





Sunday, July 27, 2025 ~ 9:00 am Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor	Rev. Shana Johnson Dr. Tristan Frampton Lisa Cleveland & Lynda Marshall Roger Harris
Director of Music	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Guest Organist/Pianist	Lisa Cleveland & Lynda Marshall
Liturgist	Roger Harris

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Carl G. Gläser, arr. Jerry Aultman

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, doubts, and all the questions of our hearts.

We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, hope, and joy God speaks to us.

It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

INVOCATION

Gracious God, quiet within us all the things that clamor for our attention so we can center ourselves wholly on You. In this hour of worship, speak to us in word, melody, and silence. Pour your Spirit on us that we might be renewed in our faith and strengthened for Your service. In the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. AMEN.

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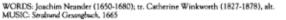
This worship service is live streamed and recorded.

*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.

Parents: if you have a child with you this morning, we have activity bags with coloring pages in the Narthex along with fidget toys (for all ages). There is also a Family Room just off of the Welcome Center if you need a quiet place at any time during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance. They will we happy to assist.

***OPENING HYMN**





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***PRAYER OF REFLECTION & RECONCILIATION (UNISON)**

O Holy One, there are days when things happen for which we were not prepared. In the unexpected stresses, we do not always respond to difficulties with love, but rather with impatience. We often turn our backs on others in need, placing our comforts first. When we are stressed, pulled, pushed, and tossed about, give us peace, Gracious God. Help us slow down so we can receive your healing word of love. Remind us that we need forgiveness. Then having received such love, we are to love and serve others. Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be good disciples for you. In the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Even when things seem dark, God is with us. God's love is powerful enough to overcome any darkness that we encounter. Remember how much love has been given to you and rejoice! AMEN and AMEN.

MISSION MOMENT ABOUT GENERAL SYNOD Synthia and Terry Kalinowski

SPECIAL MUSIC

Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Tune: Ebenezer Thomas J. Williams, arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Congregational response:

We, the members of St. Paul United Church of Christ, receive you into our fellowship with great joy. God grant you may find here a fellowship of love and service in which we all may work together as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to our walk together in Christ.

SCRIPTURE	Luke 11: 1-13	Roger Harris
HYMN	Need Thee Every Hour	(See page 6)
SERMON	Praverful Persistence	Rev. Shana Johnson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

REFLECTION ON GIVING

Compassion stirs us to generous action and hopeful giving. We share the abundance of our resources and spread the gifts we have received for the good of the world and the furthering of the kindom Christ modeled for us.

Please take the plate from the usher and pass it to the opposite end of your pew.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

What a Friend Charles C. Converse, arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: Old Hundreth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know Praise Spirit, with us evermore One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

***BLESSING OF THE GIFTS AND COMMISSIONING**

O Giver of All Good Gifts, we ask you this morning to bless these gifts we bring with humble gratitude. You have listened to us when we've prayed, and often we have been far more ready to ask than to listen for your answer. You know every need and every want. Loving God, like a parent, you love us enough not to answer every request but to give instead what will lead us to choices that bring lasting joy. So, help us to fill every breath with gratitude! In the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. AMEN.

*CLOSING HYMN Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Se

(See page 7)

*BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. Mark Hayes

If you are able, the worship team would like to encourage you to please remain seated until the postlude has ended, as a thank you to our musicians for what they add to our service every Sunday. Thank you!



I Need Thee Every Hour



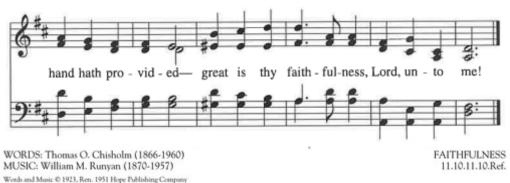
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Great is Thy Faithfulness, continued





Rev. Shana Johnson has served as our Conference Minister since March 2016. In addition to all the ways she works in partnership with the pastors and churches of the Illinois South Conference, she serves as a Board Member on the Insurance Board of the UCC, is a member of the Board of Trustees at Eden Theological Seminary, and participates on various teams and committees within the wider church of the United Church of Christ.

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Tim Ritter
Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim
Ritter
Lou Ann Niemann
Debbie Price

Christopher MitchellVAudrey KrummrichHRalph Eckart, brother in-law ofJMarlene MuellerSMike Llamas, brother in law ofHMimi LlamasHJennifer Wick, daughter of StephenieHBauzaH

Venita Jane Rogers Fred Hotz Jim Young Syndy Kalinowski Larry Walton Betty Eckert Laura Sadler



Please call the church for prayer requests: 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org

Weekly Offerings		7/19/2025	We
Operating	\$	5,825.00	July 13, 20
Building Fund	\$	65.00	
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Giving YTD	\$	210,226.35	Wa htt
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65	subscribe stp
Budget to Date	\$	194,394.25	
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89	St.

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service				
July 13, 2025	81	+ Online Participants		
July 14, 2024	78	+ Online Participants		

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