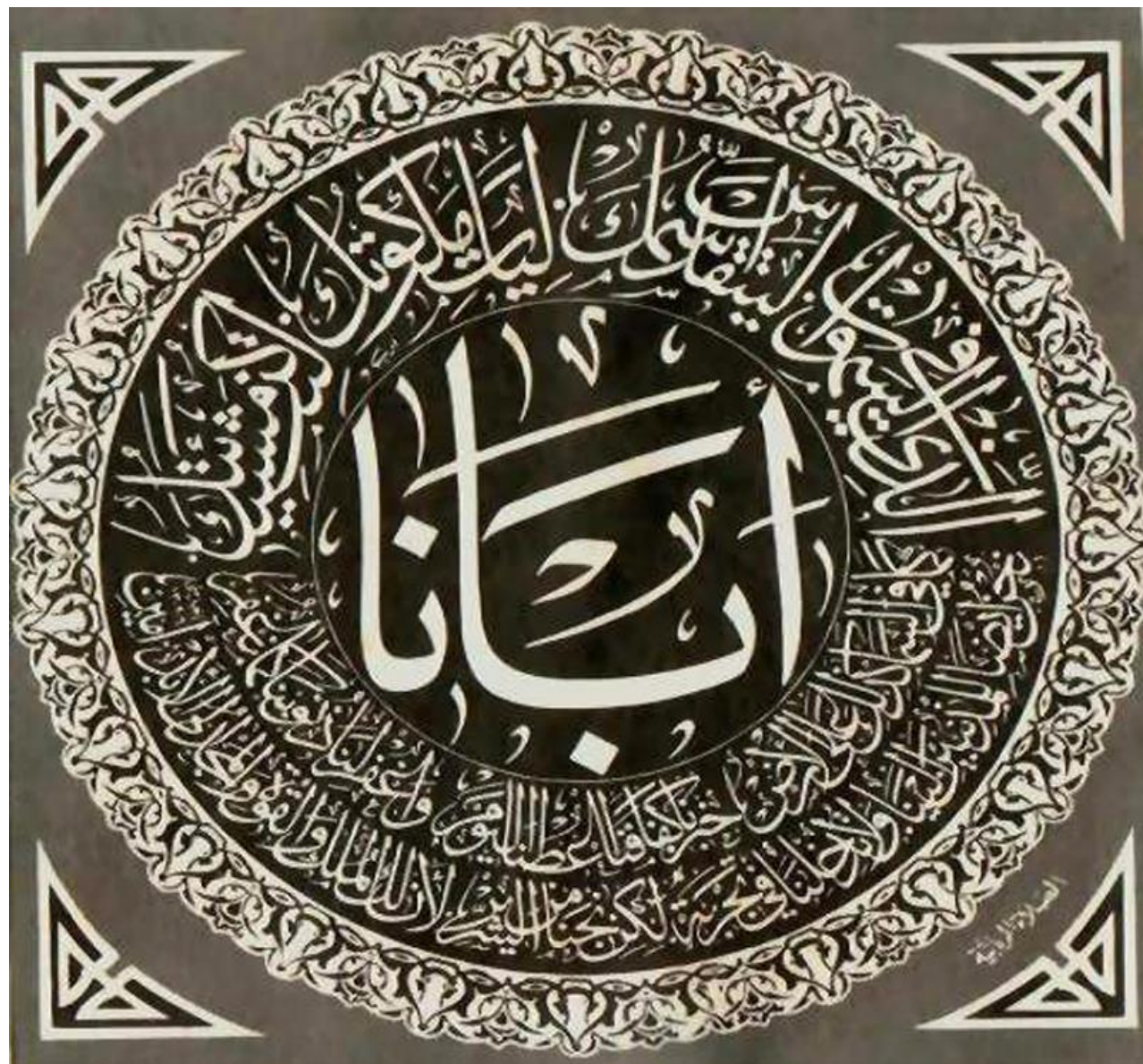


**Welcome to**  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

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

July 24, 2022



**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: Nancy Richey

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Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore

