

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 29, 2025

PSALM SUNDAY

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

A TIME OF SHARING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Ps. 40:1) Screen

One: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and burdens to God.

MANY: FOR GOD HEARS THE CRIES OF OUR HEARTS AND HEALS OUR WOUNDED SOULS.

One: Remember the wondrous deeds that God continues to perform in your life.

MANY: LET US BE THANKFUL FOR ALL THE MERCIES AND TENDERNESS THAT GOD OFFERS TO US.

One: Come, praise the Lord with all your heart and soul.

MANY: LET OUR VOICES RAISE IN A POWERFUL CONCERT OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING. AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER** Screen

LORD, WE WANT TO FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU LEAD. REACH OUT TO US THIS DAY, STIRRING OUR SOULS AND SPIRITS WITH THE WINDS OF YOUR POWER THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY BE YOUR DISCIPLES. AMEN.

***PSALM 5:3**

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

***HYMN** When Morning Gilds the Skies #86 v.1&4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PSALM 103:8-10

**The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,**

**nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

MERCIFUL GOD, WE KNOW THAT YOU WANT THE BEST FOR US. IT MUST REALLY DISAPPOINT YOU WHEN WE FAIL TO BE THE KIND OF DEVOTED FOLLOWERS THAT YOU NEED. YOU KNOW OF THE NEEDS IN THIS WORLD AND THE CAPABILITY THAT WE HAVE OF MEETING THOSE NEEDS...

AND BRINGING WORDS OF HOPE AND HEALING THROUGH ACTIONS OF COMPASSION AND JUSTICE. YET WE ARE HESITANT IN OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU AND TO MINISTRIES OF PEACE. WE WANT GOOD THINGS TO HAPPEN. WE JUST AREN'T SURE THAT WE ARE UP TO THE TASKS YOU SET BEFORE US.

FORGIVE US WHEN WE SO EASILY DOUBT YOUR CALL, YOUR PRESENCE, AND YOUR ABIDING LOVE. LIFT US UP FROM LIVES OF SELF-PITY AND SELF-CENTEREDNESS, AND BRING US TO YOU WITH HEARTS FILLED WITH JOY, PRAISING YOU FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE IN OUR SERVICE TO YOUR PEOPLE. HEAL US AND RESTORE US. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91

**You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
You will not fear the terror of the night
or the arrow that flies by day
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 72: 1-7; 12-14; 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
May he live while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

***HYMN** Jesus Shall Reign

#300 v 1,3,5

PSALM 23 LITANY

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: I SHALL NOT WANT.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: HE RESTORES MY SOUL.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: HE LEADS ME IN PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

**MANY: EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW
OF DEATH.**

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: HE IS WITH ME.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: HIS ROD AND HIS STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

**MANY: HE PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY
ENEMIES.**

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: HE ANOINTS MY HEAD WITH OIL.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: MY CUP OVERFLOWS.

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

**MANY: SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE
DAYS OF MY LIFE.**

One: The Lord is my Shepherd.

MANY: I WILL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

[~https://thewayoftheworshipper.com/2021/12/16/the-lord-is-my-shepherd](https://thewayoftheworshipper.com/2021/12/16/the-lord-is-my-shepherd)

PSALM 26: 8

**O LORD, I LOVE THE HOUSE IN WHICH YOU DWELL
AND THE PLACE WHERE YOUR GLORY ABIDES.**

HYMN

We Love Your Realm, O God

#312 v. 1,2,6

PSALM 36: 6

**YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS LIKE THE MIGHTY MOUNTAINS;
YOUR JUDGMENTS ARE LIKE THE GREAT DEEP;
YOU SAVE HUMANS AND ANIMALS ALIKE, O LORD.**

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#1 v.1,2,4

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

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**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH
HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH
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HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH**

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Based on Ps 20:4)**

HOLY ONE, WHOSE HEART ABOUNDS WITH GIFTS, RECEIVE THIS OFFERING AS A SIGN OF OUR INTENTION TO LIVE SURROUNDED BY YOUR MERCY, INSPIRED BY YOUR SPIRIT, OPEN TO THE JOY OF YOUR PRESENCE, HOSPITABLE TO ONE ANOTHER, AND GENEROUS TOWARD YOUR WORLD. AMEN.

~Touch Holiness Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, Editors, Edwin E. Beers

***PSALM 8**

O LORD, OUR SOVEREIGN,

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!

YOU HAVE SET YOUR GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES AND INFANTS

**YOU HAVE FOUNDED A BULWARK BECAUSE OF YOUR FOES,
TO SILENCE THE ENEMY AND THE AVENGER.**

**WHEN I LOOK AT YOUR HEAVENS, THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS,
THE MOON AND THE STARS THAT YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED;
WHAT ARE HUMANS THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF THEM,**

MORTALS THAT YOU CARE FOR THEM?

YET YOU HAVE MADE THEM A LITTLE LOWER THAN GOD

AND CROWNED THEM WITH GLORY AND HONOR.

YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM DOMINION OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS UNDER THEIR FEET,

ALL SHEEP AND OXEN,

AND ALSO THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD,

THE BIRDS OF THE AIR, AND THE FISH OF THE SEA,

WHATEVER PASSES ALONG THE PATHS OF THE SEAS.

O LORD, OUR SOVEREIGN,

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH!

***HYMN O How Glorious, Full of Wonder #558 v.1,2,4**

***BENEDICTION**

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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,**

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

07/18 - Women's Guild Trip

07/21 - Council at 6 PM

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, Marvin S., Mark G., Charmaine D., John and Polly E., and Jill P.

Birthdays: Kevin S on Tuesday, LuAnn on the 3rd and Vicki L. on the 5th.

Anniversary: Fred and Wanda on the 1st, Kevin and Jodi S on the 3rd

Greeters for This Week: Vicki and Eugene D.

Greeters for Next Week:

Liturgist for This Week: Cheri J.

Liturgist for Next Week: Steve M.

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