





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



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor	Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler
Director of Music	
Guest Organist/Pianist	Lisa Cleveland
Liturgist	Dick Erdmann
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# WELCOME

# PRELUDE

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

# CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 30)

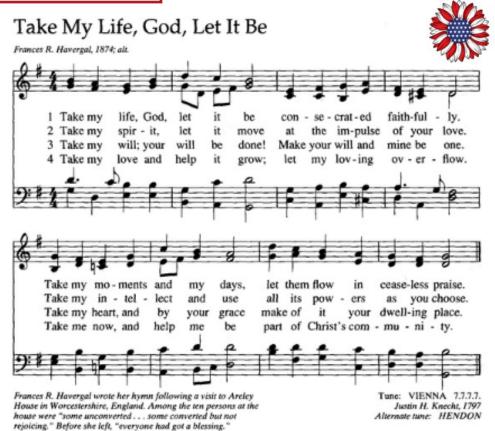
One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name **Many: Shepherd and Source, you guide us in wisdom. You cover us in love.** One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name **Many: Comforter and Spirit, you encourage us in times 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 we happy to assist.



\*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

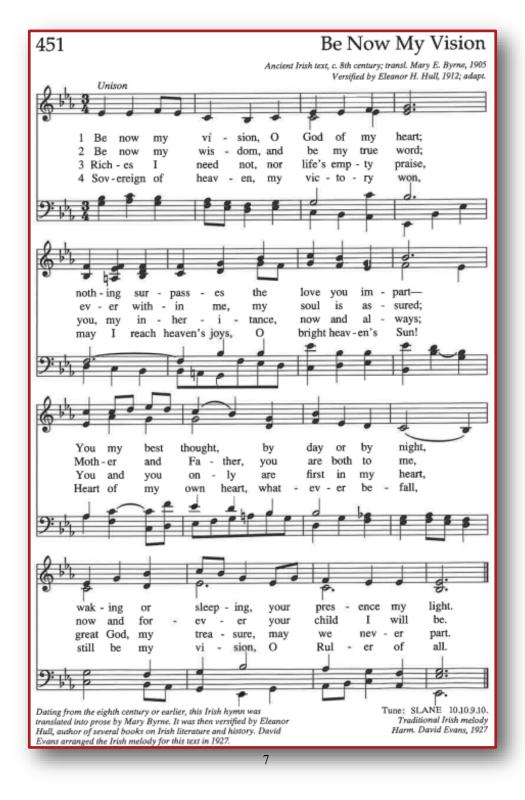
Through these shared rituals, we are shown what it is to be both whole and broken, and empty and full in order for us to embody the hope of abundant life in the presence of death and that we are not in this alone – that G-d came to help us better know what it is to be a healing community and a healed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

# \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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





# For Your Prayers

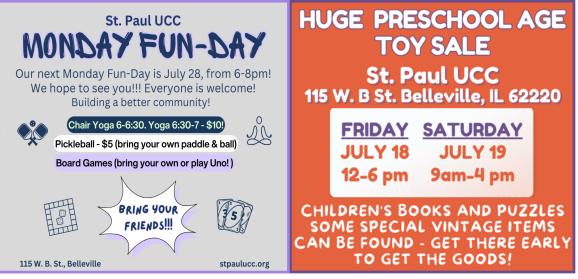
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Carol Hotz
Tim Ritter
Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy &
Tim Ritter
Lou Ann Niemann
Debbie Price

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- Venita Jane Rogers Fred Hotz Cynthia Johnson Jim Young Syndy Kalinowski Larry Walton Betty Eckert



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Weekly Offerings	6/28/2025	Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service
Operating	\$ 1,505.00	June 22, 2025 89 + Online Participants
Building Fund	\$ 340.00	June 23, 2024 76 + Online Participants
	\$ 1,845.00	Watch videos on YouTube:
Giving YTD	\$ 194,131.35	subscrate watch videos off Fourtube. <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> stpauluccbelleville
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