

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 10, 2025

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

A TIME OF SHARING

CREATION CARE

Jack's Bears

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Ps. 50)

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One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**MANY: OUT OF THE KINDOM, THE PERFECTION OF BEAUTY, THE
SPLENDOR OF CREATION, THE WONDER OF AGES, GOD SHINES
FORTH.**

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and calls to the heavens above and to the earth in order to judge the people.

**MANY: OUT OF JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, GOD SHINES
FORTH.**

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and receives our thanksgiving, honor, and praise.

**MANY: OUT OF OUR WITNESS, WORSHIP, AND TESTIMONY, GOD
SHINES FORTH.**

~<https://worshipways.org>

***OPENING PRAYER**

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**WONDERFUL GOD, SET YOUR KINDOM BEFORE US ANEW. DWELL
WITH US AS WE BRING OUR SONGS AND PRAYERS, OUR HOPES
AND HESITATIONS, OUR FAITH AND OUR DISBELIEF BEFORE YOU.
DEMONSTRATE YOUR KINDOM TO US AND THROUGH OUR TIME
OF GATHERING SO THAT WE MAY BE FIRM AND STEADFAST IN
LOVE AND ACTION TO MAKE YOUR WAY KNOWN. REVEAL THE**

PATH YOU TRAIL BEFORE US SO THAT WE MAY FOLLOW YOU CLEARLY WITHOUT DISTRACTION OR DETOUR. MAY YOUR SPIRIT ENLIVEN, CHALLENGE, AND GUIDE US IN ALL THINGS AND FOR ALL DAYS. AMEN.

~ <https://worshipways.org>

***HYMN God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens #556**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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YOU HAVE GIVEN US A WORLD OF BEAUTY, AND WE HAVE SPOILED IT. A WORLD TO FEED US, AND SO MANY GO HUNGRY. A WORLD OF RICHES, AND WE ARE UNWILLING TO SHARE. A WORLD TO CARE FOR, AND WE THINK ONLY OF OURSELVES. FORGIVE US, GRACIOUS GOD, EVERY TIME YOUR HEART IS SADDENED BY OUR SELFISHNESS, EVERY TIME WE HAVE NO THOUGHT FOR OTHERS, NO CARES BUT OURS. ENABLE US TO SEE THIS WORLD AS A GIFT FROM YOU THAT CAN BE SHARED, AND THOSE WHO LIVE ON IT AS OUR NEIGHBOURS.

WE ASK THIS THAT YOUR NAME MAY BE GLORIFIED, THROUGH THE BEAUTY OF THIS WORLD, AND THE SERVICE OF OUR LIVES. AMEN

~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship.
<http://www.faithandworship.com/>

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

BAPTISM Bennett John Nelson

Introductions

Responsive Reading One: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them...

MANY: "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME, DO NOT HINDER THEM; FOR TO SUCH BELONGS THE REALM OF GOD LIKE A

CHILD SHALL NOT ENTER IT.”

One: And Jesus took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Covenant of Parents and Godparents

Congregational Covenant

One: Baptism is not only.....

MANY: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT AND CARE.

Act of Baptism

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ps 50 The Message; Isaiah 1:10-20 Luke 12: 32-40

HYMN Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer #18

MEDITATION JUDGEMENT!

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER Screen

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** Screen

**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH
HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH
HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH,
HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH. X 2**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Screen

**GENEROUS GOD, AS WE BRING OUR GIFTS, WE ASK FOR YOU TO
RECEIVE THEM AND ENDOW US WITH WISDOM AND
DISCERNMENT TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF YOUR ABUNDANT
BLESSINGS. AMEN.**

~<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-9c-august-10/>

*HYMN Go, My Children, With My Blessing #82

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

08/21 - Women’s Guild noon

08/24 - Richfield parade with “Little St. Paul’s” float

08/25 - Council

09/07 - Vintage car and clothes Sunday

09/14 - Worship, Brat Fry, Raffle, etc. at Monches Park 9:30 am

10/12 - Blessing of the Animals

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

NOTE: No Coffee with Bonnie or Bible Study this month.

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: Cindy C on Tuesday, Levi J on Friday and Clara and Ron S. on

Saturday.

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| Greeters for This Week: | Lucy K. and Debbie S. |
| Greeters for Next Week: | John and Lynn D. |
| Liturgist for This Week: | Kim K. |
| Liturgist for Next Week: | John D. |

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