

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

June 15, 2025



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

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

Worship Leadership

The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio
Preacher: The Rev. Allyssa A. Boyer
Lector: Kathy Williams

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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: Rebecca Drazba
Greeters: Don Dupes, Sherry Spencer, Dale Thorpe
Acolyte: Elsa Riesmeyer
Kids' Place: Barbara Wheeler
Flower Preparation: Susan Gabriel
Flower Delivery: Dale Thorpe and Don Dupes
Counting Team: Mary Runkle, Melissa Cawley

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

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We're grateful for your generosity.*

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 15, 2025

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 "Aria for Flute"

Franklin Ritter

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.

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

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Amazing God, revealed to us in more ways than we can count, yet binding in unity all that was and is and yet shall be, we worship You. Source of mountains and seas, giver of light and darkness, we marvel at the work of Your hands. Reconciler and Redeemer, we are awed by the forgiving love that draws us to You and empowers us to care for one another. Spirit of Truth, whose guidance is available to us every day, we rejoice in Your transforming presence. Triune God, bless, we pray, this gathering of Your disciples. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Who has truly listened for the voice of God? Who among us is attentive to the heights and depths in which we are called to live? Who are we that God cares for us? Let us draw near in humility and faith, confessing the distractions that turn us away from God. Let us join in the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: Before the vast mystery of time and space, we are amazed that God cares for us, forgives us, and entrusts to us the stewardship of the earth.

ALL: God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Praise God!

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

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 8

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

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

John 16:12-15

"Mystery, Presence, and Grace"

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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Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.

Please place your pew pad sheets in the Offering Plate.

THE OFFERTORY “Amazing Grace”

arr. Valerio/Buechner

Chancel 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)

Giving God, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, for the ways in which we see Your glory in all creation. Most of all, we thank You for caring for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. May these offerings extend the faith and honor You: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 276 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

*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.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE "Praise Him With Trumpets"

Richard Blake

References:

The Call to Worship is from "The United Church of Christ Book of Worship," United Church of Christ Office for Church Life and Leadership: New York, NY, 1986.

The Prayer of Invocation, Call to Confession, Words of Assurance, and Prayer of Dedication are adapted from "Gathered by Love" by Lavon Bayler, the Pilgrim Press: Cleveland, OH, 2001.

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
Anna Thompson, "In honor of the congregation of St. Paul's UCC."
Pam Smith, "In memory of our parents."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HR Committee Update

The Human Resources team is beginning the process of recruiting and hiring a new Minister of Music and Organist, since Eric, Jonne and Sarah have all announced their retirement. One of our first steps will be to create a Search Committee to recruit, interview and recommend replacements. Membership of this committee will include two members of the Human Resources team, two members of the Adult Chancel Choir, one parent of a child/children who are members of the Youth choir or Choristers, and two members of our Congregation. If you are interested in participating on the Search Committee, please let a member of the HR team or Renee know. We plan to limit the size of this team to seven members and will make selections based on needed skill sets and perspectives.

Please Note

Rev. John is on vacation through June 30th. Feel free to contact Rev. Allyssa as needed.

Renee will be out of the office Thursday, June 19th and Friday, June 20th. (The office is closed for Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19th.)

Craft & Contemplate Together

Please join us on Monday, June 16th at 5:30PM in the Conference Room. Contact Mel Shaver-Durham with any questions.