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

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 25, Year A, RCL

October 25, 2026 8 am & 10 am service



Folds from Ethiopian Processional Icon, ca. 1450-1500

Welcome: Howard Rush

Prelude: *Abide With Me* William Henry Monk - Edna Buday, violinist

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: *O God, our help in ages past* **Hymn #680** *(vs 1-4)*
As the generations come and go, God remains our refuge. We sing of the One who held Moses, holds us today, and will be our hope for all the years to come.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
People: **And also with you**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

At the end of his long journey, Moses sees the Promised Land but will not enter it. In our first lesson, his story reminds us that faithful lives can bless generations beyond our own.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

May your word dwell in us.

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

The Psalm: 90:1-6, 13-17

***Refrain*: O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

Lord, you have / been our refuge *
from one generation / to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the / earth were born, *
from age to age / you are God.

***Refrain*: O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

You turn us back to the / dust and say, *
"Go back, O / child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight, are like yesterday when / it is past *
and like a watch / in the night.

***Refrain*: O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

You turn us back to the / dust and say, *
"Go back, O / child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight, are like yesterday when / it is past *
and like a watch / in the night.

***Refrain*: O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

You sweep us away / like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly / like the grass.

In the morning it is / green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried / up and withered.

***Refrain*: O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

Return O Lord; how long / will you tarry? *
be gracious / to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness / in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days / of our life.

***Refrain*: O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that / you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suf / fered adversity.

Show your ser / vants your works *
and your splendor / to their children.

***Refrain*: O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God / be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
pros / per our handiwork.

***Refrain*: O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

In our Second Lesson, Paul reminds the Thessalonians that sharing the Gospel is not about winning admiration or exercising power. It is about courage, honesty, gentleness, and loving people enough to share our very selves.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

May your word dwell in us.

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

Sequence Hymn: *Take my life, and let it be* **Hymn #707**

As Jesus challenges us to consider where our deepest allegiance lies, we ask for the grace to walk close to him each day.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew:
People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**
Gospeler: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Sung Response: **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;**
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

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.

Life Celebrations | The Peace | Announcements: Steve Rienstra

Greeting of Online Guests

The Offertory

The Offertory Anthem: *Goin' Up in Glory* arr. Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse
Today's anthem lifts our eyes toward the hope of God's glory, a hope that gives courage and tenderness to the lives we live today.

The Offertory Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu* **LEVAS #74**
Jesus kneels to wash the feet of his friends and teaches us that love is something we do. As we bring our gifts, we ask to become servants of every neighbor, near and far.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love. You wrote your law not only on two stone tablets but into the very life of your holy people.

People: **Through Moses you summoned your people**
to love you with all their heart,
all their soul, and all their might.

When your Son, walking in the way of the law and the prophets, came to live among us, loving you with all his heart and soul and mind and strength, he showed us how to love our neighbors as ourselves. When his neighbors did not love him, and raised him up in shame on the cross, you raised him in the glory of the resurrection.

You, O Lord our God, are holy, and you are one. And so we remember and celebrate your covenant with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn.

Sanctus (Sung)

Celebrant and People: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of hosts.**
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.

The people stand or kneel. - The Celebrant continues

Abiding God, you are our dwelling place in every generation. You sent your spirit of wisdom to rest upon Joshua, and blessed him through the hands of Moses to continue the story of your mighty works. You sent Jesus as the new Joshua, our savior and the pioneer of our hope.

People: **As we remember our Lord's saving mercies,**
send down your Holy Spirit!

May that Spirit continue in and through us your story of salvation, and sanctify this bread and cup, to be for us the body and blood of our Lord 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 in 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 ."

Acclamation of Faith

Celebrant (Sung): Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People(Sung): **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Embracing God, you invite us to love you by loving our neighbors. Open wide every heart to the way of your commandments. Make your church a living body of your law, written into one shared life.

People: **Fill your children with the zeal of the prophets.**

Show your people how to love their neighbors not only in word but in action.
Pour your transforming Spirit upon any whose most difficult struggle is learning to love themselves. Reveal yourself in the face of friend and stranger, until that day when your world shall see you face to face; when, by the fullness of your grace,

People: **we come to share in your lasting glory,**
ever-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

All: **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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: *Lamb of God (Sung)*

All: **O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,**
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace. *[repeat]*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All: **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: *One bread, one body* **LEVAS #151**
At Christ's table we discover what it means to belong to God: we receive grace together and are nourished to love one another.

Post Communion Prayer

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: *The God of Abraham Praise* **Hymn #401** *(vs 1-3)*
As we go, we praise the God who was faithful to Abraham and Moses and remains faithful to us. May that enduring love be made visible in the way we treat our neighbors this week.

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.**

Postlude: *Prelude and Fugue in C Major*, Johann Sebastian Bach

Altar Flowers Donated by: Bob & Mary Connelly in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary along with the 25th anniversary of their daughter and son-in-law Megan & Adam Clous.

Announcements

This Sunday, Oct 25: Connection Hour, 11:30 am: A Search for Meaning in the Holocaust Survivor with Lori Klisman Ellis Join Michigan local Lori Klisman Ellis on her journey to find closure in the deaths of her loved ones during the Holocaust. From curiosity to discovery to deeper understanding, Lori Klisman Ellis shares an intimate portrait of a family.

CSB Resumes Program Year

CSB began Monday 9/14/2026. Monday Meetings begin at 7 pm in Parish Hall.
Whirly ball November 2nd - Outing to Museum of Illusions in Detroit November 7th

Bouncing Youth Group

Calling all youth! All kids in grades 6-12 are invited to join our deanery's Bouncing Youth Group. This group meets the second Sunday of the month for dinner, a lesson, and games, and we "bounce" around to a different church each month. Our first meeting will be Sunday, November 8, from 6- 8 p.m. at St. Stevens in Troy. We will carpool from St. David's. Questions or want to get on the email list? See Jessica Rienstra.

The St. David's Eco Committee appreciates your efforts in reducing waste.

We want to remind you of the small items we currently collect (on the action table) to reduce, reuse and recycle.
Wine corks(natural cork only-not the synthetic type)
Household batteries
Medicine bottles (orange, empty, lid and labels removed)
Pens, markers, crayons, mechanical and colored pencils
Recycling is a visible sign of our commitment to love, respect and care for the Earth.
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