

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

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

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**Whoever  
listens to you listens  
to me, and whoever  
rejects you rejects  
me, and whoever  
rejects me rejects the  
one who sent me:**

**Luke 10:16**

**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  
Pastor Allyssa A. Boyer  
Lector: Dennis Plymette

### **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**

Worship Welcome Team Leader: Steve Roush  
Worship Welcome Team: Paula Boyer, Rebecca Drazba, Wendy Hayden  
Nursery: Jonneke Dundore, Bonnie Plymette  
Flower Delivery:

### **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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, HOLY COMMUNION

July 3, 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 "Patriotic Medley"

P. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**\*THE HYMN "For This Land in All its Wonder"**

(to the tune of no. 18, "God of Grace and God of Glory.")

***For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,  
For each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is found,  
For the freedoms we enjoy here,  
God, may thanks to you abound! God, may thanks to you abound!***

***For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;  
For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May we all be unified! May we all be unified!***

***For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,  
For your vision born inside us of a just society,  
God, we thank you and we pray now:  
May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!***

***May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,  
May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.  
May we follow where you lead us;  
God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!***

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**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Guide us God in bringing healing, health, and peace to all and particularly to those who desperately need it. We recognize that such work upsets some. Strengthen us for the long haul this work entails. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We can find it difficult to brush off the “dust” of those we disagree with. We often see their words and actions as self-centered and harmful. While that indeed may be true, if we stay stuck in our anger and only rail against them, we accomplish little of the healing of those in need we are called to bring about. Let us join in the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):**

Minister: God forgives us and offers us peace.

**ALL: Let us receive that peace and allow it to clear our hearts and minds so we might focus our energies on the work that needs to be done. 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

Isaiah 66:10-14

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 66:1-9

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

“Meeting Resistance”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

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)**

**With gratitude for Your gracious favor, we dedicate these gifts. May they help others as we have been helped. May they reach out in a spirit of gentleness to restore to community those who are alienated. May they announce to the world that the realm of God is among us, waiting to be claimed. By these resources, may Your name be praised here and in many other places. Amen.**

**\*THE HYMN No. 425 “For the Fruit of All Creation”**

*Please note: our ushers will be passing out the Communion Elements on trays to each individual or family unit. You do not need to pass the plates down.*

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION:**

One: God Be with You.

**Many: And Also With You.**

One: Lift Up Your Hearts.

**Many: We Lift Them Up to God.**

One: Let Us Give Thanks to God.

**Many: It Is Good to Give God Thanks and Praise.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:**

Today we gather both in person and in Spirit.

For those of you present in the Sanctuary, our ushers will be passing out the bread and gluten-free crackers and the wine and white grape juice. They will bring the trays to you. Unless you are sitting with a family unit, please do not pass the trays down but rather give them back to the usher.

For those of you joining us via livestream, we hope you have some bread and wine or juice of your choice before you. We trust that God is powerful enough to extend God's Blessings upon these Communion Elements, even as we and they are scattered in geographic space. Please hold the elements until all have been served. We will eat and drink them together. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison):

**Holy God, we give You thanks for the miracle and wonder of this meal. We give You thanks for Your coming to us in the person of Jesus and for Jesus' willingness to offer his whole self for our benefit. We can see how we can best live our lives. We can believe all "deaths", those losses, endings and struggles in this life, and the ones at the end of our physical lives, are not the final word. We can trust that Your Spirit is within all of us, and always will be. May the gifts of this table always remind us of the gifts You have given us all. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN No. 594 "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies" (vs. 1-3)

\*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 "Music for our Country"

P. Miller

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  
Rebecca Scott, "In Honor of Dave and Patty Scott's Wedding Anniversary."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**"All God's Children" Vacation Bible School, this coming week; July 5-8<sup>th</sup>.**

## **New Hope Ministries, 'School Daze Craze' Collection:**

New Hope Ministries will hold their back-to-school event- School Daze Craze- on Wednesday August 10th. All school aged children of New Hope Guests will receive backpacks full of needed school items. A donation box for school supplies will be in the Commons along with lists of items needed that you may take. Donations are due by Monday August 1st and the following is a list of items needed:

Backpacks- all grades	Mechanical Pencils	Flash Drives
Highlighters	Crayons	Post-It Notes (square)
Binders- 1 1/2 and 2 inch	Notebook Paper	Folders
Index Cards- 3x5	Dry Erase Markers	Rulers
Calculators- Scientific	Notebooks	Tissues- Individual
Markers	Erasers	
Colored Pencils	Pencil Cases with zipper	

Any questions please contact Karen or Kevin Allison.

## **2022 Central Pa Pride Festival & 2022 Pride Interfaith Worship Service**

The 2022 Central PA Pride Festival will be held on Saturday, July 30 from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., at the Emergency Responders Park within the Capitol Complex, Harrisburg. The address of the park is 350 North Street and is located between the PA State Museum and Keystone Buildings. Parking will be available at the Seventh Street parking garage for a special event fee of \$10.00 for the day. On street parking will be limited around the park. Please come out and visit the festival. Several St. Paul members will be working at several booths throughout the festival. Questions may be directed to Steve Roush at [scroush2@gmail.com](mailto:scroush2@gmail.com).

The Pride Interfaith Service will take place at MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson Street 17110 at 5pm on July 31st. St. Paul's is always well represented at the Interfaith Service so please join us. For more information contact Shirley Keith Knox at [skeithknox@comcast.net](mailto:skeithknox@comcast.net).

## **Refugee Resettlement Offering**

We are accepting offerings to help a refugee family that is resettling in Harrisburg. Many individuals from St. Paul's have already been hard at work in helping this family to transition into a new home in the United States. Our congregation has the opportunity to join in this effort by providing financial assistance as well. Gifts given to the Refugee Resettlement fund at St. Paul's will go toward helping this family, and other local refugee families, to shop for groceries, clothing, home goods, housing, transportation, and other necessities. To give to this special offering, please make your check out to "St. Paul's UCC" and write "refugee resettlement" on the memo line. Or, provide a note that says "refugee resettlement" with a cash gift. Gifts to this special offering may be placed in the offering plate on the table in the Common. Thank you for your generosity!

## #425 – For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.  
In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.  
For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## #594 - How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

How beautiful, our spacious skies, our amber waves of grain;  
Our purple mountains as they rise above the fruitful plain.  
America! America! God's gracious gifts abound,  
And more and more we're grateful for life's bounty all around.  
Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons:  
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.  
America! America! God grant that we may be  
A sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.  
How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,  
The courage called for to repent the bloodshed through the years.  
America! America! God grant that we may be  
A nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty.