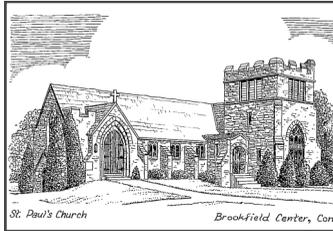


# Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

*Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
September 16, 2018*



"Celebrating 233 years in the Spirit"

*Preacher & Celebrant  
The Reverend Joseph Shepley  
Rector*

## 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*When you enter church, talk to God. When you worship, let God talk to you. After church, talk to each other.  
Please be mindful of others' need for silence before the service.*

[www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com](http://www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com)

203-775-9587 (Office)

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together! We invite you to join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in Crocker Hall. Please join us!

**Prelude**

**"Blessed Assurance"**

**S. Douglas**

**Opening Hymn**

**"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"**

**Hymnal, 523**

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant:

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.*

## “Reckless Love”

Before I spoke a word  
You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath  
You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending  
Reckless love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending  
Reckless love of God

When I was Your foe  
Still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth  
You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me

Caleb Culver | Cory Asbury | Ran Jackson © Watershed Publishing Group, Bethel Music Publishing, Richmond Park Publishing CCLI License # 33760

## Children's Sermon

**Patrick O'Connors**

### Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading:

Reader: A reading from Proverbs. (1:20-33)

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 19



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of **God**, \*and the firmament shows his **handiwork**.
- 2 One day tells its tale to an-**other**, \*and one night imparts knowledge to an-**other**.
- 3 Although they have no words or **language**, \*and their voices are not **heard**,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all **lands**, \*and their message to the ends of the **world**.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the **sun**; \*it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its **course**.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it a-**gain**; \*nothing is hidden from its burning **heat**.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the **soul**; \*the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the **innocent**.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the **heart**; \*the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for **ever**; \*the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto-**gether**.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine **gold**, \*sweeter far than honey, than honey in the **comb**.
- 11 By them also is your servant en-**lightened**, \*and in keeping them there is great re-**ward**.
- 12 Who can tell how often he of-**fends**? \*cleanse me from my secret **faults**.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get

dominion over **me**; \*then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-fense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your **sight**, \*O LORD, my strength and my re-deemer.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**,\* and to the Holy **Spirit**:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall be**,

\*world without end. A-men.

### **Second Reading:**

Reader: A reading from James. (3:1-12)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**“Day By Day Dear Lord”**

**Hymnal, 654**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose

it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **“Day By Day Dear Lord”**

**Hymnal, 654**

### **Sermon**

**The Reverend Joseph Shepley**

### **Nicene Creed (Please Stand As Able)**

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 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.

### **Prayers of the People (You May Stand, Sit, or Kneel)**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Universal 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;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given:

Kenneth and Gladys Brown, Joan K. Eldridge, Jacob and Hazel Mann, and Sarah Ann Mann.

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 those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

### **Confession of Sin (Please Kneel)**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Priest 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.

Celebrant: 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.*

### **Peace (Please Stand As Able)**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

### **Offertory (Please Stand As Able)**

Through every battle, through every heartbreak  
Through every circumstance I believe  
That You are my fortress, You are my portion  
You are my hiding place, I believe You are

The Way the Truth the Life  
I believe You are  
The Way the Truth the Life  
I believe (You are)

Through every blessing, through every promise  
Through every breath I take I believe

### **“The Way”**

That You are provider, You are protector  
You are the One I love, I believe You are  
It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today  
With mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts they can all come too  
Because they can't stay long  
(When I'm here with You)  
(When I believe You are)

Ben Smith | Daniel Bashta | Pat Barrett © Heritage Worship Publishing, Capitol CMG  
Genesis, Housefires Sounds, Go Forth Sounds, Bread & Wine Sounds CCLI License #  
33760

### **Presentation**

#### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand As Able)

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 him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

Hymnal, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and

said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## Agnus Dei

John Merbecke, 1549



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you kneel at the altar rail. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have prayer teams in the hallway available to pray with you.*

## **Communion Songs**

### **“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
Though no one join me, still I will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.

