

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

July 17, 2022



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING



*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S
JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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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.



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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 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 "Prelude"

W. A. Mozart

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

*THE HYMN "God, You Spoke Your Word Through Amos"
(to the tune of no. 332, "As We Gather At Your Table")

***God, you spoke your word through Amos long ago and far away.
Still your call for love and justice speaks to people in our day:
For we've trampled on the needy and brought heartbreak to the poor;
Lord, our way of life is greedy- we are always wanting more.***

***We confess the way we're living harms the planet in our care;
Many times our ways of spending hurt the poor and cause despair.
In a world where millions hunger, we consume without much thought.
So your land and people suffer; may we hear what Amos taught!***

***Even here within our churches, we have sometimes failed to be
Bearers of your love and justice to your world community.
All our songs and celebrations and the feasting that we do
Turn to mournful lamentations as we cry, "Lord, where are you?"***

***Lord, renew in us a vision of the world you're working toward.
Guide your church to make decisions that acknowledge you as Lord.
May we seek your ways of justice, care for earth, and gladly give;
May the words you spoke through Amos guide the way we daily live!***

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*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

God of All, guide us in remembering that Your Eyes focus on those most in need. Help us to see when our actions and words are harmful rather than helpful. Direct us in acting as You have created us to act. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We can accept wrong or inappropriate practices because the desire for wealth clouds our vision and obscures the reality of pain being caused. We can go to great lengths to rationalize these actions. Slavery and the legal abuse of people's civil rights are but two examples. When we fail to honestly measure our practices against how we are called to live as God's people, we blindly continue to engage in such actions. Let us join in a time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us and continues to speak through prophets; people who demonstrate a deep concern for others and the whole of Creation.

ALL: Let us hear the critiques of what we have done and seek to live more as God created us to live. 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 GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 52

*THE HYMN No. 454 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING & MESSAGE:

Amos 8:1-12

“New Priorities”

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)

O Christ, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way, The

The musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

path of prayer you too have trod: Christ teach us how to pray.

The musical notation continues from the first line, with the same grand staff and key signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

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 “God of Grace”

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Keira Nalepka, 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!*

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Through our offerings, loving God, we proclaim Christ to the world. We dedicate all we are giving to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward Christian maturity. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. We turn from false securities to put our confidence in You, that the mystery of Your glorious Word may be opened up among Your people. Amen.

***THE HYMN No. 570 "We Shall Overcome" (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6)**

***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 "The Church's One Foundation"

James Mansfield

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

Wendi Taylor, "In memory of Judy Patton."

Linda Miller, "In honor of the wedding anniversary of William Murray and Linda Miller."

*Hymn: #454 – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*Hymn #570 - We Shall Overcome (vs. 1, 2,3+6)

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome some day.

We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we'll go hand in hand some day.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid, we are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we are not afraid today.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall live in peace some day.