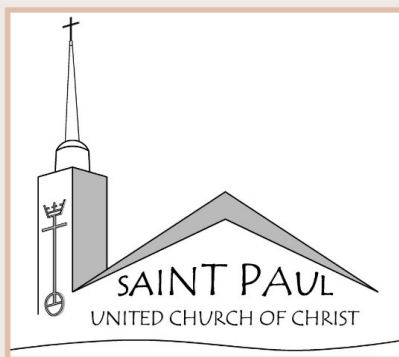


WELCOME TO ST. PAUL UCC



August 10, 2025

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Sunday, August 10, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor.....	Rev. Joan Mier
Director of Music	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist	Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist	Lou Ryseff

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer
by Richard Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Did you come to lean into Jesus today? Did you come to open your hearts completely to him, ready to offer your joys and concerns, your prayers and your praise?

People: We have come to bring the fullness of who we are into this sacred space, welcoming the Spirit of Christ to embrace us and fill us with holy love!

Leader: How awesome it is to be together, beloved of Christ, united in worshipping the One who is "the way, the truth, and the life!" Even though our hearts and minds are humbled settling into the holy presence among us, let our spirits still rejoice in this time.

People: We have truly gathered as covenant people, coming to connect with the Higher Power of our lives and with every brother and sister who is worshipping by our sides. ALL: Here in this place, set aside for the worship of the One who gave his very life for us: We are humbled to receive a fraction of his mercy and grace and to feel wrapped in the tender Spirit of God's love. May it be so. Amen.

INVOCATION

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, we come this early morn to offer you our great praise. Be with us, O Lord, we pray, let us feel the touch of your Spirit moving around us and within us. Know us completely, know why we are here, and hear our voices as we lift them to you, O beloved Savior, we truly pray in your most sacred name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

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What a Covenant

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms." Showalter then wrote this music and the refrain and sent them to E. A. Hoffman to provide the stanzas.

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain
Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

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.

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

One: It is that time that we come before God, individually and as a community, to look into God's mirror, for God to let us see who we really are in relation to others and how we are living our lives as faithful followers of Jesus. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I welcome you into a time of silent confession and reconciliation, and then I will offer the Words of Assurance: Silent Confession and Reconciliation

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

May you feel the very presence of the heart of our Risen Lord connecting to your heart, feel the pulse of forgiveness, feel the touch of mercy, feel that there is hope even in the toughest moments of life. The Lord promises to all who trust in Him that he will never leave you or forsake you. Know this in the depths of your soul today and receive God's grace. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

Worship Board, Jan Friedrich

SPECIAL MUSIC

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

by Thomas A. Dorsey

arr. Jack Schrader

Amy Garces, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Lou Ryseff
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Rev. Joan Mier

SERMON

Do Not Be Afraid

Rev. Joan Mier

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

Every good gift comes from God, therefore in thanksgiving, let us be generous in our giving, to further the great mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in the world. As the gospel tells us, "Do Not Be Afraid," even in how we offer our gifts, always prayerfully and in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let it be so. Amen.

COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

This is My Father's World (Terra Beata)

Setting by Larry Shackley

*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

God of amazing grace, who is so generous with your merciful care for all your people, we humble ourselves in this moment of offering all that we can in the holy name of Jesus. May these gifts reach out and touch the lives of many who are living with great concern and fear, so that they will feel the presence of Christ's love and care through us, now and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Not Dismayed

(See page 6)

*COMMISSIONING

Go forth now, beloved of Christ, without fear, but with the security of God's unfailing love being present with you every moment of every day. Share that sacred love with others so that you may be bearers of divine peace, bringing comfort to those people who are most downtrodden. Let it be so. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Walk not in fear, but in faith.
For you are divinely loved.
You are a precious child of God.
Always held in the arms of a holy parent.
May that bit of wisdom bring peace to your soul. Amen

POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock
Arr. by Craig Curry




Be Not Dismayed

(God Will Take Care of You)

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Civilla D. Martin, 1904; alt.

Ps. 91

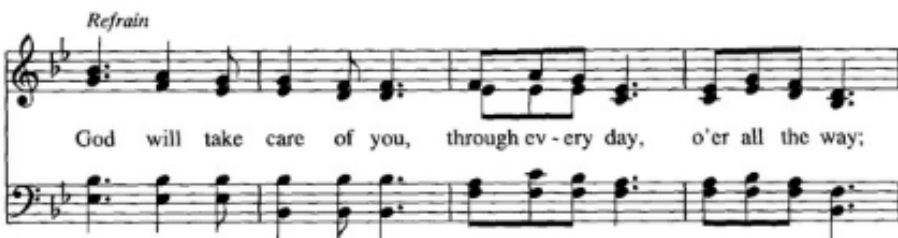


1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
 2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;
 3 All you may need God will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
 4 No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;




Be-neath God's wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
 When dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
 Noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.
 Lean, wea-ry one, up-on God's breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain



God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;



God will take care of you, God will take care of you.
 take care of you

This early hymn by Civilla Martin was written in 1904 and set to music by her husband, a Baptist minister, as a contribution to a songbook he was compiling for a school. This is one of several

Tune: MARTIN C.M. with refrain
 W. Sillman Martin, 1905



CALLING ALL Parents, Grandparents, or Great-grandparents:

We want to hear from YOU! In order to plan for meaningful and relevant Christian Ed. for families, we are hosting two Focus Group meetings—August 17 (following worship) and August 24 at 2 PM (both meetings will be in the Amazing Room across from the office). This will be a chance to envision what ministries we offer to help children and families grow in the faith.

Please call the church office (233-3303) to RSVP so we know how many to prepare for. If you cannot make either of those dates, but want to provide input, call the office to have a questionnaire sent to your email inbox. *Come, be part of that conversation!*

Pampered Chef Fundraiser!



On Sunday, August 24th a Pampered Chef consultant will be in the Welcome Center taking orders . . . or you may order online. Great gift ideas for birthdays, Christmas and anniversaries! 35% of the proceeds goes to **Community Interfaith Food Pantry!** Brochures are available in the Welcome Center!

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MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-Day is August 25th, from 6-8pm!

We hope to see you!!! Everyone is welcome!

Building a better community!



Chair Yoga 6-6:30. Yoga 6:30-7



Pickleball (bring your own paddle & ball)

Board Games (bring your own or play Uno!)

FREE WILL OFFERING!



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!



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

Syndy Kalinowski
 Larry Walton
 Betty Eckert
 The loved ones of Jim Young



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

Weekly Offerings		8/2/2025
Operating	\$	3,120.00
Building Fund	\$	315.00
	\$	3,435.00
Giving YTD	\$	215,492.09
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	208,279.55
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

July 27, 2025	88 + Online Participants
July 28, 2024	77 + Online Participants



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*Notes where to stand if comfortably able.