

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

June 23, 2024



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING



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

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Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

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to help as a Sunday volunteer or Worship Participant.*

We're grateful for your generosity.

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2024

The livestream starts with the Announcements. If you'd prefer not to be on camera, kindly choose a seat in the back three pews of the Sanctuary. Leave prayer requests in the bowl in the Common area or give them to the Lead Greeter.

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

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

James Mansfield

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Our help is in the name of the Holy One, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God together.

*THE HYMN No. 407 "How Firm a Foundation"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

We sing praises to You, O God, for You have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. Out of the whirlwind, You answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives. Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life You intend for us. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

All of us have faltered before the tempests that seem ready to destroy us. Life's storms overwhelm us, and fear takes a toll. Sometimes we are snared in the work of our own hands. We forget the greatest source of help and hope. In these moments together, we lay aside our fear of judgement to open our lives to God. Let us join in silent prayers of confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God has listened to us. Despite all we have done or not done, when we open our hearts to God, God accepts us.

ALL: We accept the gift of God's love, for it is everything we need. 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

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 107:23-32

*THE HYMN No. 403 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Mark 4:35-41

"Fear or 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 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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Please place your pew pad sheets in the Offering Plate.

THE OFFERTORY "It Is Well with My Soul"

Bliss/Spafford

Eric Dundore, soloist

*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)

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need, when the storms of our lives are so overwhelming. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust You place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of Your love. Thank you, God, for Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 476 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

*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

*The livestream ends after the Postlude. You're welcome to converse in the Narthex after the Three-fold Amen.
However, if you choose to stay for the Postlude, please listen quietly until the conclusion.*

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE “God of Glory”

Steven Scott

References:

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