


Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

November 20, 2022



JESUS
remember me,
when you come into your
KINGDOM

:Luke 23:42:



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

,

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

Worship Leadership

The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio
Preacher: Pastor Allyssa A. Boyer
Lector: Karin Stork-Whitson

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: Craig Martek
Worship Welcome Team: Rebecca Drazba, Corky Short
Nursery: Susan Ward-Diorio, Ivonne McFarland
Flower Delivery: Dale Thorpe and Don Dupes

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.



St. Paul's Online Giving

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REIGN OF CHRIST

November 20, 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Kocher

Handchimes

CHORAL INTROIT

*THE HYMN No. 422 "Come, O Thankful People, Come"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

We worship You with gladness, O God our shepherd, for you have gathered us as your beloved flock. You have sent a savior of peace and justice, who has demonstrated among us the power of love. Send your Spirit now to remind us of Your gifts, and to strengthen us for our tasks. May we show our faithfulness to Christ by the way we live every day. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has rescued us many times. Yet we continue to wander away from God's vision for us. We claim to be followers of Jesus, but we do not speak up when Jesus's Way is mocked. Our words and deeds often deny the faith we proclaim. May we ask for deliverance from misplaced loyalties and unacknowledged sin. Let us join in silent prayers of confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: Jesus Christ has claimed for us God's forgiveness and restoration of relationship. We are citizens of God's realm, where Jesus reigns in the triumphant power of love.

All: We give joyful thanks to God who has enabled us to share in the inheritance of the saints.

*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.
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 ANTHEM "By God's Hand"

Raney

Youth Choir

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 46

*THE HYMN No. 300 "Jesus Shall Reign" (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 23:33-43

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 place pew pad sheets in the Offering Plate. Thank you.

THE OFFERTORY “We’re Gonna Worship Christ the King”

Choplin

Chancel Choir – Art Williams, 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)

For the saving faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we give thanks. For the church that seeks to extend Christ’s ministry, we are humbly grateful. All things we have are gifts from You, O God, so we dedicate more than our money. We reinvest ourselves in patient, joyful response to your promises. Hear our prayers and empower our ministry. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 301 “Crown with Your Richest Crowns” (vs. 1, 3, 4 & 5)

*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 “We Gather Together”

References:

The Prayer of Invocation, Call to Confession, Words of Assurance, and Prayer of Dedication are adapted 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 father, Glenn Randolph.”
Martha Keith, “In honor of Gene Keith’s 90th birthday.”

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Please place your poinsettia orders by this Tuesday, November 22nd. Today, is the last Sunday to order. Order forms are available on the table in the Common. They are \$10.00 each and offered in Red, White, Pink, or Marble. These flowers will beautify the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and are available to take home following the 4PM or 11PM service. Please pick up your flowers by December 29th.

HELP NEEDED!

We are decorating our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season on Saturday November 26. It will be a bit more involved this year as we are creating a “Winter Wonderland” of sorts to compliment the choir’s cantata. We could use a few able bodies to carry artificial trees from fellowship hall to the sanctuary, and many more hands for other decorating.

If you would like to help, please come to church anytime after 8:00 AM. Come when you can, leave when you must. Questions? Jonneke Dundore 717-460-8303 or jonnekev@aol.com.