

The Word of God

Opening Hymn “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
 O thou of God and man the Son,
 Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
 Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
 Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
 Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
 And all the twinkling starry host:
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
 Now and forevermore be Thine.

Words: Munster Gesangbuch; trans. by Joseph August Seiss Music: Schlesische Volkslieder; arr. by Richard Storrs Willis

(Please remain standing.)

Opening Acclamation

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

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

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

Song of Praise “Your Love Oh Lord”

Chorus: Your love, oh Lord
 Reaches to the heavens
 And Your faithfulness
 Stretches to the skies

And Your righteousness
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows
Like the ocean's tide

And I will lift my voice
To worship You, my King
And I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings. Chorus.

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Songwriters POWELL, JOHNNY MAC / ANDERSON, SAMUEL TAI / AVERY, BRADLEY B. C. / CARR, DAVID by Lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

First Reading Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the 3rd chapter of Exodus, beginning at the 1st verse:

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

1 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

2 Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

5 Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

6 you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

23 Then Israel entered Egypt; Jacob resided as a foreigner in the land of Ham.

24 The Lord made his people very fruitful; he made them too numerous for their foes,

25 whose hearts he turned to hate his people, to conspire against his servants.

26 He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

45c Praise the Lord.

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from the 12th chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Romans, beginning at the 9th verse:

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn "Change My Heart O God"

Change my heart oh God.
Make it ever true.
Change my heart oh God.
May I be like You.

Change my heart oh God.
Make it ever true.
Change my heart oh God.
May I be like You.

Holy Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

The Sequence Hymn resumes

You are the potter.
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me.
This is what I pray.

Change my heart oh God.
Make it ever true.
Change my heart oh God.
May I be like You.

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Sermon **The Rev. Jonathan G. Robbins**

Nicene Creed *(Please stand.)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

During the periods of silence, the congregation is invited to offer personal requests. Please respond to each petition by saying, "Hear our Prayer."

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and the people in our lives. *(Silence)*

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 Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the people.

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.**

Peace

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

Then the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements *(Please sit.)*

Holy Communion

Offertory “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. Chorus.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. Chorus.

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Doxology *(Please stand.)*

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.

Words: Thomas Ken Music: Old 100th, 1551, att: to Louis Bourgeois

Great Thanksgiving

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826. Music: Nicaea, John B. Dykes

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People say

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

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

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem "I Love You Lord"

I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear

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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The Celebrant says

These are 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, and with thanksgiving.

Communion Music “Breathe”

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very word spoken to me.

Chorus: And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.

This is Your gift I receive,
This is Your gift I receive,
Your Holy Son, died for me.

This is Your cup I drink,
This is Your cup I drink,
Your precious blood, shed from me. Chorus.

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe.

Music and words: Albert Hammond and Mike Hazlewood- Addition lyrics R. Matteson

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

O how He loves you and me
O how He loves you and me
He gave His life, what more could He give?

O how He loves you
O how He loves me
O how He loves you and me

Jesus to Calvary did go
His love for mankind to show
What He did there brought hope from despair

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“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Lord, the light of your love is shining.
In the midst of the darkness, shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine.
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze.
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow.
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word.
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence.
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Words & Music: Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music, www.grahamkendrick.co.uk

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn “Trading My Sorrows”

I'm trading my sorrows.
I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down,
For the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness.
I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down,
For the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord.
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord.
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen.

I am pressed but not crushed.
Persecuted not abandoned.
Struck down but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse.
For His promise will endure.
That His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night.
His joy comes with the morning.

I'm trading my sorrows.
I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down.
For the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness.
I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down.
For the joy of the Lord.

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Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Bringing Christ to the World

September 3, 2017

We encourage you to tear off this announcement page to take with you to reference during the week.

Friendship Forms

We are delighted to have you worship with us today and, in order to serve you, complete the FRIENDSHIP FORM in the BLUE BINDER that will be passed around, especially if you are a visitor. Do you need special prayer, pastoral assistance or just have a comment? Let us know on the Friendship Form.

VISITORS: *Be sure to pick up a red "goodie bag" from the Visitor's Table on your way out.*

BIBLE STUDIES & GROUPS

"Skimmers" - Bowling Night

The "Skimmers" middle school youth group, ages 10-13, **will meet at Vero Bowl this Wednesday, September 6th for bowling, 6:00 - 7:30 PM. The cost for bowling and shoes is \$8.00. St. Paul's provides a light supper. No registration is necessary, see you there! See Pr. Jon or Jen Robbins for any questions.**

Sunday Morning Bible Study - Resumes Next Sunday

Our study of the Gospel of Matthew, led by Bill Proctor, will resume next Sunday, September 10th. As usual, the time will be 9:00 to 9:00 AM, and the place will be the sunroom of The Vero Beach Garden Club. We'll take up where we left off last spring, at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapter 7. Get ready to spend some time and brainpower on the Golden Rule!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

This class will resume in the fall. Watch for details soon.

Men's Ministry - "Promise Keepers"

Come join us for "Promise Keepers" men's ministry which meets at C.J. Cannon's at the VB Regional Airport, 3414 Cherokee Dr., Vero Beach, 32960, every Friday 8-9:30 AM. We will share breakfast together & read the inspiring "Game Plan for Life," by Joe Gibbs, 3-time Super Bowl & NASCAR Champion. Very informal. No homework required. Great friends, food & fun!

Women's Group

Ladies of all ages meet for fellowship and prayer every Thursday morning at 10:00 AM. They are currently meeting at the home of Sally Wyer, 950 Regency Square #317-#, VB, 32967, ph#778-1255. Please join us!

St. Paul's Wants YOU

To Volunteer!

Help needed as Greeters, Ushers, & Sunday School teachers (just 2 Sundays per month).



WE WANT YOU!

Altar Flowers – Sign Up For September, October & November

Flowers may be purchased at a cost of \$50 in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving or celebration of a special event. **This purchase supports the cost of altar flowers.** A Flower Chart is on a clipboard in the back of the church for sign-ups or contact Norma Ashburn in the church office at 231-3552 or email nallen@stpaulsirc.org to sign up or for more information.

Office Hours

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Sept. 4th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Free Devotionals – on the back table

The new quarterly Daily Bread devotionals are now available to assist with your spiritual growth. Please take and share these resources with your family and friends.

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### Emergency Response

In the event of a hurricane, or other emergency, & you need assistance with shutters, etc., please contact the church office. If you would like to assist those in need, please let the church office know that also.

### Hurricane Season Reminders

1. No parking next door at the Red Cross building when they are preparing for a storm.
2. We will notify all SPC members by email (Tweet) of any cancellations of services.

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St. Paul's Healing Ministry

If you are in need of healing prayers for yourself or a loved one, our healing prayer team is here to serve you. Please come to the right side of the altar after the service and the healing team will pray with you.

Are you or someone you know ill or in the hospital? Please be sure to contact the Church Office so we can make a personal visit and minister to your needs. Email addresses are below or call 231-3552.

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Jane Henderson, Evangelism

The next Vestry meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26th, 5:45 PM in the church office.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
14th Sunday of Pentecost
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20



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