

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: JULY 6, 2025

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

This service sheet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP", green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Voluntary:	Variations on "America"	Charles Ives
Opening Hymn: 719	O Beautiful for Spacious Skies	<i>Materna</i>
Sequence Hymn: 544	Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun	<i>Duke Street</i>
Offertory:	Thou In Thy Mercy	George Frideric Handel
	<i>Lloyd Peasley and Jason Garcia-Kakuk, soloists</i>	
Closing Hymn: 539	O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling	<i>Tidings</i>
Closing Voluntary:	Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ	Jamaican melody arr. John Behnke

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: John Currie (8:00)
Kevin Frisch, Thomas Holiday (10:15)
Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Spencer (8:00)
Cynthia Miller, Judy McGrath, Vicki Harrison (10:15)
Altar Guild: Judy McGrath, Nancy Gear, Maureen Chepiga, Kitty MacDowell,
Lila Kennedy
Ushers: Jennifer Bleecker, Malual Thongjang, Philip Bleecker, Susan Dow
ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)
Healing Prayers: Nancy Gear (8:00), Sue Ouellette, Diane Healy (10:15)
Live-Stream Operator: Sonja Slother (10:15)

MUSIC NOTES

Charles Ives (1874-1954) composed Variations on "America" in 1891 while a student at Yale University, however the piece was forgotten about until after Ives has passed away. In the late 1950's world-famous organist E. Power Biggs contacted the family of Charles Ives to ask if Ives had composed anything for the organ and the family remembered this piece which was then stored in a barn. Biggs performed it on his radio show and the piece has been a favorite ever since.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 66:10-14

Thus says the Lord: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:1-8

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER LIST

Kevin Ahearn, Gwen Cheney, Donna
Gear, Betty Ann Conlon, Jamie
Pacerno, Eric, Hans Thurston, Ray Ellis,
Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins,
Jeff, Tom, Bob Potter, Sr., Hank Couch,
Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and
Bill Dewart
Those who have died.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of
Edward C. Redfern.

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **Thank you** to all who have signed up to host **Summer Fellowship Hour!**
- ❖ **Upcoming Organ Recitals:** John Sherer will be playing at the Memorial Art Gallery (MAG) today at 1:30 pm & 3:00 pm and on July 13th at 1:30 pm & 3:30 pm and at *Tuesday Pipes* at Christ Church (on East Ave) on July 15th at 12:10 pm.
- ❖ **“Sunday on Thursdays”** is our outdoor Eucharist in Paul’s Cross each Thursday evening at 5:30 pm and continuing through August 28th. If there’s inclement weather, we will move inside the church.
- ❖ **Outreach Collection for St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality:** Throughout July, we will be collecting coffee, sugar, men’s underwear (boxers: all sizes), men’s T-shirts (all sizes), and men’s deodorant. Please place your donations in the baskets at the back of the church.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There are opportunities to donate altar flowers on the Sundays listed below, "In memory of" or in "celebration of" an event. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or email nancyandrus308@gmail.com. The following Sundays are available for the Chantry Altar: July 13, 20, and 27th.



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