

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**July 13, 2025**

**Bonnie Jacque, Pastor**

**A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME**

**A TIME OF SHARING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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One: We come to worship this day, knowing deeply what it means to struggle.

**MANY: WE REMEMBER TIMES IN OUR LIVES WHEN WE'VE FELT HOPELESS, YEARNING FOR SOMEONE TO CARE FOR US.**

One: We are tempted to ignore the neighbors in our midst, we need only tap into our own humanity.

**MANY: BECAUSE WE KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO STRUGGLE, WE ARE CHALLENGED EACH DAY TO SHOW LOVE TO OUR NEIGHBORS.**

One: Even those who aren't like us.

**MANY: ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO AREN'T LIKE US.**

One: May our worship today help us remember times we have been helped.

**MANY: AND HOW WE CAN BECOME THE HELPERS, AND THE HOPE-BEARERS, IN THIS WORLD.**

~ adapted from **Worship Ways** <http://ucc.org/worship-way/after--pentecost-5c-july-13/>

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

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**Christ, Who Shows Us How To Be In Community Together, Thank You For Gathering Us Into Community Together, Onsite And Online. We Give You Thanks For The Ways We Have Been Held In Love In This Community Of Faith. We Are Comforted By Memories Of Mercy Shown To Us In Difficult Times, Both By Our Friends In This Space, And By Your Gracious Presence In Our Lives. Empower Us To Be Good Samaritans In Our Own Ways. Embolden Us To Seek Out Those Who Are Hopeless And In Need, Not Out Of Pity, But Out Of A Deep Understanding Of Difficulty In Our Own Lives. Guided By Your Example. May We Lead With Love And Brave Compassion. Amen.**

~<https://worshipways/after-pentecost-5c-july-13>

**\*HYMN**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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**Lord God, You Have Given Yourself Fully And Completely To Make Us Your People, A Gift Of Grace To The World We Confess That Too Often We Have Kept This Grace For Ourselves For The Times When We've Shied Away From The Suffering Which Comes When We Love Others As You Have Loved Us. Grant Us Mercy. For The Times When We've Taken Your Grace For Granted And Not Allowed Your Love To Overflow To Others. Grant Us Mercy. For The Times When We've Not Trusted That You Really Care About Us. Grant Us Mercy. Fill Us Again With Your Love, Poured Out Through The Holy Spirit, So That Our Lives Reflect Your Glory To The World. Amen**

~<https://thepastorsworkshop.com/liturgy> – Jacob Traeger, adapted

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Ps 82; Col 1:1-14; Luke 10: 25-37

### **HYMN**

Thy Word is a Lamp Upon My Feet

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### **MEDITATION**

**Mercy**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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**We affirm that human beings are made for God and for one another. We celebrate the diversity of our human family and respond to God's call in the world through acts of mercy and justice.**

**We affirm that all creation belongs to God and is a manifestation of God's goodness. Humans, nonhuman animals, plants, and other forms of life are a part of a web of community that depends on each other. We affirm our sacred call to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.**

**We profess that all we are and all that we possess, belongs to God. We are temporary stewards of resources and material goods that should be used to serve God and our neighbor. We recognize economic challenges of scarcity, but pledge to live into a Kingdom**

of God where all are cared for and all have enough.

We affirm that human beings are made for God and for one another. We celebrate the diversity of our human family and respond to God's call to love our neighbors of the world through acts of mercy and justice. Amen.

~adapted

from

<https://fatpastor.me/2024/07/09-affirmation-of-faith-based-on-the-revised-social-principles/>

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

~<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-5c-july-13/>

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

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## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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**GOD OF LOVE, WE GIVE THESE GIFTS BACK TO YOU WITH HUMILITY, REMEMBERING TIMES WE'VE NEEDED HELP IN OUR OWN LIVES. HELP US USE THE GIFTS WE GIVE TO LOVE OTHERS AS WE HAVE BEEN LOVED. AMEN.**

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## **\*HYMN**

Called As Partners in Christ's Service #495

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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\*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.**

**Reminders - Head to <https://stpaulserin.org> for details**

07/18 - Women's Guild Trip

07/21 - Council Meeting at 6 PM

07/24 - Coffee with Bonnie and Bible Study

07/27 - New Member Sunday

08/24 - Richfield parade with "Little St. Paul's" float

09/07 - BRAT fry at Monches Park

11/02 - St. Paul's 185th Anniversary Celebration

**If you have something to share** before a Sunday worship, please call, text or email Pastor Bonnie. She will include it in the bulletin or announce it from the pulpit. This will help us streamline our announcements.

**Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Ron and Diane S., Joyce O'K, Mark G., Charmaine D., John and Polly E., and Jill P.**

**Birthdays:** Mary G. on Tuesday

**Greeters for This Week:** Dave and Betty Z.

**Greeters for Next Week:** Vicki and Eugene D.

**Liturgist for This Week:** Alice M.

**Liturgist for Next Week:** Bernie C.

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