



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.*



Online Bulletin

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

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August 26, 2018 10:15 a.m.

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*Today's flowers are given by the Parker and Ayala families in loving memory of Gigi Denniston who would have celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday tomorrow and by Connie Baer in memory of her mother, Mary Paul, and her wife, Rita Marsh, on their birthdays.*

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### *Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

*Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.*

*Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.*

*Our Summer Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am in Kahler Hall where they participate in Building Our Faith: One Brick at a Time. Children return to the church for Eucharist and then continue their program in Kahler Hall.*

*Summer Youth Group (grades 6-12) is invited to join in the Summer Sunday school program as a participant or leader, join the Pick-up Choir, serve as Acolytes, or usher or simply enjoy attending the service.*

*Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.*

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## Holy Eucharist

### *Liturgy of the Word*

**Prelude**

*Pastorale*

*Craig Phillips*

*Nick Akdag – Bassoonist, Sara Edwards - Organist*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell*

**Processional**

**I come with joy to meet my Lord**

**Hymnal 304**



## Psalm 34:15-22

- 15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

**Gradual Hymn**  
*All stand to sing.*

**I am the bread of life (v. 1-2)**

**Hymnal 335**

## Holy Gospel

John 6:56-69

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

*All stand and together say*

**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 worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

*Deacon*

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

*Leader*

Father, we pray for your holy Church:

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those affected by the fires and floods;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to 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 the needs of others.

*(The people may add silently their own prayer petitions.)*

*Deacon*

God of judgement and mercy, when we hide ourselves in shame, you seek us out in love. Grant us the fullness of your forgiveness, that as one people, united by your grace, we may stand with Christ against the powers of evil. **Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing.

<sup>2</sup> relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor  
*A period of silence is observed.*

**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.**

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

*All stand as they are able.*

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

### Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

*For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.*

### Blessing For New Beginnings

God of Wisdom, as we make our way into Fall, many of us are facing changes and challenges. We give thanks to you for new beginnings of every kind and ask your blessing on all those who are transitioning to new jobs, new homes, new ministries, new projects, new relationships and new phases of life. We ask your blessing on schools and classrooms and give thanks for the teachers, students, administrators and staff who fill them each day. We thank you for gift of education and we pray for those who do not have this opportunity. Bless each of us and all of your people around the world with curiosity, understanding, and respect. May these backpacks, book bags, briefcases and school supplies carry your blessing as we carry them out into the world. All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ, who as a child showed his longing to learn and as an adult taught by Word and example your great love for us. **Amen.**

## *Liturgy of the Table*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*BCP p. 377*

### Offertory Anthem

*Dance*

*Craig Phillips*

*Nick Akdag – Bassoonist, Sara Edwards – Organist*

### Presentation Hymn

**O worship the King (v.1-3)**

**Hymnal 388**

*Please stand.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

*The people remain standing.*

*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.*

*Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.*

**Communion Music**

*Agnus Dei/Holy, Holy, Holy*

*arr. M.W. Smith and C. Phillips*

*Nick Akdag – Bassoonist, Sara Edwards - Organist*

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

*arr. H. T. Burleigh*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

**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.**

*When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

## Blessing

May the Peace 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 may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

## Concluding Hymn

**Stand up, stand up, for Jesus**

**Hymnal 561**

*Please stand.*

## Announcements

*Please be seated.*

## Dismissal

*Please stand.*

*Deacon* Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Postlude

*Stand Up for Jesus!*

*Arr. Mary MacDonald*

*Nick Akdag – Bassoonist, Sara Edwards – Organist*

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*A special "Thank you" to local musician and teacher, one of St. Paul's favorites, Nick Akdag, who joined us today on the bassoon.*

**Welcome! We're so glad you're here.**

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

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Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



**St. Paul's GO**

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

**Here's How:**

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3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.

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## *Serving This Week*

<b>Acolytes</b>	Aramis Nahabedian, Nairi Nahabedian, Maryanne Lamola
<b>Chalice</b>	John Borneman, Drew Darby
<b>Psalm</b>	John Borneman
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Bridget Wareham
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Joseph Wareham
<b>Eucharistic Prayer Minister</b>	Rose Hayden-Smith
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Kathleen Crookston, Pam Owens
<b>Ushers</b>	Elizabeth Rose, Julie Braithwaite
<b>Welcome Ministry</b>	Marcia Semple, Ernie Fickerson
<b>Sunday School Leader</b>	Elena Kennedy
<b>Hospitality</b>	Ruth McCool, Rob & Susan Talmadge, Bert & Ernie Fickerson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Kathy Loest, Susan Talmadge
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Heidi & Katie Trevisan, Valerie & Allie Ortiz, Rose Hayden-Smith
<b>Counters</b>	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Nate Alday

<b>Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's</b>
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<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
<b>8/26</b>	9:40 am	Choir Warm-up (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Summer Sunday School (Kahler Hall)
	10:30 am	Rite II Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>8/27</b>		
<b>Tues.</b>		
<b>8/28</b>		
<b>Wed.</b>	9:00 am	Healing Service (St. Paul's Chapel)
<b>8/29</b>	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room-previously known as the Youth Room)
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:30 pm	AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)
<b>8/30</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b>	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
<b>8/31</b>		
<b>Sat.</b>	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>9/1</b>		

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of August 26, 2018***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury  
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan  
Diane Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts  
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Wes, Jacob, Carolyn, Gerri, Jan, Priscilla, Maggie, Duncan, Sheila, Jamie, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mike, Kevin. Mary, Kathie, Tom

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kathy, Doug, Rachel, Kim, Rob

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.*

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179; La Famiglia Preschool, and VCSAGE.
- + Guests in the Safe Sleep Program.
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaoso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

*IN MEMORIAM: Jesse Bandonado, William Murray, Jr.*

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

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## Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!  
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,  
St. Paul's is here to help.*

*We're praying for you every day.*

*Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning.

