

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 23, 2026

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

Quiet Time - 9:25

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

TIME OF SHARING

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Something awakened us this morning – perhaps day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee or the sound of the alarm.

MANY: AND NOW WE GATHER WITH AWAKENED SPIRITS TO WORSHIP WITH OTHERS THE CREATOR OF THIS DAY.

One: Something moved us this morning - we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here.

MANY: AND NOW WE GATHER IN THIS PLACE TO WORSHIP THE CHRIST WHO MOVES AMONG US AND TO FOLLOW THE SPIRIT WHICH LEADS US INTO DEEDS OF LOVE.

ALL: MAY OURS BE A FAITH THAT IS BOTH AWAKE AND MOVING AS WE SERVE OUR GOD.

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OPENING PRAYER

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GOD, WE NEED PEACE - SO WE COME FOR QUIET. WE NEED JOY - SO WE COME FOR SINGING. WE NEED TO LET THINGS GO - SO WE COME FOR FORGIVENESS. WE NEED HOPE - SO WE COME FOR SCRIPTURE AND COMMUNITY. WE COME THIS MORNING FROM OUR OWN AGENDAS - HELP US TO LEAVE WITH THE BLESSINGS WE LONG FOR AND YOUR UNEXPECTED GIFTS. AMEN.

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Let Us With a Joyful Mind

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION**Screen**

LOVING GOD, IN THE WEEK THAT IS PAST WE EACH HAVE LET GO OF THE ROPE OF OUR VERY GOOD INTENTIONS, AVERTED OUR EYES FROM THE SORROW OR PAIN OF SOMEONE ELSE, FAILED TO RENEW OUR OWN PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL RESOURCES, MADE A DECISION WITHOUT THE GUIDANCE OF PRAYER. WE HAVE EXCUSED THESE SMALL SINNINGS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF ALL OUR ACTIONS IN THE WORLD FORGIVE US AND MAKE US NEWLY SELF-AWARE. PLANT A BOTHERSOME CONSCIENCE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR LIVES. AMEN.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE**Screen****SUNG RESPONSE**

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Hear our prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
And grant us your peace.

SCRIPTURE Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 138; Matt 16:13-20

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Shadow and Substance

#398**MEDITATION****Jesus said, "Who do you say I Am?"****PASTORAL PRAYER****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 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING**Screen**

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DOXOLOGY*Screen**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah,
Halle, halle, hallelujah,
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

(repeat)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Screen

GOD, WE COME TO YOU IN PLENTY AND IN WANT. TEACH US TO RECEIVE WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT WHEN WE HAVE NEEDS, AND HELP US TO GIVE WITHOUT RESERVATION WHEN WE HAVE ABUNDANCE. BLESS AND MULTIPLY THESE SUNDAY GIFTS AND UNWRAP OUR HEARTS TO YOU EVERY DAY. AMEN.

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O For a World

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BENEDICTION

https://ministrymatters.com/2020-06-01_worship_connection_proper_14_a_option_2/ Nancy C. Townley

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

09/06 - Choir Practice at 8:30

09/13 - Monches Park worship at **10 am** followed by Brat Fry/
First Day of Sunday School

09/20 - Confirmation Class introduced and receive Bibles

09/21 - Council meeting at 6 pm

Birthdays: Monday, Anna O., Tuesday is Diane S.’s birthday Thursday Marilyn D celebrates and Saturday Jeff M.

Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Diane S., Joyce O’K, Mark G., John and Polly E., Steve M.

Greeters for This Week: John and Lynn D.

Greeters for Next Week: Norb and Barb B.

Liturgist for This Week: Misti S.

Liturgist for Next Week: Jacquie B.

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