

# **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL UCC**



**July 27, 2025**

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

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Guest Pastor* ..... Rev. Shana Johnson  
*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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\*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 be happy to assist.**

\*OPENING HYMN

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

F Dm  $\frac{C}{E}$  F C Dm Am B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm B $\flat$ 6 C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a  
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign-  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

F Dm  $\frac{C}{E}$  F C Dm Am B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-  
 ing; shel-tering you un-der his wings, and so gent-ly sus-  
 you: sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-  
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

B $\flat$ 6 C7 F  $\frac{C}{E}$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$   $\frac{C}{E}$

va-tion! Come, all who hear; now to his  
 tain-ing! Have you not seen all that is  
 tend-you. Pon-der a-new what the Al-  
 fore him. Let the A-men sound from his

F  $\frac{C7}{G}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  C Am B $\flat$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  Dm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  A  $\frac{Gm7}{B\flat}$  C7 F

tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 need-ful has been, sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?  
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friends you.  
 peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 MUSIC: Sebaldus Gessungbuch, 1665

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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**

Prayerful 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 kingdom 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*

*(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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G  $\frac{Am}{C}$   $\frac{G}{D}$  D G C G

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour, stay thou near by;  
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;  
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, teach me thy will,

$\frac{G}{B}$  D  $\frac{G}{D}$  D G  $\frac{D}{A}$  A7 D

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.  
 come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.  
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

*Refrain*

G  $\frac{C}{G}$  G  $\frac{G}{D}$  D D7  $\frac{Em}{D}$  D7  $\frac{D7}{G}$  G

I need thee, O I need thee; ev - ery hour I need thee!

$\frac{G}{B}$  C G  $\frac{G}{B}$  C6  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G

O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon and  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*  
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

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Great is Thy Faithfulness, continued



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MUSIC: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)  
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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 Mitchell  
Audrey Krummrich  
Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene Mueller  
Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas  
Jennifer Wick, daughter of Stephenie Bauza

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](http://stpaulucc.org)

Weekly Offerings		7/19/2025
Operating	\$	5,825.00
Building Fund	\$	65.00
	\$	5,890.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>210,226.35</b>
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	194,394.25
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

July 13, 2025	81 + Online Participants
July 14, 2024	78 + Online Participants



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