8:00 am Jo Ellen Heil

10:15 am Ruth McCool, Rob & Susan Talmadge, Bert & Ernie Fickerson  
*(Next week for hospitality: 8 am – Vicki Paul 10:15 am – Miles & Cathy  
Sexton, Jennifer Golland, Laura & Teddy Andrews)*

*If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

***Please join us again next Sunday!***

### **MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S**



#### **TODAY:**

Local musician and teacher (and St. Paul's favorite!) Nick Akdag joins us on bassoon. (Both services.)

Next Sunday:

Terry Gorka will play guitar and sing contemporary Christian favorites.



#### **MUSIC CHANGING WITH THE SEASONS**

Our summer pick-up choir has been going strong, and you are invited to join in. We'll meet on Sunday at 9:45am in the music room for a warm-up and to learn the hymns. We'd love to see you there!

Our thanks to everyone who is busily preparing for a wonderful coming season of uplifting and inspiring music at St. Paul's. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the music ministry, please speak with Felix or Tara. It's going to be a great year!



#### **TODAY IS THE FINAL LEGO SUNDAY**

##### **A BIG LEGO THANK YOU!**

to everyone who came to learn and play and to Elena Kennedy for all her work on this great program! Our great appreciation also goes to Sarah & Gaby Jackson for assisting and Jon Bek for all of his support.

#### **Next Sunday, 9/2 - Active Indoor Sunday School Games**

Miss Heidi is planning some wonderful fun and a surprise treat.

Be sure to join us if you're in town, and bring your friends.

It's going to be great fun!



#### **Sunday, 9/9 - Homecoming Celebration and Fall Kickoff**

Join us as Sunday School and Youth Group return for a new program year. We look forward to a great new year!



### SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

We are working our way through a 30 Day Evangelism Challenge. We'll be sharing our faith, supporting one another along this amazing journey, and doing what Jesus calls us to do...spread the Good News while loving and serving the world in his name. Over the course of the next month, check our e-news, website, and Facebook page. "Like" and "share" posts as you choose. "Like" and "follow" our Facebook Page if you want to keep in touch. There will be a new challenge every day. God bless you all. #StPaulsVentura #episcopal [www.saintpaulsventura.org](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org)



### MISSION OUTREACH - JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION (October 20-29)

Today, during Fellowship, after each service, Dr. Steve Jones will present information on this year's medical mission trip to Jamaica. Monetary donations may be given to St. Paul's noting Jamaica Medical Mission in the memo or they may be written directly to West African Community Mission also noting Jamaica Medical Mission. Donations will be collected now through September 30. All are invited to a "Packing Party" at noon on October 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.



### HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY

It is time to replenish the financial soup pot! The Souper Bowl fundraising for Family to Family provided about 1,400 lunches through June. We have used every penny and are counting on your generosity to provide lunch to our hungry neighbors. We serve an average of 240 lunches once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at the Family to Family facility on the Ventura Avenue. The cost averages \$600 per month (\$2.50 per plate). Our goal is **\$4,200** which will fund the ministry through January 2019.

*Donations may be made by cash, check or PayPal. Please note: Family to Family*

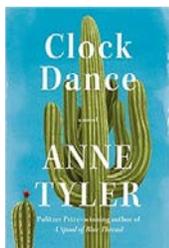
**UPDATE: \$3,461** donations received = funds the ministry through ½ of December = 1,384 meals! **82% of goal!**

**THANK YOU FOR TEAMING UP WITH US TO OVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND SERVE THE WORLD IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.**



### HOMECOMING SUNDAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Join us as all of the ministries that took some time off, or went on summer schedule, come back into full swing. Come learn about the exciting programs and ministries we will present in the coming program year. We're encouraging everyone who's been away to come back and join in the celebration. Invite your friends, old and new, to join us too!



### FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB

The August selection is Clock Dance by Anne Tyler. This is a "charming new novel of self-discovery and second chances from the best-selling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of A Spool of Blue Thread. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** (the Monday following Labor Day) at 5:30pm. All women are welcome! *Sponsored by Daughters of the King*



## *Did you know?*

### **Hymn 561: Stand up, stand up, for Jesus**

The militant mood concerning the issue of slavery in the northern United States just prior to the American Civil War was a strong motivation for the extensive use of militaristic imagery that permeates this text. Upon publication, the popularity and use of the text were both immediate and international, for along with extensive currency in the United States it is found matched with his tune in many English hymnals.

Words: “Stand Up for Jesus” was the dying message of the Rev. Dudley A. Tyng to the Young Men’s’ Christian Association, and the ministers associated with them during the great revival of 1853 in the Noon-Day Prayer Meeting, usually known as “The Work of God in Philadelphia”. The Rev. Dudley A. Tyng was rector for the Church of the Epiphany Philadelphia. The *Methodist Hymnal Companion of 1964* mentions a conjecture “that since Tyng had been persecuted for his stand against slavery, he probably meant to say, “Stand up for Jesus in the person of the downtrodden slave.””

Music: MORNING LIGHT (also known as *Franconia*, *Goodwin*, *Millennial Dawn*, *New York*, *Rosy Light*, *Stand Up*, and *Webb*) was first written by George James Webb in 1830 while aboard a ship bound for America. Composed for a secular song, “Tis dawn, the lark is singing,” it was first published by Webb and Mason in *The Odeon: A collection of Secular Melodies* (Boston, 1842). This text has been the source of the different tune names.

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