

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to St. Paul's!

We seek Christ and celebrate the mystery of God's love for all.

-Our Vision Statement-

We are progressive Christians in an open, inclusive, and affirming community of faith.

We provide a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.

We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.

Newcomers and Guests: Please sign our guest book in the lobby where you entered and introduce yourselves. We would love to give you a thank you gift for praying with us and learn more about you.

Families with Children: We welcome people of any age who seek God's love and saving help.

The OK Corral is a good spot for small free-ranging kiddos.

Families are especially welcome to gather on the rug near the altar step, where you will also find children's activity bags. Quiet activities are available so kiddos can watch and learn while wiggling.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith

The Holy Eucharist

27 September 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gather

Share

The Presider invites members and visitors to share important milestones of God's work in their lives, like birthdays, anniversaries, job changes, new family members.

Participate

A member of the clergy or an elected leader shares important news about how to participate in the fellowship and mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Acknowledge

Presider We begin by gratefully acknowledging the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Paul's was built on the ancestral land of the Suquamish Nation. The Suquamish are known as the "People of the Clear Salt Water," and have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along the Salish Sea for thousands of years.

People **We offer our respect to Elders past, present, and future.**

We Listen for God

Presider Silence is not the absence of noise. Take a moment to breathe in God's Holy Spirit and listen for the presence of Christ among us in every place we are.

The people observe a moment of silent reflection begun by the toning of the singing bowl and ended with the ringing of the Martinique Bell.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #635 "Let All Things Now Living"



1. Let all things now liv-ing A song of thanks-giv-ing
2. God rules all the forc-es: The stars in their cours-es

To God the Cre-a-tor tri-um-phant-ly raise,
And sun in its or-bit o-be-dient-ly shine;

Who fash-ioned and made us, Pro-ject-ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun-tains, The riv-ers and foun-tains,

And guides us with care to the end of our days.
The deeps of the o-cean pro-claim God di-vine.

God's ban-ners are o'er us, God's light goes be-fore us,
We too should be voic-ing Our love and re-joic-ing;

A pil-lar of fire shin-ing forth in the night,
With glad ad-o-ra-tion a song let us raise

Till shad-ows have van-ished And dark-ness is ban-ished,
Till all things now liv-ing U-nite in thanks-giv-ing:

As for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.
"To God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!"

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Presider
People

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria (8 am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria (10 am): Gather Hymnal #604 “All the Ends of the Earth” vv. 1-2

Refrain

All the ends of the earth, all you crea-tures of the sea, lift up your
eyes to the won-ders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the
Mas-ter of the sea, has come with jus-tice for the world.

Verse 1

1. Break in-to song at the deeds of the Lord, the
won-ders he has done in ev-'ry age. D.C.

Verse 2

2. Heav-en and earth shall re-joice in his might; ev-'ry heart,
ev-'ry na-tion call him Lord. D.C.

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The Collects

Presider

Let us pray together.

All

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.

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.
- 4 **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.**
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 **He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.**
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 **He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.**
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

A Reading from the Book of Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he

humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 "Alleluia"



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Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 21:23-32** ❖ ❖ ❖
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Sermon: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Silence follows the sermon

The Nicene Creed

(from Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Expansive language)

Presider Let us affirm our faith together.

All 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.

The Prayers of the People *(from Form VI Prayers of the People, adapted for Expansive language)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, O God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Phil our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Georgann, Shayne, Richard, Mike, Kathy, Bill, Declan, Bob, Steve, Deacon Bill, Rolly, Brandy, Darlene, Allen, Linda, Elaine, Anne, Gianna, Pricilla, Alexa, Ramond, Beth, and Becky.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Intercessor

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People Have mercy upon us, **most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Passing the Peace is an ancient practice where Christians recognize the holiness in one another before encountering Christ in the Eucharist. Members shake hands, hug, or bow to one another. The Peace comes to a close when the Presider bids the Offering.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #782 "Only This I Want"

On-ly this I want: but to know the Lord,
 and to bear his cross so to wear the crown he wore.

Verses

1. All but this is loss, worth-less ref-use to me,
 2. I will run the race; I will fight the good fight,
 3. Let your heart be glad, al-ways glad in the Lord,

D.C.
 for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.
 so to win the prize of the King-dom of my Lord.
 so to shine like stars in the dark-ness of the night.

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Presider Everliving Creator, we forget that all we have comes from you. We offer you tokens of our labor to remind us that we are utterly dependent on you for our memory, hope, and very breath. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Book of Common Prayer 1979, Rite II Prayer C (Expansive Language)*

The Presider and people pray back and forth. The people say bolded text together.

Presider The Lord 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 our thanks and praise.**

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

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

Presider 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.

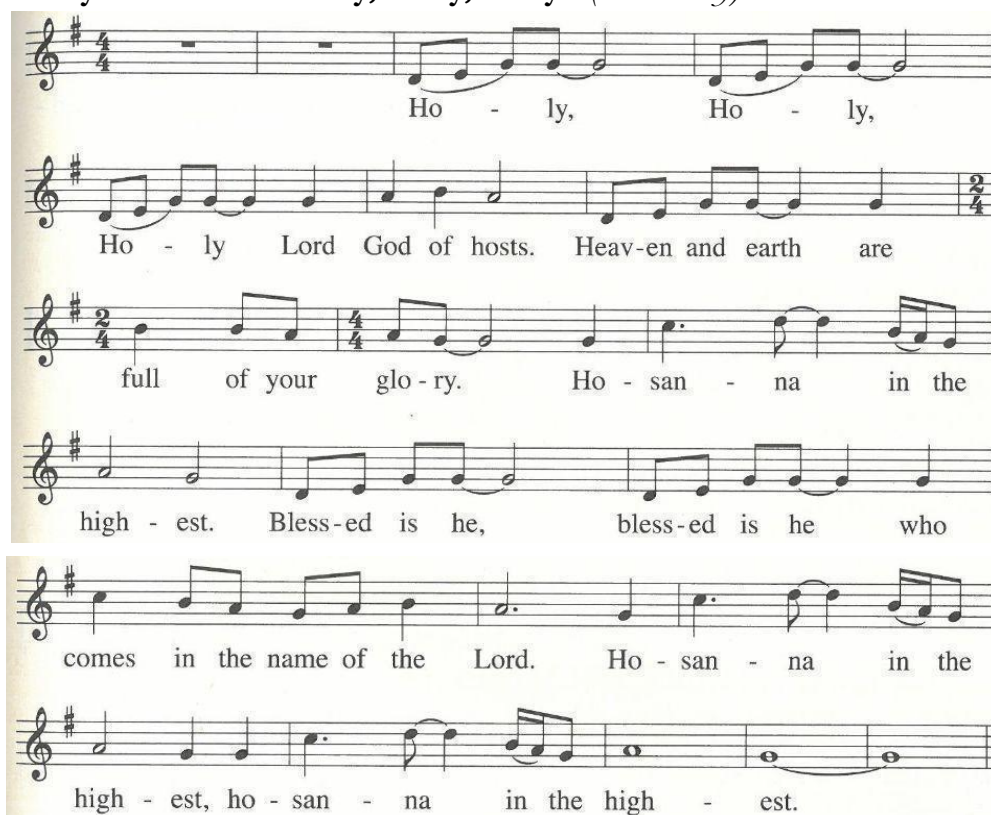
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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:

Spoken Sanctus: *(8am only)*

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.

Sanctus: Gather Hymnal #222 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *(10am only)*



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The Presider continues: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, Jesus 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 Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior. Sanctify us also, and 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.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Members of the congregation who wish to do so may join hands during The Lord’s Prayer.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread [*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*]

Presider God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God’s table.

