

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 28, 2024

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

A TIME OF SHARING

SUNG INTROIT

Spirit of the Living God

screen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let your hearts be open to God today.

MANY: Let our spirits be ready to feel God's power and love.

One: Let go of all the things that bind you in pain and sorrow.

MANY: Help us to place our trust in God.

One: Come, let us praise the God of love.

MANY: Let us bring our hearts to God. AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we come into your presence this morning with the busy schedules of summer activities crowding our lives. Our souls need to be fed and yet we seem powerless to find nurture and feeding that will sustain us. Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts this day to hear your words of hope and healing for us. Amen.

***HYMN**

God of Generations (Tune: Holy, Holy, Holy)

screen

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know how we are, Lord. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times. We even are willing to tell you what we have, but when we look closely, we discover that we bring so little to you. Take what we have, our gifts and our needs. Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey your word. Remind us that you have given to us all that we need to serve you in this world. The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope. Open our eyes to see them and our hearts to know that these are from you and not of our own making. Heal and restore us to your everlasting love. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord, Listen to Your Children

screen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ps14, John 6:1-21

***HYMN**

Bring Many Names

#11

MEDITATION

Who Cleans Up the Mess?

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

screen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah X 2 screen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** **Sustaining God, receive our offerings and magnify them beyond our imagination for the benefit of your kindom, this ministry, and your creation. Cultivate a heart of generosity within us and enable us to witness the abundance that can be found in the fragments that remain as testimony to your power at work in us. Amen.**

***HYMN** Star and Planets Flung in Orbit #567 v 1-4

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

*If rising from a seated position is an issue for you, please remain seated. The phrase, "Stand in body or spirit as you are able" is intended to give you permission to do so without embarrassment.

Congregational Response to each prayer request is: **Your prayer is our prayer. Your joy is our joy.**

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Reminders

08/06 - Seniors

08/12 - Council at 6 PM

08/15 - Women's Guild at Pastor Bonnie's House noon

08/18 - Creation Care meeting after church

Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Ron S., Joyce O'K, Mark K., and Isabel H.

Birthdays: Alice M and Donna R celebrate today and Corey J on Wed. and Tom P on Thursday

Greeters for This Week: Kevin and Jodi S

Greeters for Next Week: Bill and Bernie C.

Liturgist for This Week: Cindy C.

Liturgist for Next Week: Steve M.

Following worship, you are invited for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall.