

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 18**

**September 7, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

# *Season of Creation*

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church**

7121 Muirfield Drive

Dublin, Ohio

(614)766-2664

**Welcome to St. Patrick's.** If you are new to our parish or visiting with us, we are so glad you are here. Please sign our guest book in the narthex or fill out a pew card. Thank you for worshipping alongside us. *Questions? Email us at [church@pats-dublin.org](mailto:church@pats-dublin.org)*

## **Children at St. Patrick's**

We believe children point to the presence of the Holy Spirit during worship. Therefore, kids are welcome throughout the service. During the program year (September-May) we have Children's Chapel for children ages 4 through 5th grade. For younger children, ages 0 to 3 years old, we have nursery available staffed with 2 professional caregivers during this service year around. Please ask the ushers if you need directions to the nursery.

**HEARING/VISION IMPAIRED:** Wireless hearing devices and large print materials are available. Please check with an usher for assistance in locating these if needed.

**St. Patrick's Mission Statement:** St. Patrick's joyfully welcomes and includes you in a journey of Christian faith through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

**St. Patrick's Vision Statement:** St. Patrick's continues to grow as a joyful community of faith. Through worship, friendship, education and outreach, we live a Christ-centered life, caring for each other and our neighbors as ourselves.

**Opening Hymn 603** *When Christ was lifted from the earth*

*The people standing, the Presider says*

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

*The Presider then says,*

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.**

**Hymn of Praise 620, vs 1, 5** *Jerusalem, my happy home***The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Grant us, O God, the courage to choose Jesus' way even at great cost, bearing our cross and releasing our possessions, for the liberation and healing of your world; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Jeremiah 18:1-11**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the

good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

### **Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17**

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs,  
yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be  
more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

## **A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon 1-21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Gradual Hymn 702, vs. 1, 3-5** *Lord, thou hast searched me*

## **The Gospel Luke 14:25-33** (*All stand.*)

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

## **Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church and in our diocesan cycle of prayer today we especially pray for St. Mary's, Waynesville.  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that all your creatures may thank and serve you;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Open our eyes to the joy and beauty of creation, that we may see your presence in all your works;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of creation may abound for all your creatures;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Make us faithful stewards of creation, wisely caring for the earth, the air, the seas, and all the life they bear;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Awaken us to our responsibility for the care of creation;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Forgive us our waste and pollution of creation  
and strengthen us to heal wounds we have inflicted;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Remember all in captivity and those who are hunted, trapped, deserted,  
or abused, that they may find safety in homes of loving care;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Do not forget those creatures who have died yet remain dear to us,  
that they may rejoice in your new creation;

***Shower your blessing on earth, O God.***

Give to all the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially...  
who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week.

*Silence (during the silence the people may add their own petitions)*

*Presider*

Holy God: No sparrow falls without your attention; nothing dies that is  
lost to you; nothing comes into being without your love. Give us just  
and compassionate hearts, that we may serve the earth and all its  
creatures, holding fast to the vision of your peaceable reign in which  
all will live with you eternally; through the Risen One, Christ our  
Savior. ***Amen.***

## **Confession**

*Deacon or Presider*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Presider and People*

**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.**

## Absolution

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

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*


## Announcements

## The Offertory Anthem

*The Crickets Chanting Through the Night* K. Lee Scott

*The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection,  
are brought to the Altar. (Please stand.)*

## Doxology



\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer with Creation I

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

Praise and thanks are your, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our



meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Presider

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: “Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: “This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### Presider

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fulness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### People and Presider

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be kept.*

### Fraction Hymn

As Christ breaks bread\_\_ and bids us share\_\_ each  
proud di - vi - sion ends.\_\_\_\_ That love that made\_\_ us  
makes us one,\_\_\_\_ and stran - gers now\_\_ are friends.\_\_\_\_

## **The Invitation**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*All persons are invited to the Altar.*

*If you choose to receive communion,  
you may do so in one of the following ways:*

- *Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.*
- *Intinction is strongly discouraged however if you choose to intinct, please simply leave the wafer in your hands.*
- *The chalice bearer will dip the wafer, then hand it back to you.*
- *Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable.*
- *If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.*
- *If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.*
- *If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.*

**Communion Hymn LEVAS 136** *I have decided to follow Jesus*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Visitor Sending** *(If needed.)*

*Presider*

We send you out in the Name of God to those who can't be here  
today bearing the body of Christ so they may be the body of Christ.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn 347** *God forth for God*

### Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### Postlude

*Fantasia No. 12 in E flat*

G.P. Telemann

---

***Thank you for joining with us in worship this morning!  
We invite you to continue your Sunday morning experience,  
with fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall.  
All are welcome!***

---

### Today's Ministry Team

**Presider:** The Rev. Catherine Duffy

**Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Jason Emerson

**Music Director:** Jennifer Bell

**Lay Reader:** Virginia Tuttle

**Lectors:** Jodie Emerson, Bill Righter

**Crucifer:** Isaac Emerson

**Acolytes:** Evelyn Emerson, Joe Machesky

**Ushers:** Ben & Susan Givens, Andy Landers, Jim Bratton

**Greeters:** Tara Gleason, Lisa Schmidt

**Children's Chapel Helpers:**

**Coffee Hour:** Mary & Randy Edwards, Jodie Emerson

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV):** Susan Jones, Denise Birkhoff

**Altar Guild:** Michelle Miller, Val Pittsenbarger, Shannon McCarthy

**Counters:** Rick Sicker, Chris Nelson

**Hospitality Table:** Ed & Jo Yuhas

### About the Season of Creation

The Season of Creation, September 1st through October 4th, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction.

The 2025 theme is Peace with Creation. In celebrating the Season, we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living.