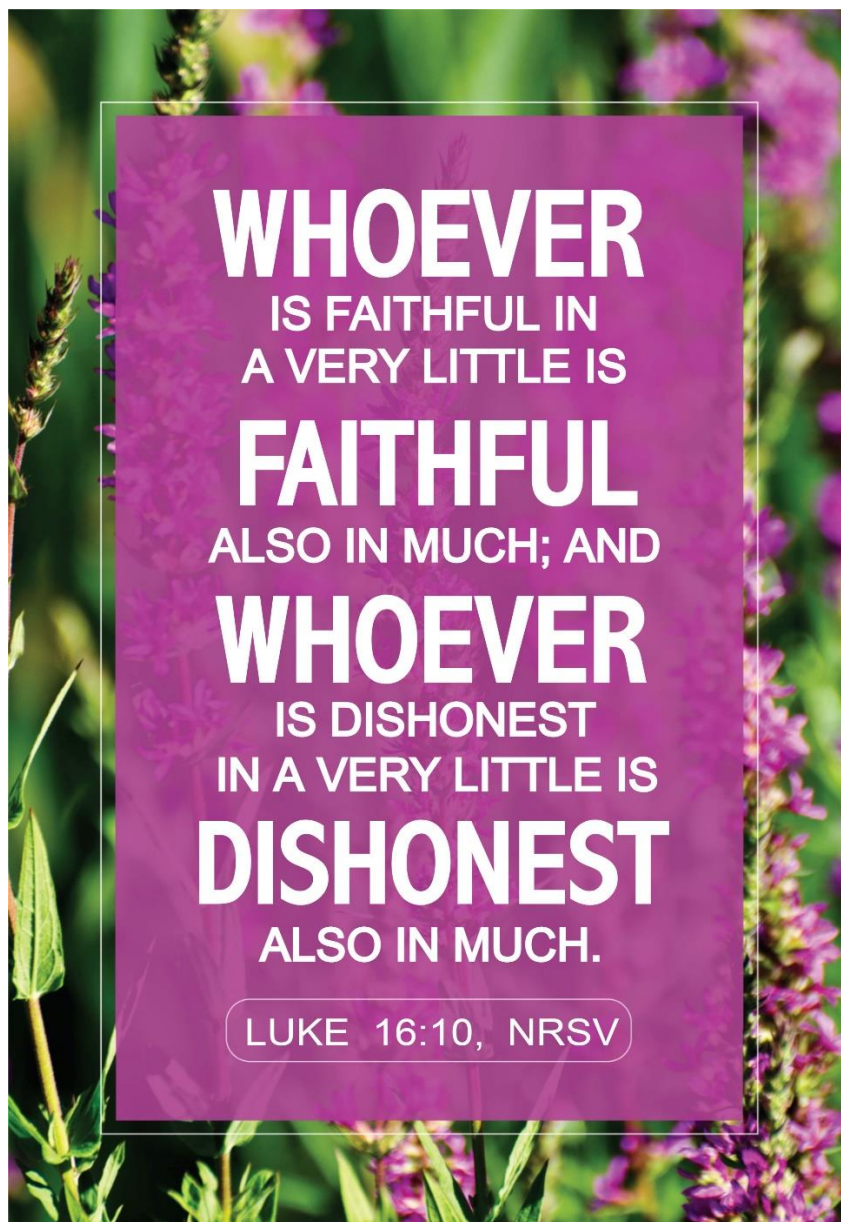


Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

September 18, 2022



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING



*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S
JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio

Pastor Allyssa A. Boyer

Lector: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Music

Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore

Choristers' Director: Jonneke A. Dundore

Assistant Music Director: Mark A. Dundore

Organist: Sarah A. Myers

Assistant Organist: Patrice G. Miller

Ministry of Audio and Video

Jeffrey A. Dundore

Ministry of Service

Worship Welcome Team Leader: Paula Boyer

Worship Welcome Team: Candace LaRue, Becky Thompson, Corky Short

Nursery: Jonneke Dundore

Flower Delivery: Dale Thorpe and Don Dupes

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

Please visit the church website at <https://saintpaulsucc-mech.org/> to sign up for Acolyte, Welcome Team, Lector, Volunteer in the Nursery, Deliver the Altar Flowers, and/or Sponsor the Altar Flowers. You will find the individual signup sheets under the "Sign Up" menu heading. Thank you.



