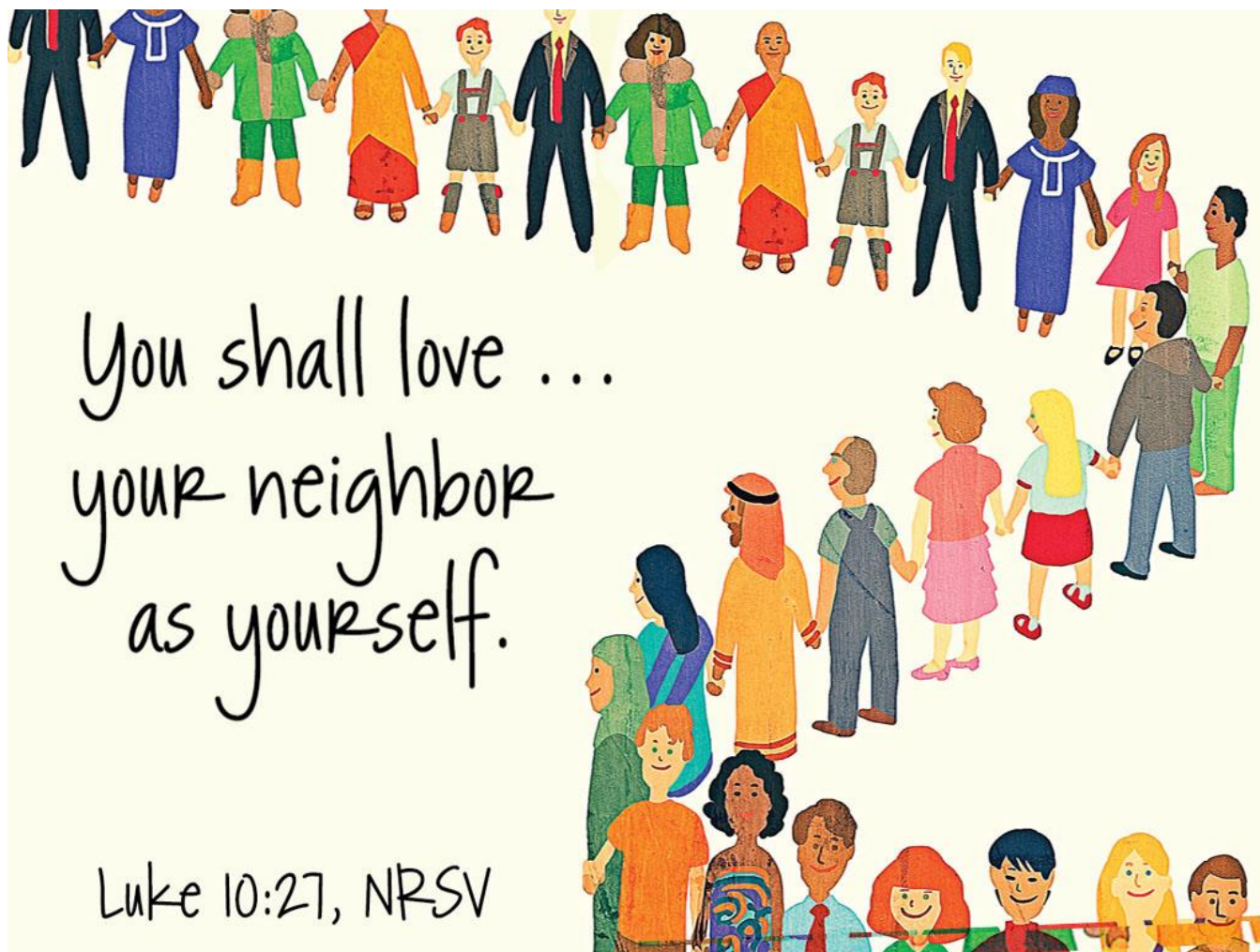


Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

July 10, 2022



You shall love ...
your neighbor
as yourself.

Luke 10:27, NRSV

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: 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

Worship Welcome Team Leader: Steve Roush
Worship Welcome Team: Corky Short, Sherry Spencer, Candy LaRue
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Erin and Ben Anderson

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

Please visit the church website at <https://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.



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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10th, 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 "Andante"

Felix Mendelssohn

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

*THE HYMN "Who Is My Neighbor?"

(to the tune of no. 22, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")

"Who is my neighbor?" A lawyer asked Jesus, to test him.

So Jesus told him a story to answer his question:

Lonely the way ... Lonely the traveler one day ...

Robbers attacked him and left him.

First down the road came a priest who just chose to ignore him.

Next came a Levite who wouldn't do anything for him.

Then one despised, Hated in everyone's eyes,

Knelt down to heal and restore him.

Tending the wounds of the man, the Samaritan labored.

He was the one with compassion, the one in God's favor.

Not by a creed But by responding to need,

He proved to be the good neighbor.

