

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

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

October 9, 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: Shirley Keith Knox

### **Ministry of Music**

Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore

Choristers' Director: Jonneke A. Dundore

Assistant Music Director: Mark A. Dundore

Organist: Sarah A. Myers

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### **Ministry of Audio and Video**

Jeffrey A. Dundore

### **Ministry of Service**

Worship Welcome Team Leader: Chris Grice

Worship Welcome Team: Bonnie Plymette, Dave Grice, Fenton Fox

Nursery: Bonnie Plymette

Flower Delivery: Joan Moyer

### **Pastor Emeritus**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

### **Ministers**

The Entire Congregation

*Please visit the church website at <http://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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 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 "Sing Praise to God"

Edward Broughton

CHORAL INTROIT

\*THE HYMN No. 423 "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Gracious God, guide us in the offering of our gratitude for healing. As we recover from both our physical ills and spiritual struggles, we do not often stop to offer thanks to those through whom our healing has occurred. Help us to see such gratitude makes us well. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

In our fast-paced world; in our world of high expectations; we often skim by our offerings of appreciation. Such inattention can lead to holes in our healing. We are not fully well without doing so. Let us join in our time of Silent Prayers of Confession. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us. God continues to bring healing into our lives and hopes we will offer our gratitude.

**ALL: Let us slow down, stop, and recognize what has been done for us, offered to us, healed us, and say thanks. 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

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 111

\*THE HYMN “Ten Who Suffered Sought Out Jesus”

(to the tune of no. 332, “As We Gather at Your Table”)

*Ten who suffered sought out Jesus when they saw him traveling through:*

*"Jesus, Master, show your mercy! Hear our cry, we beg of you!"*

*When he saw them, Jesus answered, "Find the priests. See what they say."*

*As they did what Jesus told them, ten found healing on the way.*

*Ten were healed, and saw the wonder! Nine kept going, homeward bound.*

*Only one — despised by others — took the time to turn around.*

*Finding Jesus, singing praises, he said "Thank you!" on that day.*

*Jesus said, "Your faith has healed you. But the others — where are they?"*

*Where are we, O God of mercy? For your Son has blessed us, too.*

*He has given life abundant, offered healing, made us new.*

*Like the nine, are we distracted by our homes, our work, our play?*

*Or do we return and thank you, taking time to humbly pray?*

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*Jesus, make us truly grateful for the blessings we receive.  
Like that one, may we say, "Thank you!" like that one, may we believe:  
Give us faith to see your mercy, and through all we do and say,  
May our lives become our "thank you!" as we follow you each day.*

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**THE RESPONSE:**

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:**

Luke 17:11-19

“How Do We Respond to Healing”

**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  
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.*

**THE ANTHEM “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

McChesney

Hand Chimes

**\*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)**

**We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty You entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness You offer us amid a fragmented world. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to Your faithful service. Amen.**

**\*THE HYMN "O God of All Creation"**

(to the tune of no. 386, "The Church's One Foundation")

*O God of all creation, as ocean waters warm,  
we grieve the devastation that comes with violent storms.  
We pray for people struggling-- who need your help and grace  
on every flooded island and in each flooded place.*

*We pray for all your children, so dearly loved by you,  
who know such great destruction as winds and rains crash through.  
We pray for all those hurting, who grieve for what is gone—  
for neighbors, friends and siblings who struggle to go on.*

*We pray, O Lord, for churches that help to build anew.  
We pray for rescue workers and all the good they do.  
We pray for those with vision who serve as they restore—  
who make homes more efficient and stronger than before.*

*O Christ who calmed the waters and stilled the stormy seas,  
You teach us: "Love your neighbors!" and "Humbly care for these!"  
Now lead us by your Spirit to gladly lend a hand—  
on every struggling island and in each hurting land.*

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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 “Now Thank We All Our God”**

Robert J. Hughes

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  
Mary Runkle, “In memory of my mother, Elizabeth Randolph.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NEW MEMBERS**

We will be receiving New Members into our Congregation on Sunday October 23 during Worship. If you are interested in becoming a New Member or have any questions about this, please contact Rev. John or Pastor Allyssa as soon as possible. If this date does not work for your schedule, let us know that too because we can schedule an additional date in the not-too-distant future. For existing Members, please be prepared to serve as a Sponsor since we have a number of new folks who will need one. It is a wonderful way to get to meet someone new.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Instead of going door to door, kids can go “trunk to trunk” in this new Halloween tradition. Decorate the trunk/tailgate of your vehicle and pass candy out to the kids who visit. Be as elaborate or as simple as you’d like. Costumes are encouraged for people of all ages. Trunk or Treat will take place in our upper parking lot on Sunday, October 30th. Set-up begins at 4:00 PM; the event will be held from 5:00-5:45 PM. If you’d like for your kids to participate, or if you’d like to host a vehicle, please sign up on our website. We’ll have a wicked good time!

## **NEW HOPE THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

New Hope Ministries is seeking donations of traditional Thanksgiving meal items to fill baskets that will be distributed to needy families in our area. Suggested items include stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, fruit, yams, pie ingredients, etc. Donated items should be placed in the box in the hallway by Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday November 6th. Donated turkeys and other perishable items may be taken directly to New Hope at 5228 East Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg. Any questions please contact Karen or Kevin Allison.

## **STEWARDSHIP AUCTION**

It's time again for the Fall Stewardship Online Auction!! We're looking to fill the auction with your generous donations of themed baskets and other specialty items. Gift cards and consumable items are often the most popular. Donated items are a great way to highlight a favorite product or local business. Since winning baskets will be delivered around Nov 13, Thanksgiving, Christmas and winter themes are encouraged! Baskets are needed no later than Sunday, October 23rd. Please share the details of your donation or reach out to Melissa Cawley (melissacawley@aol.com or 717-691-8771) for theme suggestions. We can't wait to see what amazing creations you come up with!

## **STEWARDSHIP**

November 13 is Stewardship Sunday. In our continued efforts to be good environmental stewards of God's Earth, St. Paul's is planning to have many of the stewardship materials available in On-line format this year (Time and Talent sheet, Letters from

Reverend John and the Stewardship team, Financial Options letter). The 2023 Financial Pledge card will remain in paper format and *all the online materials will also be available in paper format upon request.* Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul's UCC. Through our actions and financial contributions to St. Paul's, we make a difference in our community. If you have questions or would like to be involved in the Stewardship Team, please contact Renee at the church office and she'll get the info to the Stewardship team.

## **MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK,**

October 15th, on City Island. It's hard to believe this is our 20th year participating in this event. It is a very easy 3 mile walk and a wonderful morning of fun and fellowship. Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's on a Mission (SPOM) team is registered for the Making Strides Walk! Join our team online: [secure.acevents.org](https://secure.acevents.org), click the SIGNUP button, search for St. Paul's on a Mission to join our team. ACS website makes it very easy to promote your personal fundraising. Start collecting donations today! Remember to ask friends and family to walk with us too!! SPOM Team Members will continue accepting donations before and after church services in the Common. Make your tax deductible check out to "American Cancer Society".