



Welcome to St. David's Episcopal
Church, Southfield, MI

Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 6, 2026; 8 am & 10 am



Going to Church, William H. Johnson

WELCOME

At the sound of the bell, all rise

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Give Me Jesus, ELEVAS #91

We begin our worship with this 19th century Spiritual. It arose out of chattel slavery and served as a profound declaration of faith and spiritual autonomy that we proudly make this morning.

Verse 1

In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Verse 2

Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry.
Give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Verse 3

O when I come to die,
O when I come to die,
O when I come to die,
Give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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: Exodus 13:1-14

Our first lesson is from the second book of the Bible, Exodus, and describes the first Passover.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

May your word dwell in us.

People: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

THE PSALM: 149, Spoken

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:8-14

Our second lesson is an iconic passage of practical advice for Christians, it is from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

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, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

May your word dwell in us.

People: And bear much fruit to your glory.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Come, labor on, Hymn #541

We chose this hymn as framework for the upcoming Labor Day, and to remind us of the brevity of life and the blessed invitation we have to serve others.

Verse 1

Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

Verse 2

Come, labor on.
The enemy is watching night and day,
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
while we in sleep our duty have forgot,
he slumbered not.

Verse 3

Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill
his righteous will.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeler: 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."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Very Rev. Chris Yaw

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: We believe in God,
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that wants to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and doubting, we trust in God;
and, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves,
in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love;
And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church,
for the glory of God.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spoken Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

THE PEACE | ANNOUNCEMENTS: Howard Rush | **GREETING OF ONLINE GUESTS**

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SOLO: *As We gather at Your Table*, Skinner Chavez-Melo
Kathleen Smith, Soloist

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Seek Ye First*, Hymn #711

We transition into our Eucharist by singing a song rooted in Matthew 5 that reminds us of our priorities.

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

Verse 2

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Verse 3

You do not live by bread alone,
but by every word,
that comes forth from the mouth of God;
Alleluia.

Verse 4

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst;
and whatsoever you ask I will do;
Alleluia.

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
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Allelu, Alleluia!

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

THE HOLY COMMUNION & THE 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 God thanks and praise.**

We glorify and enjoy you now and forever, gracious God, because you created the universe as your work of art, and set us in the midst of it. When the canvas of your kindness was torn by our sin, you crafted a work of even more depth and beauty from the damage we had done.

People: **When your Son's body was scarred and pierced,
you raised him to glorious life**

In your chosen people you drew out a song of thankfulness and praise, and in your church you give us voices to shout and dance and sculpt and inscribe the wonders of your love. And so we rejoice to join with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

SANCTUS (Sung)

Celebrant & People:
S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We lift our hearts to you, Lord God, because you draw your whole creation into the celebration of your glory.

People: **Send down your Holy Spirit upon us now,
that every part of every one of us
might become an instrument of your peace.**

Give us your very self in these gifts of bread and wine and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

ACCLAMATION OF FAITH (Sung)

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

The Celebrant continues

God of justice, make us a prophetic people, whose every work and every act is a proclamation of the new order found in you and worthy of your kingdom.

People: **Holy God, make us a priestly people,
whose lives are so transparent with your truth
that we become a place of encounter between you
and your beloved children.**

Reigning God, make us a kingly people, whose hearts are filled with worship and wonder, and who seek to bring every one of your gifts to fruition in the power of your Spirit. We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, God of glory, forever and ever.

Celebrant & the People (Sung): **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever, forever, forever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Lamb of God* - Hymn S-161 (Sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you,
and, since we are not all receiving you sacramentally,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself with you,
and embrace you with all the love of my soul.
May I live in you, and may you live in me.
Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN: Let us break bread, LEVAS #152

Our Communion is a time of unity, that we come from many places to gather around one faith, one baptism, one holy meal.

Verse 1

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 2

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Verse 3

Let us praise God together on our knees; (yes, on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (yes, on our knees)

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray:

**All: God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
That we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
And continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Blessed assurance, LEVAS #184

This well-known hymn concludes our worship as a reminder – an assurance – that no matter what happens, we are God’s and God is ours.

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my savior all the day long.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world to love and serve God and our neighbor.

People: Through worship, outreach, and love for all. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling All Singers! All singers are cordially invited, and strongly encouraged, to join our wonderful choir. No auditions are necessary, and all are welcome. This is a talented and dedicated group, who sings to the glory of God, and leads the music for our 10:00 service. We rehearse each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30, with a warm-up on Sunday at 9:30. Please consider joining this spirited and friendly cohort. You will not only be enriching our worship at St. David's, but growing in your own spirituality and musical knowledge. If you have questions, please call our music director Al Eppens at 248-686-8586, or email him at AJEppens@netscape.net.

We're Hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive!

Sunday October 4th, in parish hall from 8 am- 1 pm. Use link to register in advance. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StDavidsfld>

A Note from Our Sunday School Director

This year we will be having two Sunday School classes. Both will be small, but it does require more teachers. The classes will be Godly Play for our youngest children and an early elementary class. Please see Jeanne Petersen if you can teach. We are asking for one Sunday a month. Training will be provided.

Our Haiti Fundraiser Committee is looking for special items to include in our Silent Auction, at the Comedy Castle on October 20. We are looking for tickets to a Lions, Pistons or Red Wings game; tickets to a play or event; or passes to Greenfield Village or the Zoo. If you have access to any of these items - or any ideas please contact: Janet Ernst, jernst1998@gmail.com, 248 981-8851

Next Sunday- Sep 6: 9 am Learning Hour: 'Taking Care of the Orphans' (James 1): Children's Village of Oakland County There's an amazing organization in Oakland County that cares for at-risk youth: Children's Village. Come hear about their work and mission to youth in the criminal justice system as well as foster care.

Next Sunday- Sep 13: Connection Hour, 11:30 am: Welcome Back Ice Cream Social! On this Grandparents Sunday, come celebrate the start of the St. David's program year with an Ice Cream Social.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY



As summer comes to a close, let's gather to celebrate new beginnings.

Join us for a **Blessing of Backpacks & Briefcases** as we welcome students, educators, professionals, and families back for the year ahead.

Following the service, enjoy an **Ice Cream Social** celebrating the special bond between grandparents and their grandchildren. Come share sweet treats, make lasting memories, and celebrate the gift of family and faith across generations.



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