

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 2020

Hymns - Proper 10A

Processional Hymn

O worship the King, all glorious above (Hanover) H# 388

Gospel Hymn

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God (O heiliger Geist) H# 505

Offertory Hymn

Almighty God, your word is cast (Walden) H# 589

Communion Hymn

Holy Ground (A3#117)

Step by Step (A3#154)

Recessional Hymn

This is the day that the Lord hath made (London New) H# 50

Morsel for Meditation

"None of us has the luxury of choosing our challenges. Fate and history provide them for us. Our job is to meet the tests we are presented."

Fed Chairman Jay Powell, speaking at the Brookings Institution on April 9, 2020

"There is often more wisdom to be found at the edges of life than in its middle. Life-threatening illness may shuffle our values like a deck of cards. Sometimes a card that has been on the bottom of the deck for most of our lives turns out to be the top card, the thing that really matters. Having watched people sort their cards and play their hands in the presence of death for many years, I would say that rarely is the top card perfection, or possessions, or even pride. Most often the top card is love."

Rachel Naomi Remen, *My Grandfather's Blessings* (New York: Riverhead Books, 2000), 280.

Readings

[Genesis 25:19-34](#)

[Psalm 119:105-112](#)

[Romans 8:1-11](#)

[Matthew 13:1-9,18-23](#)

Stewardship Today

Whatsoever I thankfully receive, as a token of God's love to me, I part with contentedly as a token of my love to Him. – Theophilus Gale

Lay Ministry

Lector:	7 – 12 – Bill Rolston	7 – 19 - TBD
Acolyte:	7 – 12– TBD	7 – 19 - TBD
Altar Guild:	7 – 12 - Laura Funk, Gail Rolston	7 – 19 – Laura Funk, Gail Rolston
Vestry Person of the Day:	7 – 12 – Frank McKee, Dana Medford	7 – 19 – Steve Ramsey, Mike Lavigne

[Rector's Update](#)

Greetings to the saints at St. Paul's,

The summer heat makes it easier to stay home, and that makes worshipping online a little easier to take. We heard a lot of good points made about protecting physical health by physical distancing, and I appreciate the intent. I'd also propose that we need to consider other aspects of our health. Physical health via exercise, sleep, and proper diet remain as important today as ever. Likewise, our mental health needs attention through social contact. Social media has its place, and so does making telephone calls to family and friends. Those who wait for someone else to call them may wait a long time. I am concerned about all those areas, and as the Rector, I'm also concerned about the spiritual well-being of parishioners. St. Bonaventure said, 'In the way of virtue, there is no standing still; anyone who does not daily advance, loses ground. To remain at a standstill is impossible; one who gains not, loses; one who ascends not, descends. If one does not ascend the ladder, one must descend; if one does not conquer, one will be conquered.' While we're in a time of not meeting physically, we have other ways to grow in our walk with Jesus. St. Paul's offers interactive Noonday Prayer on Wednesday, and a Friday morning Bible study. Many free or low cost online courses are readily available (e.g. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org>, <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~mcgrath/>, <http://peterkreeft.com/>, <https://gospelinlife.com/>), not to mention the wealth of Christian writings. Those who want to grow spiritually during this time have more resources than ever before. Please avail yourself of some of these opportunities!

Remote Eucharist continues, and a couple parishioners are helping me to distribute the Eucharist to parishioners' homes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please let me know by email if you'd like to receive the Holy Sacrament remotely. The best way to contact me is fathernickfunk@gmail.com.

Here's St. Paul's news for the week:

- Our Sunday services are available live at 10:25 am (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCmlrRFxbQF7CSAnFS8H9FA>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalgreenville>). Our recorded Sunday service is broadcast on the GEUS community Channel (Channel 34) on Wednesdays at 8 am and 6 pm. Previously recorded services may be accessed anytime on our Facebook and YouTube pages. The recorded sermons may be found on our website as MP3s.
- The Parish office remains closed; however we continue to check voicemails and emails regularly.
- The St. Paul's Zoom Meeting may be found at <https://zoom.us/j/9037772020>. Our Meeting ID is: 903 777 2020. To call in, use one tap mobile: +13462487799,,9037772020# or to dial: +1 346 248 7799.
- We offer Noonday Prayer on Wednesdays at noon via a Zoom meeting, and upload it live if Zoom and Facebook work together (about 75% success rate).
- Our Friday morning Bible Study continues at 8:00 am via Zoom. We're studying 1 Corinthians.

Hospitalized, Rehab, or recovering at home: Dana Medford, Dolores Miltenberger, Judy Shaddox, Peggy Cole

Peace,

Fr. Nick

[The Stanton Center for Ministry Formation](#) equips lay and ordained leaders to fulfill the baptismal call to ministry. Their classes begin online August 15th (with a sign-up deadline of noon on August 14) via Canvas and Zoom. You can learn more about the Stanton Center at edod.org/our-diocese/Stanton-center-for-ministry-formation/

