

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL UCC



July 6, 2025

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Sunday, July 6, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Guest Pastor</i>	Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Guest Organist/Pianist</i>	Lisa Cleveland
<i>Liturgist</i>	Dick Erdmann

WELCOME

PRELUDE

America, the Beautiful
by Samuel Ward, arr. Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 30)

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name

Many: Shepherd and Source, you guide us in wisdom. You cover us in love.

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name

Many: Comforter and Spirit, you encourage us in times of trouble.

You strengthen us for the journey.

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name

Many: Redeemer and Friend, you hear our cry, redeem the years of struggle, and restore our joy. Praise the Holy One!

INVOCATION (UNISON)

God our Good Shepherd, we come to worship you, to tell of the story of your marvelous deeds, to lament the horrors and suffering in the world, to find strength to be your witnesses, and to remind ourselves of the truth of what is possible. May our prayers rise to your heart, and your heart infiltrate our prayers. May we sing songs that move you with delight and compassion. May we recognize and ponder the wisdom you impart to us. And, may peace rest upon us as we gather in your name. Amen.

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

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.



1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

Justin H. Knecht, 1797

Alternate tune: HENDON

*PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

Righteous God, forgive us for praying for the harvest without planting seeds. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without preparing the soil. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without tending the land, discerning weeds, and ensuring an adequate supply of water. Transform us for the work of the harvest. Transform us into cultivators of hope and joy. Transform us to plant seeds of justice and love. God of the harvest, equip us for the labor of stewarding the roots of new life you offer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Beloved, there is room in the garden for you and the gifts you bring. Receive the grace of God to plant and replant, to till and to tend, to harvest and to hope. Rest in knowing that the One who sends you to work for a good harvest will sustain, guide, and renew you in this life.

SPECIAL MUSIC

One World
by Geoffrey O'Hara, arr. Harry Wilson
Bill Guthrie, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Dick Erdmann

SERMON

Others
Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

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.

MISSION MOMENT

What's the Buzz?
Syndy Kalinowski & Sandy Ritter

REFLECTION ON GIVING

We are grateful for the many ways you give of your time, talents, and financially. All of these gifts are important to our shared ministry here at St Paul's. If you are looking for ways to get involved, please let us know.

***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 (UNISON)**

O God, you offer us wonderful gifts. In these offerings, may we dream of a time that doesn't yet exist and universe that seems so far away. May we celebrate our dreams as we pray with the hope of Christ Jesus. Amen.



CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sentences of Invitation

One: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

Many: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.



Communion Prayer and Words of Remembrance

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in your beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven we glorify you:

Many: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same ways, Jesus took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Many: Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

One: Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

Many: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.
Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.
The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Distribution of the Elements

All are welcome at the Table of Christ! *Ushers will release the pews to come forward. Gluten free communion will be in the basket on the table. If you would like white grape juice or wine please take a cup. Bread will be served in your cupped hand, then select grape juice (white juice) in outer ring, wine (red) in inner two rings. Consume the elements and place cup in tray before returning to the pew. If you need service in the pew, please raise your hand.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
by Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Gary Prim

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Be Now My Vision

(See next page)

***COMMISSIONING**

Through these shared rituals, we are shown what it is to be both whole and broken, and empty and full in order for us to embody the hope of abundant life in the presence of death and that we are not in this alone – that G-d came to help us better know what it is to be a healing community and a healed community. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

And may God's powerful blessing uphold you like a mountain.
May Christ Jesus touch you and make you whole.
And may the Holy Spirit dance with you in the joy of life.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
.....***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit, traditional spiritual
arr. Mark Hayes



Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
 Traditional Irish melody
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

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
Cynthia Johnson
Jim Young
Syndy Kalinowski
Larry Walton
Betty Eckert



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

Weekly Offerings		6/28/2025
Operating	\$	1,505.00
Building Fund	\$	340.00
	\$	1,845.00
Giving YTD	\$	194,131.35
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	173,566.29
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

June 22, 2025	89 + Online Participants
June 23, 2024	76 + Online Participants



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St. Paul UCC MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-Day is July 28, from 6-8pm!
We hope to see you!!! Everyone is welcome!
Building a better community!



Chair Yoga 6-6:30. Yoga 6:30-7 - \$10!



Pickleball - \$5 (bring your own paddle & ball)

Board Games (bring your own or play Uno!)



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