Communion Hymn: “How Great Is Our God”

Words and Music by
CHRIS TOMLIN, JESSE REEVES
and ED CASH

(♩ = 76)

G Em7 Dsus

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1. The

splen - dor of the King,
(2.) age to age He stands, and

clothed in maj - es - ty; Let all the earth re - joice,
time is in His hands; Be - gin - ning and the End,

9 C2
all the earth re - joice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

11 G
Him - self in light, and
- head, three in one,

dark - ness tries to hide, and trem - bles at His voice,
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, the Li - on and the Lamb,

and trem - bles at His voice.
the Li - on and the Lamb. } How great

17 **Chorus:**
(*tacet 1st time*)

Name a - bove all names, _____
G

_____ is our God! _____ Sing with me: _____ How

wor - thy of all praise. _____ My heart will sing: _____ how great -
Em7 Cmaj7

great is our God! _____ And all _____ will see how great, _____ how great -

3
1. Repeat to Verse

22

_____ is our God! _____
D G

_____ is our God! _____ 2. And

2. Repeat to Verse D.S. 3. Song ending

25

Cmaj7

How great - _____ How great, _____ how great -



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The Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori *(for those livestreaming from home):*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Presider In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

The Presider commends the Eucharistic Visitor to visit a member of the congregation then says,

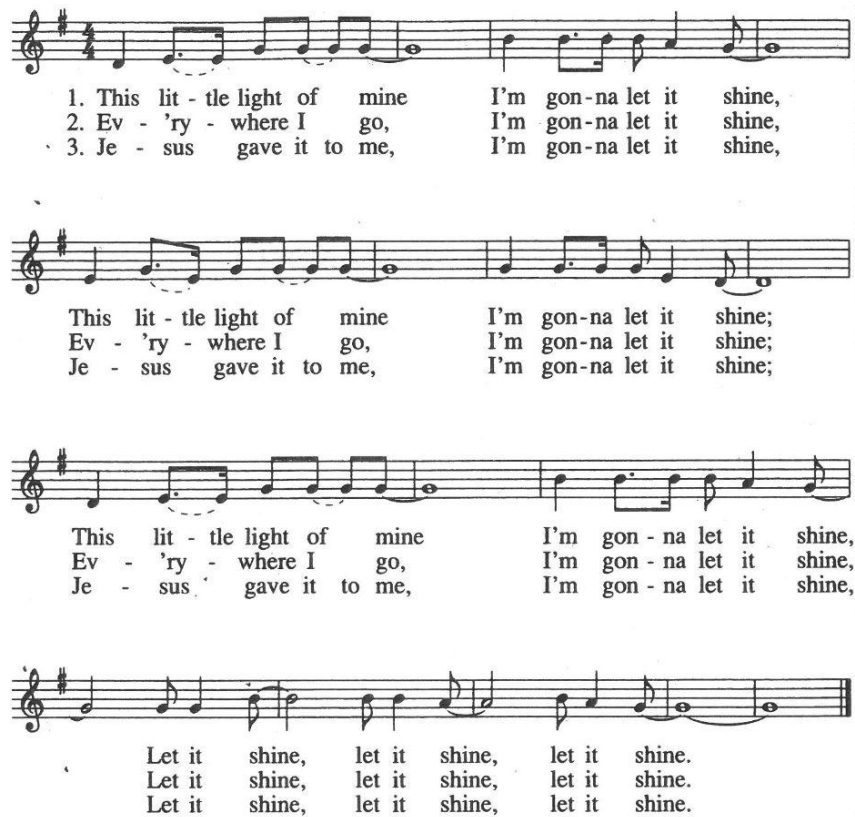
We who have received the gift of Christ,

People **Share our hope in the breaking of Bread.**

Blessing ✠

Presider May the God who created and sustains you keep you whole and holy. May Christ who walked among us, walk before us to our homecoming. And may the blessing of God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #591 "This Little Light of Mine"



1. This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine,
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine,
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine,

This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine;
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine;

This lit - tle light of mine I'm gon - na let it shine,
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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The Great Beginning

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
All Thanks be to God.

Altar Memorial

This Sunday's sanctuary candle was given by the Altar Guild.

Today's Ministry Team:

Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

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