



Saint Paul's United Church of Christ

Welcomes you on this Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. September 18, 2022

Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

Welcome to Saint Paul's! Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us this day. Here we believe this is God's house, and you are welcome. This is home to all who enter. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as we understand God's kingdom, welcoming saints and sinners alike since 1900. We don't all look or act alike; dress alike; and God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. Yet, every time we gather, we gather, fellowship, and worship as one big family.

In this place, we do Sunday mornings in some pretty traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang and some that may be more modern as well. In our liturgy, our prayers, and our preaching, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world we live in. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this day—a word of comfort, a spur to action, and a call to a deeper relationship with God.

If you are new here, before you leave today, please introduce yourself to the pastor, and if you would, fill out a welcome card. Check out our Facebook page or website to learn more about us, and get involved in whatever way you choose. Jump right in. You may never know; you may have just found your church home. As we like to say to everyone who comes through the door, "Welcome Home."

A special note to parents: Come, sit in the front few pews, there's not much interesting about the backs of heads and for our littlest ones, they like to see too. Should you choose, we have a nursery open, and children's church available for all ages through Grade 2, following our "time with the children" portion of the service. We find children to be truly the teachers and leaders of our faith community and welcome them all with open arms.

Finally, if you are visiting and need anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask, a neighbor, an usher, the pastor, and know we are glad you are here!

*Peace,
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo*

Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Shelley Peterson

Choral Introit

"Holy Ground" / G. Davis

*"We are standing on holy ground, and I know there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now, we are standing in His presence on holy ground."*

Welcome and News from the Pews

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo & Lisa Bernard

Time of Centering

"Oh Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" / arr. Smith and Hustad

Sharon Styer

Sharing the Light

Riley Gill

*Call to Worship:

Leader: God rejoices with us here today
Family: **and welcomes us home with a celebration.**
Leader: We come from different places bringing different gifts.
Family: **We come from different places bringing different needs.**
Leader: and God's love accepts and provides for us all.
Family: **God, help us extend your extravagant welcome.**
All: **To all who enter may we share the gift of true hospitality.**

*Reading: Psalm 84:3-4

Lisa Bernard

*Hymn of Praise

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

*1-Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for heav'n and home;
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.*

*2-"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
[Refrain]*

*3-Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
[Refrain]*

Refrain:

*I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free;
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.*

Proclaiming the Word

God Moments

Concerns of the Family

A Time of Reflection

"Cares Chorus" / K. Willard

"I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.

And any time I don't know just what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You."

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison): ****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 have sinned 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.**

***May use name/words most familiar to your understanding of God*

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Chancel Choir Anthem

"El Shaddai" / arr. D. Williamson

Lectionary

Dave Muffley

Hebrew Lesson: I Corinthians 1:4-11

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34

Leader: This is the word of God for all God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Response

"Gloria Patri" / trad.

*"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen."*

Sermon

"Hospitality 101"
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Responding to the Word

A Time of Reflection

"Lead Me, Guide Me" / D. Akers

*"Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me."*

Offering

Offertory Music

"For the Beauty of the Earth" / arr. Smith and Hustad
Sharon Styer

Presentation of Our Gifts

An additional option is text **GIFT** & Amount to **570.355.5355**

*Offertory Response

"Doxology" / D. Cason

*"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen."*

*Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn, no. 43

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Benediction

*Benedictory Response

"Sanctuary" / Thompson and Scruggs

*"Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you."*

*Postlude

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" / arr. Sprunger
Sharon Styer

*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in Celebration of Terri Fisher's Birthday by Earl Fisher.

Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music/Organist	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music/Asst. Organist	Sharon Styer
Assistant Accompanists	Michael Haven / Shelley Peterson
Nursery Attendant/Children's Church	Open / Colleen Franciscus
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Sexton	Steve Brown
Groundskeepers	Robert Greenly / Ethan Hamilton
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Keegan Gill, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

Consistory

Brad Gill ('22) –President/Trustee	Jen Arnold ('23) – Deacon
Lisa Bernard ('23) – Vice President/Trustee	Drew Faust ('22) – Trustee
Colleen Franciscus ('22) – Secretary/Deacon	Amy Mahon ('24) – Deacon
Dave Muffley ('24) – Trustee	Rhonda Newton ('23) – Deacon
Sue Overdorf ('22) – Deacon	Amy Rearick ('22) – Deacon
Kathy Rowe ('24) – Deacon	Dane Santos ('24) - Deacon

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