

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

August 11, 2024



A
still small
voice.

1 KINGS 19:12

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING



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

Worship Leadership

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Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore
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Lead Greeter: Becky Drazba
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Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

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to help as a Sunday volunteer or Worship Participant.
We're grateful for your generosity.*

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11, 2024

The livestream starts with the Announcements. If you'd prefer not to be on camera, kindly choose a seat in the back three pews of the Sanctuary. Leave prayer requests in the bowl in the Common area or give them to the Lead Greeter.

**Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.*

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN No. 23 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O God Who comes to us in silence, help us to be patient and to listen carefully for Your Speaking. What You have to say to us is important, and we want to hear and try to understand. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are surrounded by many loud sounds and voices, trying to grab our attention. Things come at us so quickly, we struggle to understand. People do not even take the time to write out full words or phrases anymore, and instead resort to acronyms. We fail to recognize how God acts differently than that. Let us join together in the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God forgives us and continues to come to us in both expected and unexpected ways.

ALL: Let us take the time to pay attention, to sort through the noise and hype, and listen for how God is speaking to us today. Amen.

If you are able, please rise and greet one another with 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 EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:1

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 34:1-10

*THE HYMN “Be Kind to One Another” (to the tune of no. 493, “O Jesus, I Have Promised”)

***Be kind to one another, be tender-hearted too —
forgiving one another, as Christ has pardoned you.***

Refrain from any gossip, for gossip is a sin.

Be open to new friendships, and welcome people in.

Be kind in all your speaking and hear what others say.

Be open to Christ's teaching, and in all matters, pray.

Be gentle, loving, faithful and keep a humble mind.

Remember what is truthful. In everything be kind.

Be kind within your circle, but look past what you see;

Be kind to those in trouble — the poor, the refugee.

The world is filled with violence; write letters, call out sin!

Don't ever sit in silence and let the evil win.

O God of love, you've taught us. You've shown us what to do:

Be just, commit to kindness, walk humbly here with you.

Your Spirit gives us courage to truly live this way.

May love become our message; may kindness win the day.

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THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING & MESSAGE:

1 Kings 19:4-18

“In Silence, We Can Hear”

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)

In - to my heart, in - to my heart, come
in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus; come in to - day, come
in to stay, come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Please place your pew pad sheets in the Offering Plate.

THE OFFERTORY "You Raise Me Up"

arr. Fettke

Jonneke Dundore, 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)

Thank You, God, for Your continuing providence, even when we complain. Thank you for the living bread, Jesus Christ, who feeds our spirits. In gratitude for undeserved grace and unlimited opportunity, we dedicate our offering and ourselves. Let our talk and our resources build up the body of Christ for greater service. May the needs of many be addressed in ways that bring hope, grace, and love to Your children. Amen.

*THE HYMN "There is Room in God's Great Welcome" (to the tune of no. 332, "As We Gather at Your Table")

***There is room in God's great welcome; See! The doors are open wide!
Here on earth as in God's heaven, hear the call to come inside!***

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***There is so much room for difference — men and women, gay and straight.
In God's love, the rooms are countless, but there is no room for hate.***

***There is room in our good nation if we stand on justice-ground.
God has made a good creation; colors, cultures all abound.
Welcome, sister! Welcome, brother! All those yearning to breathe free!
There is room for one another but no room for bigotry.***

***There is room for understanding, for the outcast and the poor;
For the Christian, Jew and Muslim — there is room for these and more.
For the people on the fringes, for the ones with long career,
There is room for building bridges, but there is no room for fear.***

***There is room in faithful churches for the wounded and oppressed:
Women who've been told they're worthless, refugees who feel distressed,
Immigrants who fear the future, people scorned and pushed and shoved.
God, may we seek what you treasure: may we all make room for love.***

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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

*The livestream ends after the Postlude. You're welcome to converse in the Narthex after the Three-fold Amen.
However, if you choose to stay for the Postlude, please remain silent until the conclusion.*

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Lani Smith

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Led by Love” by Lavon Bayler, 1996, 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.

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