

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

June 2, 2024



“So
THE SON
OF MAN
IS LORD
even of the Sabbath.”
MARK 2:28



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
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The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 2, 2024

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

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

*THE HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at word and prayer, One purpose I declare:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

New strength come night or day, when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let sin and evil fear, when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Discordant humankind, In this your concord find:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around, ring joyous with the sound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison) (From the 1912 Reformed Hymnal)

"O LORD, merciful and gracious God, we, thy children, adopted in Jesus Christ, gather around the mercy-seat with humble and childlike trust in Thee. As Thou makest the outgoings of the morning to rejoice, so do Thou make glad our hearts on this day of sacred rest. Thou, O LORD, art the true and only rest of the soul, and our hearts cannot rest until they rest in Thee. Grant us this day, not only the rest of the body, but also some foretaste of that peace and joy which

shall refresh us, when we, after the labors of this life, shall awake in thy likeness, and be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. Amen.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) (From the 1912 Reformed Hymnal)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, humble ourselves before the throne of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, and confess our manifold sins and transgressions with lowly and contrite hearts, that we may obtain forgiveness of the same through the merits of our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God forgives us and continues to speak to us, seeking those words which convey God’s Love for us and God’s Desire that we live as we were created to live.

ALL: Let us listen with open minds, spirits, and hearts that we can discern God’s Will for us in ancient and contemporary words. 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 81:1-10

*THE HYMN “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

***Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:***

***Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.***

***A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.***

***Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream fades at the opening day.***

***Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our God while troubles last, and our eternal home!***

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Mark 2:23-3:6

“What To Do on the Sabbath”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN GERMAN

The Rev. Herb Bomberger

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 two flats (B-flat and E-flat), 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
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THE OFFERTORY "The Apple Tree"

Chancel Choir

Scott

*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)

In answer to Your call, gracious God, we have opened our ears for Your instruction and our eyes to the needs of our siblings. Alone, our helpfulness is limited, though often greater than we have imagined, for You are with us. Together, our effectiveness is multiplied, and Your work is made visible. Bless our sharing and our sacrifices that Your rule of love may grow among us and extend to all we meet. Amen.

*THE HYMN "From All that Dwells Below the Skies"

*From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!]*

In every land begin the song, to every land the strains belong:

(cont.)

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise And fill the earth with joyful praise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends your word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*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

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Go Ye Now in Peace”

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*THE THREE-FOLD AMEN

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

References:

The Prayer of Invocation and Prayer of Confession are from The Reformed Church Hymnal: Order of Worship; Partial Edition, 1912, The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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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