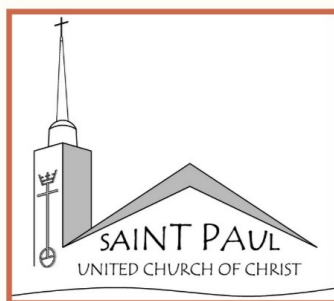


WELCOME TO ST. PAUL UCC



October 12, 2025

All are welcome here!

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St. Paul UCC



Sunday, October 12, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Lay Leader</i>	Craig Bielke
<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i>	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Karen Keuss

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Glory Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

We come in search of help and hope.

Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who are in need of good news.

We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in God your rock.

Let us praise the One who is our help and our hope.

INVOCATION (UNISON)

O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind,
not in the roar of the earthquake,
not in the crackling heat of the fire,
but in the sound of sheer silence.

Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies that we might meet you in that silence. Help us to listen for your still, small voice. Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us, trusting that you will prepare the way. We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey, Jesus Christ.

PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F 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-tain-ty! Come, all who hear; now to his
 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 $\frac{Gm7}{B\flat}$ 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.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the ages, in our busy lives, we do not always make time to love, to pray, or to sing your praises. We want to be strong, yet we often feel out of control: buffeted by the winds of change, rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships, burned by the fires of doubt. Forgetting what we cannot see, we ask, "Why have you forgotten me?" Help us trust your presence, even when we feel utterly alone, trapped in our dark night of the soul. With the promise of Christ as our hope, lead us from our own wilderness wanderings into the well-tended garden of your love.

***SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above
by Michael Larkin
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Karen Keuss

SERMON

Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

Quilters

Janet Kniepkamp

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Old Time "Hallelujah!" Religion

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Glory Ringers

*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

DEDICATION PRAYER

From you comes every gift we need, every blessing we have. May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to you, that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended, and the despairing be filled with hope. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

(See pages 6 & 7)

*COMMISSIONING

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Flourish on "Lobe den Herren"

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner



To God Be the Glory

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

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done; so loved he the
 2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
 3 Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

G A $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D D7 G D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er and

D G G7 C $\frac{Am}{C}$ $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain
G $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ G D D7

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the

Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915) TO GOD BE THE GLORY
 MUSIC: William H. Doane (1832-1915) 11.11.11.11.Ref.



Craig Bielke is the Executive Director of Toddhall Retreat & Conference Center, where he has led revitalization efforts since January 2024 focused on enhancing facilities, strengthening staff culture, and aligning operations with Toddhall’s Christian mission. With a background that blends hospitality, ministry, and organizational leadership, Craig brings a unique perspective to his work. As a graduate of Texas State University-San Marcos with a degree in Applied Sociology, he also pursued graduate studies at Eden Theological Seminary. Craig lives in Crestwood, MO with his wife, two children, German Shepherd dog, and newly added cat.

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Gay Eckert
Gene Buxton



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Weekly Offerings	10/4/2025
Operating	\$ 2,394.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00
	\$ 2,454.00
Giving YTD	\$ 267,864.09
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$ 270,763.42
Total Budget	\$ 361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

September 28, 2025	96 + Online Participants
September 29, 2024	70 + Online Participants

St. Paul UCC

MONDAY FUN-DAY

Every 4th Monday - 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!



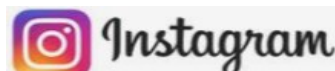
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