

# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 24, 2026

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

## GOOD MORNING

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### WELCOME

## TIME OF SHARING

### **SUNG INTROIT** Come and Fill Our Hearts      **Screen**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace

You alone, O God, are holy

Come and fill our hearts with your peace

Alleluia! (repeat)

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**      **Screen**

One: Come, people of God, rooted in love.

**MANY: WE COME SEEKING THE LIFE THAT FLOWS FROM CHRIST.**

One: Jesus says: I am the vine; you are the branches.

**MANY: CONNECTED IN SPIRIT, WE BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER.**

One: Apart from love we wither. In love we bear fruit.

**MANY: WE COME TO ABIDE IN CHRIST, AND TO LET CHRIST ABIDE IN US.**

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP THE GOD WHO GIVES US LIFE.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**      **Screen**

**LOVING GOD, YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF EVERY BREATH, THE ROOT OF EVERY HOPE, THE VINE OF EVERY LIFE-GIVING CONNECTION. DRAW US INTO YOUR LIVING PRESENCE. PRUNE WHAT NO LONGER BEARS LOVE. NOURISH WHAT IS READY TO GROW. BIND US TOGETHER AS BRANCHES OF ONE VINE, THAT WE MAY BEAR THE FRUIT OF COMPASSION, JUSTICE, COURAGE, AND JOY. ABIDE IN US, O CHRIST, AS WE ABIDE IN YOU. AMEN.**

### **HYMN** Sing Praise to God #6

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**      **Screen**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      **Screen**

**GOD OF LIVING CONNECTION, WE CONFESS THAT WE FORGET WE BELONG. WE CLING TO FEAR INSTEAD OF LOVE. WE HOARD INSTEAD OF SHARE. WE SEPARATE INSTEAD OF EMBRACE. FORGIVE US. RECONNECT US. RESTORE THE FLOW OF YOUR SPIRIT IN US, SO WE MAY BEAR THE FRUIT OF GRACE AGAIN. AMEN.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**      **Screen**

**SUNG RESPONSE** Adapted from #769      **Screen**

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

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 85: 7-13; 1 John 4: 19-21; John 20:19-31

**HYMN** The Summons      **Screen**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known.  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my  
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**MEDITATION Through Locked Doors**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Creator of soil and seed, of vineyard and harvest, of rain and sun, we thank you for the goodness of the earth and for the gift of community.**

**You shaped us from dust and breathed into us your Spirit. You planted us in love, calling us to grow together and bear fruit for the healing of the world.**

**When we forgot we belonged, you did not abandon us. You sent prophets to prune injustice, to call us back to mercy, to replant hope where despair had taken root.**

**And in the fullness of time you came among us in Jesus—  
Friend of the poor, healer of the broken, teacher of compassion, the  
Vine of life itself.**

**Therefore with all who seek justice, with all who long for peace, with  
the saints and the angels, we praise your name and join their song.**

**We pray for peace. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER    Screen**

**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**

**\*DOXOLOGY    Screen**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah,  
Halle, halle, hallelujah,  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah (repeat)**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION            Screen**

**EVERYTHING WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN HAS THE PURPOSE OF SHAPING  
US TO BE OF ONE HEART AND MIND WITH YOU, AND SO WE OFFER  
WHAT WE HAVE TO YOU. BLESS THESE GIFTS AS WE BRING THEM,  
THAT WE ALL MIGHT DO THE WORK OF GOD. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN Thank You God for Sisters, Brothers #397**

**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**

05/31 - Pentecost and Baptism of Elouise Becker

06/08 - Council at 6 pm

06/17 - Women's Guild

06/18 - Meet Me in the Prayer Garden - Water at 1:30 pm

Pastor Bonnie will be on vacation until next Sunday. Rev. John Helt will be available in case of an emergency.

If anyone would like a reminder text/phone call or a ride to any church event, please call Pastor Bonnie on the church phone.

**Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Diane S., Joyce O'K, Mark G., John and Polly E., Steve M., Isabel H., Cheryl F.**

**Greeters for This Week:** Karrie and Curt

**Greeters for Next Week:** Bill and LouAnn

**Liturgist for This Week:** Bernice D.

**Liturgist for Next Week:** Truett D.

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