

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Sunday, September 26, 2021
18 Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude

Greeting, Announcements

Call to Worship (RESPONSIVELY)

L: May our worship be what nothing else is -
a softening of the edges of our lives,

C: A tickling of God's great mystery upon our innermost being,

L: A quiet answer to the great questions of life,

C: A tender blowing of the Holy Spirit,

L: An assurance that there is a better way to live together,

C: And that you, O God, are that better way.

L: May your presence be here today, alive with great mystery.

C: May our voices fill the air with song.

L: May our prayers be heartfelt and real.

C: We are here with you. all of us together. Thanks be to God.

- Judith K. Hanlon

Hymn More Precious Than Silver (insert)

Prayer of Confession (UNISON)

Wondrous Spirit, we raise to you our joyful noise: words of thanksgiving, songs of praise! Rhythm-setter of tides and seasons, from the depths of the waters to the heights of the

land, creation declares your greatness. You dapple our days with sun and our night with starlight. Unceasingly flow your love and peace. May your goodness transform us, deepening our gratitude for the beauty around us, the kindness among us, the bread broken for us. Lead us, we pray, in blessing the lives of others, so that all your world may have reason to rejoice. Amen.

- Ann B. Day

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 19:7-14

New Testament – James 5: 13-20

Gospel – Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

Hymn #505 What a Friend we have in Jesus vs 1 & 2

Joys and Concerns/Pastoral 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 for ever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Give

We give generously and watch the miracles of God

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Gracious God, Source of all blessings, you have been extravagant in your generosity. Words cannot express the gratitude with which we come before you. May we, in turn, embody our thanks with extravagant generosity to others and with acts of compassion toward them. In offering our gifts this morning, may we be ever mindful of your gifts of Breath, Love, and Life itself. Amen.

Hymn #436 God of Grace and God of Glory vs 1&5

Commission and Blessing

Postlude

We Go Forth To Love and Serve