

Welcome to  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

May 26, 2024



**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  
The Rev. Allyssa A. Boyer  
Lector: Becky Thompson

### **Ministry of Music**

Minister of Music: Eric R. 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**

Lead Greeter: Nancy Richey  
Greeters: Becky Thompson, Joan Moyer, Fenton Fox  
Acolyte: Elsa Riesmeyer  
Kids' Place: Susan Ward-Diorio, Steven Roush  
Flower Preparation: Susan Gabriel  
Flower Delivery: Becky Thompson  
Counting Team: Fenton Fox, Joan Moyer

### **Pastor Emeritus**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

### **Ministers**

The Entire Congregation

*Visit the church website, under the 'Sign Up' menu heading,  
to help as a Sunday volunteer or Worship Participant.  
We're grateful for your generosity.*

## **ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

TRINITY SUNDAY  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 26, 2024

*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 "Blessed Trinity"

Edward Elgar

CHORAL INTROIT

\*THE HYMN No. 277 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**Gracious God, we know You by many names, understand You through many actions, and have many images of You. Help us to be open to all You are. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Unfortunately, we often seek to make God in our particular image rather than remembering we are all made in God's Image. We want to limit God to being a male, or father, or white, or American, or anything that tends to favor who we are. While understanding the Trinity is hard, it points to the expansive and mysterious reality of God. We prefer certainty. Let us join in the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God, in all the aspects of God that we have discerned, and then some, forgives us and seeks to support us as we expand our understanding of God.

**ALL: Let us commit to being open and growing in our embrace of God without limits. Amen.**

*If you are able, please rise and greet one another with 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.  
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 WORD FOR THE YOUNG

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 EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:14-17

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 29

\*THE HYMN No. 278 “Creator God, Creating Still”

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING & MESSAGE:

Isaiah 6:1-8

“Building Up Our Faith”

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)

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## Into My Heart

The musical score for 'Into My Heart' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'In - to my heart, in - to my heart, come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus; come in to - day, come in to stay, come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus.'

WORDS and MUSIC: Harry D. Clarke, 1924

INTO MY HEART  
LM*Please place your pew pad sheets in the Offering Plate.*

THE OFFERTORY "Children of Light"

Boyd

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! Amen.***

## \*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Receive our offering, God of glory, that our church may come alive in the Spirit. May these gifts, and the way we live our lives each day, proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in our giving. Help us to be generous enough to experience the joy You find in showering us with more than we can ever give away.**

## \*THE HYMN No. 273 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

\*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 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”      Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Led by Love” by Lavon Bayler, 1996, 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.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Sara Weiser, “In memory of Ann Palazzo”

Kathy and Mike Aumiller, “In honor of Aurora Jane Chandler’s 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.”

Please Note: We will be worshipping at Peace Church on Sunday, June 2, at 9:15 AM. Peace Church is a historic church building built by the forebears of our congregation, located at the intersection of Trindle Rd and St. John’s Church Rd, east of Mechanicsburg. There are a few accessible parking spaces behind Peace Church, worshipers may also park in the lot of the office building across St. John’s Church Rd. We hope you can join us for worship in this place rich with history; a wonderful way to honor our ancestors in the faith and share their discipleship with future generations of our congregation!