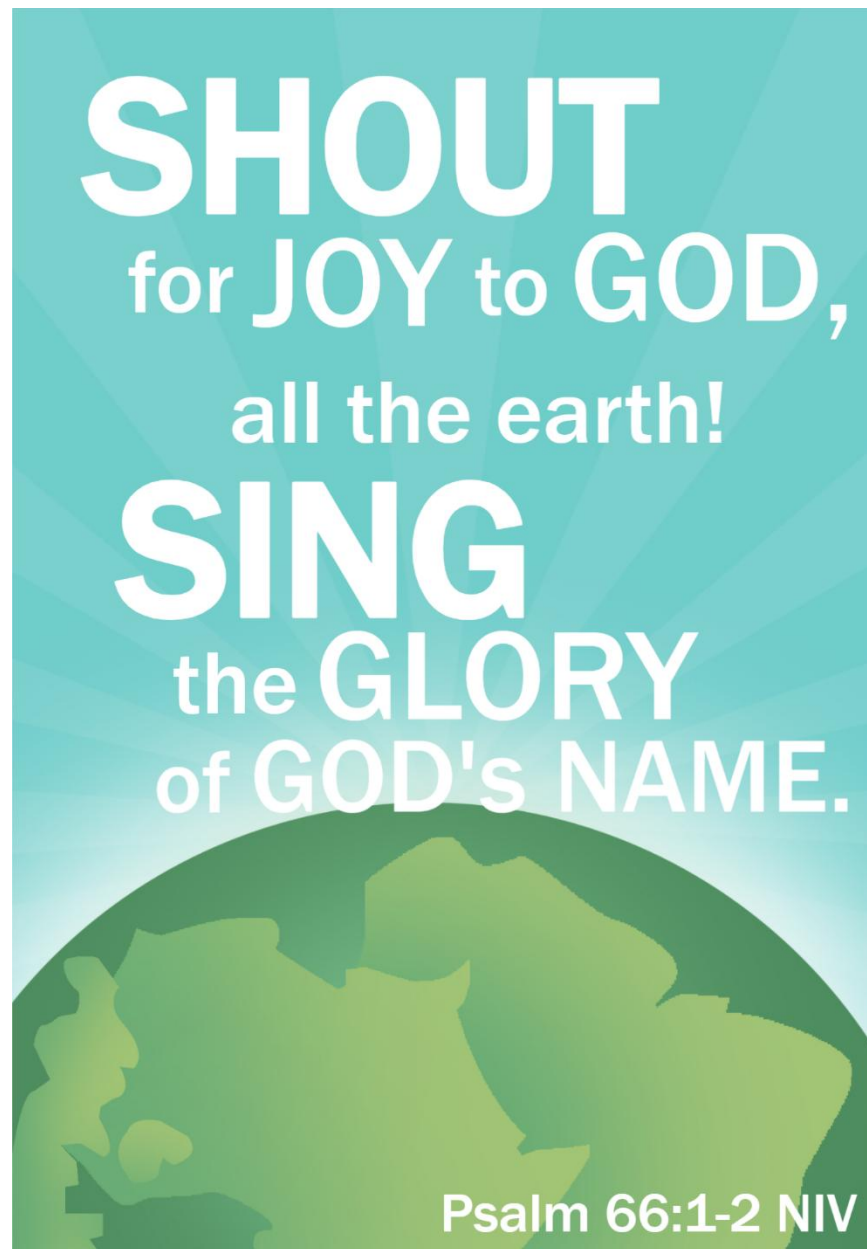


Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

May 10, 2026



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: 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: Charles Ricedorf-Reed
Greeters: Susan Miller, Jordan Young, Brian Strohecker
Acolyte:
Kids' Place: Jonneke Dundore, Barbara Wheeler
Flower Preparation: Susan Gabriel
Flower Delivery: Betty Olsen
Counting Team:

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

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 "Reflections from a Stained Glass Window"

John M. Rasley

CHORAL INTROIT

*THE HYMN No 427 "God Made from One Blood"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Creator God, since the beginning of time, You have always been with us, with the whole of Creation and with every human being. Help us to recognize the ways You continue to guide us through Your Presence. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

There are times we feel like God has abandoned us or we have abandoned God. We forget that Scripture and our traditions continue to offer us insights for us to interpret and apply in our time and place. We forget God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Advocate is within us all and Christ is amongst us all. We forget Jesus offered and still offers us commandments, which when we follow them, draw us closer to God and God's hopes for the world. Let us join in a time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God forgives us, and has never abandoned us or left us orphaned. God continues to offer us deeper and deeper connections with God.

ALL: **Let us display our love for God by seeking to more fully follow Jesus' words and ways, remembering God's Spirit remains with us, to guide us. 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.*

THE CHORISTERS “A Wonderous Circle of Love”

Taylor

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 66:5-12

*THE HYMN No. 63 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

John 14:15-21

“Recognizing the Gift of Love”

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)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

Please place your pew pad sheets in the Offering Plate.

THE OFFERTORY “Hallowed Be Thy Name”
Youth Choir and guest djembeist

arr. Moore

*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)

May all that we give today be used to express your love among us and beyond us, God of all people. We are thankful for your gift to us in Christ Jesus, who was so committed to sharing your love that he risked rejection and death. We are grateful that even though his suffering resulted in death in the flesh you made him alive in the spirit. May Christ live today in us, in our caring, in our giving, in our speaking, in our doing. We rededicate ourselves to your service. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 426 “O God, Whose Steadfast Love”

*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 “Menuet”

G. F. Handel

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Taught 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

Brian and Jordan, "In honor of our mothers, Ann and Debbie."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP FOR THE RETIREMENT LUNCHEON!

Please join us for a retirement luncheon as we honor and celebrate the years of dedicated service from our Music Director, Eric Dundore, our Choristers Director, Jonneke Dundore, and our Organist/Pianist, Sarah Myers!
Sunday, May 17th, immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service in Fellowship Hall.

AMETHYST REED TRIO

This musical group will be sharing their hour-long performance at St. Paul's on May 14th. at 7PM. Please feel free to join us and support these musicians, featuring Mechanicsburg's own, Grayson Lehmer. The Amethyst Reed Trio is a chamber ensemble dedicated to vibrant storytelling and expressive collaboration. United by a shared passion for contemporary music and standard repertoire, and imaginative programming, Amethyst seeks to create performances that are both intellectually engaging and emotionally resonant.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS!

We are so proud of all our high school and college graduates from St. Paul's! If you are a member of St. Paul's, and your child is graduating this year, please let us know. First, email their info (name, school, degree, future plans, and photo) to Rev. Allyssa, or drop it off in the church office, by May 18. Then, let us know if your grad can come to our New Graduate & New Member Celebration following our worship service on May 31. Congratulations to all our graduates!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

On May 24, St. Paul's will receive the Strengthen the Church offering. These funds support the UCC's mission to build a more just world by providing vital resources to congregations and leaders. Your contributions help: *Strengthen youth ministries, Plant new congregations, Renew existing churches through innovation, and Develop new leadership.* By giving, you ensure that local conferences and national UCC ministries can answer the Spirit's call to unity and justice.

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR!

Knitting, crocheting, sewing, jewelry, magnets, woodworking, other craft items are wanted. All are welcome to join in the creativity. Need an idea or have one to share? Call or text Betty Olsen at 717-903-5800 or e-mail: sew2am@hotmail.com

POLLYANNAS

Pollyannas will be having their next lunch meeting at 11:30 am, Tuesday, May 26 at Cafe 100 in the Village Commons at Messiah Village. Please contact Bonnie Plymette if you are planning to attend.