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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Loving God, we know the words of Your teachings and commandments. We seek to live out loving You with our full being and our neighbors as ourselves. Guide us in what can be very difficult practices. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We try and limit God's All-Inclusive Love. Jesus taught us and showed us how such limits are not what God desires. Yet we continue to insist on asking: 'who is really my neighbor?'; 'how much help is enough?'; 'does God really mean loving God with my *whole* being?' Let us join in our time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us. God hopes we do not put preconceived limits on who we love or how much we love.

ALL: Let us continue to pursue what it means to love God with our whole beings and our neighbors as ourselves. And, then let us seek to live and act in those ways. 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 BIBLE READING

Deuteronomy 30:8-14

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 25:1-10

*THE HYMN No. 539 “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?” (vs. 1, 2, 4, & 6)

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 10:25-37

“Loving ALL Our Neighbors”

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.

***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)**

May these gifts and our lives bear fruit in many good works, increasing among all people knowledge of God, patience and endurance, wisdom and understanding, love and joy. May we act with compassion toward one another and toward neighbors near and far. We are thankful for the mercy You have shown us, and we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy to all. Amen.

***THE HYMN “O God, You Give Us Neighbors”
(to the tune of no. 386, “The Church’s One Foundation”)**

*O God, you give us neighbors for whom your love abounds.
They've come here seeking refuge; they work here in our towns.
Their children go to school here; they come to church and pray.
O Lord, we grieve when neighbors are being sent away.*

*O God, you give us neighbors in this world that divides.
We see them at the border; they're struggling for their lives.
They're hurting by the roadside, and by the river, too.
You call us to show mercy to neighbors loved by you.*

*O God, you give us neighbors; and now, what must we do?
This question asked of Jesus is one we ask anew.
May we not make excuses and choose to walk on by
these neighbors fleeing violence — some sent back now to die.*

*God, may we work for justice for those who live in fear;
may we show Christ's compassion, and pray and persevere —
and by your Holy Spirit, in all we do and say,
may we stand up for neighbors now being sent away.*

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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**

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 “Christ, Our Strength and Consolation” 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.

The red rose on the Altar is in honor of the birth of Emilia Jean Clauser. Emilia was born on Tuesday, July 5th. to parents Mike David Clauser and Irene Diep Clauser and big brother, Andrew. All are healthy and doing well. Congratulations to the whole family!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Jonneke Dundore, “In memory of Leah van Olden”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to all the supporters and volunteers who made our VBS this past week a success! We appreciate your time and prayers.

THRIVING TOGETHER, CONGREGATIONS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE, BUS TRIP

Rev. John Ward-Diorio and Pastor Allyssa Boyer will be away this coming week on an educational bus trip with the ‘Thriving Together’ initiative. Join us in keep their trip in prayer. We look forward to hearing about it and learning from their experience.

If you have an emergency pastoral need, please contact the church office. Rev. Brian Medkeff-Rose, Rev. Anna Thompson, and Rev. Karin Stork-Whitson will be providing coverage while Rev. John and Pastor Allyssa are away.

SPOOF PICNIC AND HIKE (ST. PAUL'S ON OUR FEET)

Join SPOOF for a fun day in the outdoors on August 6th at Pine Grove Furnace State Park! We have reserved the Brickyard Pavilion, which is close to the beach and playground area at Fuller Lake. We have the pavilion reserved for the entire day; come as early as you want and hang out as long as you want. There are several trails in the park of varying lengths and difficulty; we will have maps and descriptions for folks to hike as they want. Cool off afterwards with a dip in the lake. Or just stay at the pavilion and enjoy the shade or some lawn games that will be set up. Hot dogs, drinks and paper products will be provided. The rest of the picnic will be potluck. We will set up starting at 10am, with cooking noon-2. Parking and restrooms are also very close to the pavilion. All are welcome; bring your friends along too! Sign up on the church website under the 'sign up' heading.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you for your generous donations to the refugee resettlement offering over the past few weeks. Thus far we have raised over \$3,000 towards this initiative which will go to help local refugee families now and in the future.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND NEED

Dear Folks, Pastor Allyssa and I have been helping an increasing number of people, both from within our Congregation and in our Community, with monies and Giant gift cards from our Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Funds remain tight for many people, and we have been helping people pay for housing, food, gas, and certain utilities. This has dramatically drained down our Fund. If you are able, please consider making an additional donation. You can put yours in the offering plate, drop it off in the office, or mail it in. Please mark any donation with "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" and your name so we can make sure your Giving Statement reflects your additional generosity. Thank you so such.

Peace, Rev. John

CPR/AED/FIRST AID TRAINING

Thanks to all who expressed an interest in our CPR/AED/First Aid training! The training will be held on Saturday, July 16th beginning at 9:00 AM. Please bring your payment (check made out to St. Paul's for \$55 or cash) with you that day.

If you have not signed up, it's not too late! Please let Renee in the church office know if you would like to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Mary Runkle at 717-805-1589 or MaryRunkle0515@gmail.com.

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 outside the Fellowship Hall along with lists of items needed that you may take. Donations are due by Monday August 1st. Any questions please contact Karen or Kevin Allison.

#539 - Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

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Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.