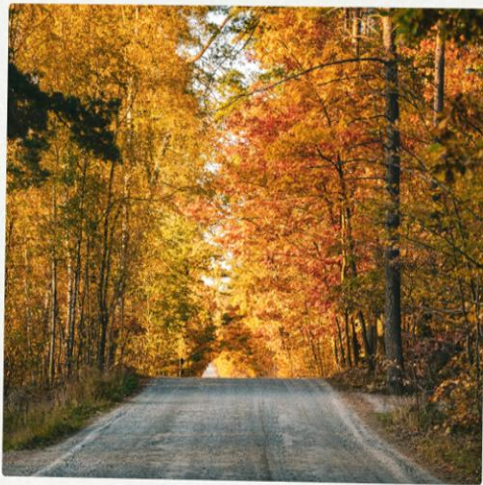


Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

October 12, 2025



Access SUNDAY

*Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
Psalm 66:5*

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

Preacher: The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio
The Rev. Allyssa A. Boyer
Lector: Patrice Miller

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: Jeff Leister
Greeters: Susan Miller, Crystal Cline, Patrice Miller
Acolyte:
Kids' Place: Jonneke Dundore, Maggie Gassert
Flower Preparation: Susan Gabriel
Flower Delivery: Bonnie Plymette
Counting Team:

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ACCESS SUNDAY

October 12, 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Close to Thee"

David Paxton

CHORAL INTROIT

*THE HYMN No. 42 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious God, we are grateful that You love us just as we are. Whether we struggle with physical, emotional, or mental illness, whether we are neurodivergent, or whether we live with any sort of disability, You care for us and seek to help all to understand we are to be accepted and loved. May we love as You love. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Much like those with leprosy who were cast out in Jesus' time, we cast aside those who are afflicted and live with various illnesses and conditions. We fail to try to fully understand their situations and what increases the difficulties they face. We fail to provide the necessary accommodations that would help one and all feel fully welcomed. Let us join in the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God forgives us and continues to remind us we are called to love and care for all people equally, and that means challenging biases and breaking down barriers so that all people may thrive

ALL: Let us examine and rectify how our attitudes and misunderstandings cause us to offer less than what is needed, especially for those struggling with various illnesses and conditions that often are used to cast them aside. 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

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 66:1-12

*THE HYMN No. 175 "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 17:11-19

"Who Gets to Be Healed"

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 "They'll Know We Are Christians" Hand Chimes

arr. Wagner

*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)

We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty You entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness You offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to Your faithful service. Amen.

*THE HYMN “Ten Who Suffered Sought Out Jesus” (to the tune of no. 332, “As We Gather at the Table”)

Ten who suffered sought out Jesus when they saw him traveling through:

"Jesus, Master, show your mercy! Hear our cry, we beg of you!"

When he saw them, Jesus answered, "Find the priests. See what they say."

As they did what Jesus told them, ten found healing on the way.

Ten were healed, and saw the wonder! Nine kept going, homeward bound.

Only one — despised by others — took the time to turn around.

Finding Jesus, singing praises, he said "Thank you!" on that day.

Jesus said, "Your faith has healed you. But the others — where are they?"

Where are we, O God of mercy? For your Son has blessed us, too.

He has given life abundant, offered healing, made us new.

Like the nine, are we distracted by our homes, our work, our play?

Or do we return and thank you, taking time to humbly pray?

Jesus, make us truly grateful for the blessings we receive.

Like that one, may we say, "Thank you!" like that one, may we believe:

Give us faith to see your mercy, and through all we do and say,

May our lives become our "thank you!" as we follow you each day.

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*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 “High Praise”

Rachel Sawyer

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Gathered 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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