

**Welcome to**  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022



**Trinity  
Sunday**

...HOPE does not  
disappoint us...

**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  
Pastor Allyssa A. Boyer  
Lector: Sherry Spencer

### **Ministry of Music**

Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore  
Choristers' Director: Jonneke A. 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**

Welcome Team Leader: Wendy Hayden  
Welcome Team: Corky Short, Jody Biss, Candace LaRue  
Nursery: Art Williams, Ben Anderson  
Flower Delivery: Mary Runkle

### **Pastor Emeritus**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

### **Ministers**

The Entire Congregation

*Please visit the church website at <http://www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org/> to sign up for Acolyte, Welcome Team, Lector, Volunteer in the Nursery, Deliver the Altar Flowers, and/or Sponsor the Altar Flowers. You will find the individual signup sheets under the "Sign Up" menu heading. Thank you.*



### **ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Please note: the livestream broadcast begins with the Announcements.*

*If you do not wish to appear in the livestream, it is best to sit in one of the back three pews of the Sanctuary.*

*Please write up any Prayer Requests ahead of time, leave them in the Red Bowl or give them to the Welcome Team Leader. They will bring them forward.*

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

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "The Faithful"

James Southbridge

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please note: we will be singing with our masks in place.*

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

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Mysterious God, guide us as we seek to understand three of the aspects of Your Being that we call the Trinity. May we not carve them in stone, claiming an exclusive and finished knowledge of You, but allow their limitlessness so that our understanding of You may continue to grow and expand. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We prefer concrete understandings. A thing is *this* or *that*. God however is so far beyond our this or that and yet we still try and limit God to only certain aspects, attributes, and actions. Let us join in our Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us, and continues to be and act as God, despite our efforts to claim exclusive knowledge of who God is and how God acts.

**ALL: Let us open ourselves to the Mystery that is God, to the questions that can help us see God in deeper and wider terms, and to the faith that connects us with God even in our uncertainties. Amen.**

*Please note: we will not be shaking hands or hugging.  
If you are able, please rise and greet one another with other 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. They may sit on the chancel steps, they may sit in the front pews, or they may remain seated with their families. Remember, 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 8:1-14

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 8

\*THE HYMN No. 278 “Creator God, Creating Still”

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING & MESSAGE:

Romans 5:1-5

“Finding Hope”

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

O Christ, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way, The  
path of prayer you too have trod: Christ teach us how to pray.

*Please note: you can leave your offerings in the plate in the Narthex on your way in or on your way out after Service. You may also place your pew pad sheets in that Offering Plate. Thank you.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chelsey and Jay Moss

\*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!*

\*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, Savior, and Sustainer. Amen.**

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

\*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

*Please note: the livestream continues until the end of the Postlude.*

*Please know you are free to leave following the Three-fold Amen and exit to the Narthex to speak with one another. You may be visible and audible on the livestream as you exit early. If you choose to remain, please stay seated and listen quietly to the Postlude.*

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE “A Lamp Unto My Feet”

Edward Broughton

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Gathered by Love” by Lavon Bayler, 1994, 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.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Anna Thompson, “In honor of the end of treatment for Conner and Ethan.”

## #277 – Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!  
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,  
From the beginning, God eternally.

Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,  
Though the eye of humankind your glory may not  
see,  
You alone are holy; you alone are worthy,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!  
All your works shall praise your name in earth and  
sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## #278 - Creator God, Creating Still

Creator God, creating still By will and word and  
deed,  
Create a new humanity To meet the present need.

Redeemer God, redeeming still, With overflowing  
grace,  
Pour out your love on us, through us, Make this a  
holy place.

Sustainer God, sustaining still, With strength for  
every day,  
Empower us now to do your will, Correct us when  
we stray.

Great Trinity for this new day, We need your  
presence still.  
Create, redeem, sustain us now To do your work  
and will.

## #273 - Praise with Joy the World's Creator

Praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice,  
love and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge, Grace  
bestowing without cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory, Power to rescue and  
release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, Frees the  
captive, finds the lost,  
Heals the sick, upsets religion, Fearless both of fate  
and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence - Friend and  
Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us Liberating truth  
from pride,  
Forging bonds where race or gender, Age or nation  
dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure - Foolishness none  
dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ and Spirit, One God in  
Community,  
Calling Christians to embody Oneness and diversity.  
Thus the world shall yet believe When shown  
Christ's vibrant unity.