Words: attr. S. Sundar Singh; Music: ASSAM, Hindustani melody

### **“You Are My Peace”**

I lay my burdens at Your feet  
I'm letting go of all the things I can't control  
In my frailty Lord I find Your strength  
I'm depending on a love that won't let go

So I trust You, I trust You  
I trust You, oh You are my peace

I don't have to be strong 'cause You are my strength

Oh You are my strength oh You are my strength  
I don't have to hold on 'cause You don't let go  
Oh You don't let go oh You don't let go

All you weary come and lay your burdens down  
His yoke is easy there is rest to be found

Benji Cowart | Jenna Cowart | Jonathan Jay | Tony Brown © Word Music, LLC, Bethel Worship Publishing, Tony Brown Music Designee, HowieCowie Publishing, Remaining portion is unaffiliated CCLI License # 33760

### **“Worthy of All Praise” (Please Stand)**

One name above all names  
Worthy of all our praise  
We bow our hearts,  
And lift our hands to you Lord

One song that we will sing  
To praise the King of Kings  
We bow our hearts,  
And lift our hands to you Lord  
To you Lord

We cry out to you and say, Abba Father  
Holy is your name  
All the earth proclaim

You are worthy of all praise  
You are worthy of all praise

The host of heaven sing  
All creatures of our King  
We bow our hearts,  
And lift our hands to you Lord  
To you Lord

Holy, holy, Lord, You are holy  
Worthy, worthy, Lord, You are worthy  
You are worthy of all praise

© 2018 Patrick O'Connors

## **Postcommunion Prayer (Remain Standing)**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”**

**Hymnal, 675**

## **Dismissal**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

**“Postlude in C”**

**J. S. Bach**



### **Sundays Available for Memorial Flowers**

Sundays, September 30 and October 7, are available for anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory of loved ones and friends. Please contact Gail Winkley, at 203-775-3343 or [gailwinkley@yahoo.com](mailto:gailwinkley@yahoo.com) to make the necessary arrangements.

---

### **Pray It Up!**

Notice the Red and White prayer request cards in the pew? Each Sunday, fill out your request, put it in the red bowl on the table on the way to communion. Then take a card from the bowl either right then or after service. Pray for that request for one week. How comforting to know that your request is being prayed for and that you are praying for someone else's! You might just be praying for the person sitting next to you! Or, if you'd prefer - please send your request to St. Paul's at [prayingnow2@gmail.com](mailto:prayingnow2@gmail.com)!

---

\*

**Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!**

---

### **Synthesis CE Study Guide**

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

---

### **Prayer Servant Teams**

Prayer for any need or request is available at each service. After you have received communion, please see one of our trained Prayer Servant Teams (with the Blue Name Badges) who are available at the open side door at the entrance to the Vesting Room. Prayer is available in the Vesting Room, Hallway or Back Room as space is available. Our Prayer Servants are ready to confidentially take your request and pray for you and with you. Should you wish to schedule a private prayer time, please let Fr. Joe or Mary Perry, Prayer Ministry Leader ([maryperry2@me.com](mailto:maryperry2@me.com)) know and we will work with you to schedule a convenient time. Your Prayer Servants today are 8:00 Pat Brought and Donna Cennamo, 10:30 All who are available.

---

### **Food Pantry**

As part of our outreach, St. Paul's donates gift cards and non-perishable items to six area food pantries. Donations for the food pantry can be left in the basket at the back of the church or the collection bins in Crocker Hall. St. James' Episcopal Church, Danbury and their Daily Bread Food Pantry, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of September.

---

### **Position Available**

Candlewood East Marina is looking for assistance shrink wrapping boats this fall. This is a full time position (average 35-40 hours per week) for the months of October and November. It is a very physical position which requires continuous climbing and lifting. If you are interested, or know of someone else who may be, please contact Mike Chengeri @ 203-775-2253

## Calendar for the Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., Sept. 16	-	8:00 AM	-	<b>Traditional Eucharist</b>
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	<b>Contemporary Eucharist/First Communion</b>
Mon., Sept. 17	-	7:00 pm	-	Men's Bible Study
Tue., Sept. 18	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		5:45 PM	-	Boot Camp
Wed., Sept. 19	-	10:00 AM	-	<b>Holy Eucharist and Healing</b>
Thu., Sept. 20	-	7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., Sept. 22	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		10:00 AM	-	PraiseMoves
		11:00 AM	-	St. Paul's Quilters

**Next Sunday — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

### Readings

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

### **Saint Paul's Staff**

Rector  
Wardens  
Parish Office Coordinator  
Organist and Choirmaster  
Coord. of Contemporary Worship & Family Ministries  
Sunday School Administrators  
Sexton

The Reverend Joseph Shepley  
Mary Perry and David Williams  
Beth Miller  
Kirsten Peterson  
Patrick O'Connors  
Nicole O'Connors  
Doug Melody