

July

Worship Leaders

JULY 5 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

JULY 12 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

JULY 19 - REV. GARY KNIPEKAMP

JULY 26 - CRAIG BIELKE

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

July 5-Lisa Hudnall
 July 12-Al Scharf
 July 19-Linda & Carol Speichinger
 July 26-Mona Scheibel

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A COFFEE HOUR HOST !

It takes about 15-20 min to set up. Our guests arrive about 10:00. Better to have their coffee ready at that time. Last coffee call no later than 11:00, if not sooner. Takes about 20-25 min to clean up.

Printed instructions are available.
 Assistance is always available.

Contact the office to sign up!

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For Your Prayers

The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
 Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
 Lou Ann Niemann
 Al Stahl
 Alec Zaber
 Jane Bonaldi
 Ruth Klingel

Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
 Our Pastor Search Committee
 Carol & Wayne Weidemann
 Sylvia, sister of Luci Bradley
 Rich Wilburn and his family, son-in-law of Stephenie Bauza
 Paul Sutherland

The loved ones of Dennis Luehder

Please call the office for prayer requests. 618-233-3303

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| Weekly Offerings | 6/20/2026 |
| Operating | \$ 3,695.32 |
| Building Fund | \$ 55.00 |
| | \$ 3,750.32 |
| Giving YTD | \$ 173,812.08 |
| Weekly Budget | \$ 6,974.00 |
| Budget to Date | \$ 167,376.00 |
| Total Budget | \$ 362,648.00 |

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

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| June 14, 2026 | 83 | + Online Participants |
| June 15, 2025 | 73 | + Online Participants |

St. Paul UCC

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Welcome

Sunday, June 28, 2026 ~ 9am
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leader Craig Bielke
Director of Music Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist Brett White

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Trio sur les flûtes
by Claude Balbastre

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices...
God will provide.

When we, like Abraham, are trying to be faithful and seem to have no good choices available to us...

God will provide.

When we, like Issac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations...

God will provide.

Daily in Christ, we gather today to worship God, who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

We gather to worship God, who provides a way toward abundant life when no way can be found. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord, the hearts of all turn to you in hope, and you give them what they need. May the time we spend together in your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with you, and renew our commitment to live in this world as your faithful disciples. For you alone are God, the source and sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

CONFIRMATION CLASSES UPDATE!

After a meeting between Pastor Joan, Sandy, and Syndy, a decision has been made to start Confirmation classes for those who would like to be confirmed in the church and those who would like to just do a Confirmation refresher, on Monday evenings, starting September 21, 6:00 p.m. We will meet every week for approximately 1-1/2 hours (unless there is a holiday or other event), to discuss basic constructs of faith--i.e., God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, The Bible, The Christian Church, what it means to be part of the United Church of Christ. Confirmation classes will finish March 15th and Confirmation presentations, and ceremony for the unconfirmed, will be on Palm Sunday, March 21st.

Please contact SHERRY in the church office to be added to the Confirmation list. If you have questions, you can speak to Sandy R., Syndy K., or Pastor Joan on Sunday mornings.



Culinaires Breakfast

TODAY June 28

immediately following
worship service



A free will offering is greatly appreciated!

Mission Team

is collecting school supplies!

Suggested donations backpacks, pencils, tissues 100 count boxes, wipes, notebooks, glue sticks . . .

Please place the items in the basket in the Welcome Center.



Trust and Obey

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F C7 F C C7 F

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a
 2 Not a bur-den we bear, not a sor-row we share, but our
 3 But we nev-er can prove the de-lights of his love un-til
 4 Then in fel-low-ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

Bb F C F C7 F C C7

glo-ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a-bides with us
 toil he will rich-ly re-pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a
 all on the al-tar we lay; for the fa-vor he shows and the joy he be-
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

Refrain
 F Bb E C C7 F C F

still, and with all who will trust and o-bey.
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o-bey. Trust and o-bey, for there's
 stows are for them who will trust and o-bey.
 go—nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.

D Gm C7 E C C7 F E A Bb6 E C C7 F

no oth-er way to be hap-py in Je-sus, but to trust and o-bey.

OPENING HYMN

Rock of Ages

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Bb Bb D Eb

1 Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, let me
 2 Not the la-bors of my hands can-ful-
 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring, sim-ply
 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when my

Bb F7 Bb F Bb F F7 Bb

hide my-self in thee; let the wa-ter and the blood,
 fill thy law's de-mands; could my zeal no res-pite know,
 to thy cross I cling; na-ked, come to thee for dress,
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un-known,

F F7 Bb

from thy wound-ed side which flowed, be of sin the
 could my tears for-ev-er flow, all for sin could
 help-less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
 see thee on thy judg-ment throne, Rock of A-ges,

Bb D Eb Bb F7 Bb F Bb

dou-ble cure, save from wrath and make me pure.
 not a-tone; thou must save and thou a-lone.
 foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav-ior, or I die!
 cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption. We find it hard to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation, and allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise. Forgive our lack of trust in you. Have mercy and forgive us. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breath your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds so that we have courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Bless America
by Irving Berlin
Osceola Mueller, soloist



Congregation, we invite you to join in as we sing the last chorus together.



God bless America land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,

God bless America, my home sweet home.

God bless America, my home sweet home.



SCRIPTURES

Genesis 22:1-14
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Brett White

SERMON

Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated
arr. John Purifoy

***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

Faithful provider, we bring our gifts with trembling hands and trusting hearts. Like Abraham on the mountain, we don't always understand the path ahead, but we believe in your promise: that you will provide. We offer these gifts, not as bargains or sacrifices to earn your love, but as signs of our trust in you. Use them, we pray, to bless others. To meet needs. To heal hurts. To build hope. And as you provide for the world through us, keep us faithful to your calling, even when the way is unclear. May our giving be our "Here I am," ready and willing to serve. In Christ's name, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Trust and Obey

(see page 6)

COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C
by Johann C.F. Fischer

Today's altar flowers are in honor of
Pam Walton's birthday
by, Diane Drake
Happy Birthday