile is never rare
And Your love is as free as the air
And I lack for nothing
When I can see the love in Your eyes
And know that it's all for me

Chorus
I fear nothing at all
When I'm safe in the arms
Of my Father
And if ever I fall
I take comfort in knowing
That You are there

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Doxology *a cappella*

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 through your Son Jesus Christ you have forgiven us a debt we could not pay, and you have called us as your children, brothers and sisters of one another, to forgive each other, and to live together as a faithful people, dependent on and giving of your grace.

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:

**All: 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.

You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.**

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.*
- *Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated where you are for distribution of the Bread and Wine.*

Communion Praise

“Take My Life”

Holiness holiness	<i>Chorus</i>
Is what I long for	<i>So take my heart and form it</i>
Holiness is what I need	<i>Take my mind transform it</i>
Holiness holiness	<i>Take my will conform it</i>
Is what You want from me	<i>To Yours to Yours oh Lord</i>
Faithfulness faithfulness	Righteousness righteousness
Is what I long for	Is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need	Righteousness is what I need
Faithfulness faithfulness	Righteousness righteousness
Is what You want from me	Is what You want from me

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Communion Praise

“I Love Your Presence”

In the glory of Your presence
I find rest for my soul
In the depths of Your love
I find peace makes me whole

*And I love I love I love You Jesus
I love I love I love Your presence*

Chorus 1

I love I love I love Your presence

And I love I love I love Your presence

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: **Almighty and merciful God, we give you thanks for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son. Renew our minds, guide us in your ways, and make our lives a living sacrifice of love. Give us courage to speak the truth with gentleness, grace to seek reconciliation, and wisdom to pursue what makes for peace. Send us forth in the power of your Spirit to love without pretense, welcome one another without judgment, and serve the world in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ. Lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Live honorably, fulfilling the law through love for all. **Amen.**

And may God mark you out for salvation;
May Christ Jesus be present among you always,
And may the Holy Spirit reconcile you to one another and fulfil the law of love among you. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

(hymn continues on next page)

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

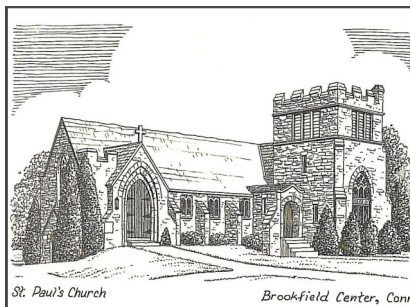
Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Words: Walther Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.;
Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cysseger*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



"Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Parish Picnic - Following the service, all are invited to stay in our meadow for a parish picnic.

Nursery Service - The nursery is available for families to use on their own, but there won't be formal nursery coverage over the summer.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Choir Rehearsal - Choir Rehearsals resume this week. They gather each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome.

Bring-a-Friend-to-Church Sunday - Next Sunday, September 13th at both services, we'll celebrate a special opportunity to share the gift of our church community with someone you know. Think of a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member who might be looking for hope, connection, or simply a place to belong, and invite them to come sit with you.

PIC Listening Session - Also, next Sunday between the services, join us for the third PIC Listening Session of the year. These gatherings are part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of safety, connection, and shared purpose within the parish.

UPCOMING:

Fri, Sep 18, 6:00 pm - 30's & 40's Celebration

Sun, Sep 20, 8 & 10:30 am - "Volunteer Appreciation Sunday"

Sun, Sep 20, 9:45 am - Church School Begins

Sun, Sep 20, 9:45 am - Sermon Talkbacks Begins

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.

Our Daily Bread - The *Our Daily Bread* devotional pamphlet for September, October & November is now available at the back of the church. *Our Daily Bread* contains a scripture verse and meditation for each day.

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)

Sun., Sept 6	10:00 am - Combined Holy Eucharist & Picnic, Meadow (YouTube Live)
Tue., Sept 8	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Sept 9	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live) 7:30 pm - Vestry Meeting, Guild Room
Thu., Sept 10	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 7:30 pm - Property Committee, Guild Room
Fri., Sept 11	10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Lover's Leap, New Milford 10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Sat., Sept 12	7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford 10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
Sun., Sept 13	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live) 9:45 am - P.I.C. Listening Session, Crocker Hall 10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for September 13th

[Genesis 50:15-21](#) - [Psalm 103:1-13](#) - [Romans 14:14-23](#)

[Matthew 16:21-28](#)