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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HOLY BAPTISM

September 18, 2022

Please note: the livestream broadcast begins with the Announcements.

If you do not wish to appear in the livestream, it is best to sit in one of the back three pews of the Sanctuary.

Please write up any Prayer Requests ahead of time, leave them in the Red Bowl or give them to the Welcome Team Leader. They will bring them forward.

****Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.***

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Air"

George Blake

CHORAL INTROIT

Please note: we will be singing with our masks in place.

*THE HYMN No. 8 "Praise to the Living God"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious God, You have entrusted so much to us. You entrusted Your Son Jesus to our care. You have entrusted all children, all people, to our care. Guide us in following how You have taught us, and shown us how to extend that care. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We often feel like we can "get away" with things. Perhaps we do not give our best effort. Perhaps we focus on ourselves more than others. Perhaps we think no one will notice or care. God notices and cares. Let us join in the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us and continues to hope we will take responsibility for all God has entrusted to our care.

ALL: As Children of God, we have been given the tasks of caring for all, especially those most in need and for the whole of Creation. Let us take seriously our callings. Amen.

Please note: we will not be shaking hands or hugging.

If you are able, please rise and greet one another with other signs of Peace.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI (#759 is the tune, but not all the same words)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children are invited to the front at this time. They may sit on the chancel steps, they may sit in the front pews, or they may remain seated with their families. Remember, everyone who comes forward will be on camera.

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world

Shy and Joyful, Bold and Bright

They are precious in his sight

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation of the Water

Gathering of Witnesses

Baptismal Address

Questions for the Candidate's Parents

Congregational Assent (unison)

We, as members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and the Church Universal, hear your promises with joy and gladly welcome you as sisters and brothers in Christ into the family of faith. We covenant with you to share in the hopes, labors and joys of the Christian life, supported by God's love through this congregation. We will weep with you when you weep, rejoice with you in your rejoicing, and encourage your growth in the new life Christ gives. These things we promise in the name and spirit of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Blessing

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized Procession

Let us offer a special welcome on their Baptism Day to Andrew Vinh Clauser and Emilia Jean Clauser, to their parents Irene and Mike; and to their godparents Kim and Michael Gusic.

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 8:4-7

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 113

*THE HYMN No. 325 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 16:10-13

“What We Keep Forgetting”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)



O Christ, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way, The



path of prayer you too have trod: Christ teach us how to pray.

Please note: you can leave your offerings in the plate in the Narthex on your way in or on your way out after Service. You may also place your pew pad sheets in that Offering Plate. Thank you.

THE ANTHEM “I Will Joyfully Sing”

McDonald

Youth Choir

*DOXOLOGY

From all who dwell beneath the skies,

Let the Creator’s praise arise!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung.

Through every land, by every tongue!

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Accept, we pray, this expression of our stewardship. By this offering we would renew our pledge to acknowledge You in all things and serve You with all we have. May we handle faithfully the wealth You have given us, so we may also relate with integrity to people whose lives touch our own and to unseen siblings who need our help, in Christ, Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 456 “More Love to You, O Christ”

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

One: Lead us, O God.

All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

*THE BENEDICTION

* THE THREE-FOLD AMEN

Please note: the livestream continues until the end of the Postlude.

Please know you are free to leave following the Three-fold Amen and exit to the Narthex to speak with one another. You may be visible and audible on the livestream as you exit early. If you choose to remain, please stay seated and listen quietly to the Postlude.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE “The Trumpet of Resounding Praise”

Franklin Ritter

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Refreshing Rains of the Living Word” by Lavon Bayler, 1989, United Church Press. The World Peace Prayer is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine nuns.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Mary Runkle, “In memory of my mother, Elizabeth Randolph”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED

We will be having a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, September 25th, following the Worship Service, to vote on Calling Pastor Allyssa Boyer to the Ordained Ministerial position of Associate Pastor.

BAZAAR, OCTOBER 7TH, 2022

There are many ways to serve. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board. Contact Jenn Martek or Kathy Williams for more details.