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Organist: Sarah A. Myers

Assistant Organist: Patrice G. Miller

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Worship Welcome Team Leader: Steve Roush

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Nursery: Erin Anderson

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### **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.*



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 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 PRELUDE "Sonata in G Major, Mvmt 2: Allegro"

Marcello

Sue Lingenfelter, viola

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

\*THE HYMN No. 505 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Gracious God, help us to pray. Jesus has offered us insight as to what we might pray. Guide us into actually praying. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We can come to believe we must not be praying correctly because we are not getting exactly what we want. We are not always open to how it is that God responds to our prayers and what it is God offers. We continue to think we can control God through the "right" prayer to give us exactly what we ask for. Let us join in the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us and continues to respond to all our prayers, offering what we need.

**ALL: Let us seek to open our spirits to God's responses and receive the care, compassion, calls, peace, and love God offers, as well as the teachings shared. May we accept these gifts and share them. 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*

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS (Unison)

May God's grace be upon these shawls...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May these mantles be safe havens... sacred places of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:20-32

THE PSALM READING

Psalms 138

\*THE HYMN "When You Are Praying"

(to the tune of No. 547, "Amazing Grace")

*"When you are praying," Jesus said, "Don't put on vain displays —  
But close your door and speak your heart, And humbly offer praise."*

*Our Father in the heavenly realm, Our Abba, ever near —  
Your name is holy, set apart; O bring your kingdom here!*

*God, give us all we daily need And we will be content;  
Forgive our sins as we forgive The wrongs that we resent.*

*God, give us grace to follow you; Protect us on your Way.  
When evil tempts us from your path, Deliver us, we pray.*

*O Lord, we turn in trust to you; You know the things we need —  
And like a parent, you so love: The ones who ask, receive.*

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THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 11:1-13

“The Guidance of Prayer”

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

The musical notation consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 4/4 time. 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 time 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 “A Touch of the Master’s Hand”

Welch & Kramp

Rebecca Lingenfelter, vocalist

\*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)

**For Your healing love, for the goodly blessings we enjoy, for life itself, we give thanks with these tokens of gratitude. Dwell in us, that we may be moved to make all of life an offering to Your steadfast love. May we learn to give good gifts to all Your children who need what we have to offer. Multiply our efforts to be faithful as You add others to our family of faith, in Christ’s name, Amen.**

\*THE HYMN No. 519 “Standing in the Need of Prayer”

\*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 POSTLUDE “Prelude in A Minor”

Molino

Alyssa Lingenfelter

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Sara Weiser, “In memory of Mary Bentley and Catherine Walter”

We are privileged to welcome the Rev. Dr. Katrin Rudolph as our guest in worship this morning. Dr. Rudolph is in the US to participate in the UCC-UEK Pastoral Colloquy sponsored by the Penn Central Conference. She is an ordained theologian and worked as a parish priest in Berlin before becoming a superintendent. The role of superintendent is similar to the role of a UCC conference minister. Dr. Rudolph oversees a church district made up of the church congregations in a region. In her case, 28,000 parishioners are organized in about 60 parishes; and the church district that she serves, Zossen-Fläming, extends in the state of Brandenburg from the city limits of Berlin to Saxony-Anhalt, about 80 by 80 kilometers and has a variety of suburban, small town and rural parishes. Let’s extend a warm St Paul’s welcome to Dr. Rudolph.

## **#505 - Sweet Hour of Prayer**

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Maker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for your return!  
With them I hasten to the place where I would know my Savior's face,  
And gladly take my station there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my petition bear  
To One whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, believe God's word, and trust God's grace,  
I'll cast away my every care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

## **#519 - Standing in the Need of Prayer**

Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O God,  
standing in the need of prayer;  
Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O God,  
standing in the need of prayer.

### *Refrain:*

It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer;  
It's me, it's me, O God, standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O God  
standing in the need of prayer;  
Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O God,  
standing in the need of prayer. *[Refrain]*

Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O God,  
standing in the need of prayer;  
Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O God,  
standing in the need of prayer. *[Refrain]*

Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O God,  
standing in the need of prayer;  
Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O God,  
standing in the need of prayer. *[Refrain]*