



ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

+Denotes "Please rise, as able"

Liturgist Serving in Worship Today:

Cathie Krueger

PRESERVICE MUSIC by INSPIRE BAND

GREETING

PRELUDE ^(o) *Incidental Music from A Midsummer Night's Dream Op. 61*

-F. Mendelssohn

RINGING the BELLS

BRINGING the LIGHT of CHRIST

CALL to WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

With the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

Make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

O sing to the LORD a new song,

For God has done marvelous things.

+OPENING HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

#23

+INTRODUCTION to CONFESSION

Let us open ourselves to God's forgiving love as we open our hearts to confess our sins to God.

+PRAYER of BROKENNESS/CONFESSION

God Who Opens, we confess that we are often the ones to leave doors closed. We are the ones who want to define who people are as for us or against us, as worthy of love or not. But You continually have torn down the walls and built bridges. God, may we be open to Your spirit doing new things in our lives. May we remember that the most important identifier is our love, and if we love one another, we are living as You have commanded us. Amen.

+BLESSING/ASSURANCE of GOD’S GRACE

There is nothing you can do, no place you can go, where love will not be with you, where love will not find you. Surrender yourself to God’s love, and be full of all the hope and joy and peace that is found in Christ Jesus. You are forgiven, loved, and restored. Amen.

+PRAISE RESPONSE

Tune: Hyfrydol

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.

PASSING of the PEACE

ANTHEM

Look at the World

-John Rutter
Chancel Choir

FAITH STATEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:44-48
John 15:9-17

P. 122 (N.T.)
P. 103 (N.T.)

A MESSAGE for ALL AGES

-Denise Johnson

SERMON

All You Need Is Love

-Rev. Jonathan Bangera

+HYMN of PRAISE

Lord, Make Me More Holy

#75

(Ushers will collect Prayer Cards at this time)

**If submitting a prayer request, we ask kindly that you leave your name so that we may follow up on future prayer needs for that individual.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

+INVITATION

All are welcome to this table of communion for it is the table for all people who seek to be fed. The bread which we use is gluten free.

HYMN of APPROACH

At the Font We Start Our Journey

#308 v. 1

COMMUNION PREFACE

You created the world and all that live there;
and the seas, rivers and hills roar their praise.
Through your people you revealed your commandments
and your merciful love to all the world.

You came among us in your beloved Son, Jesus.
who makes us your friends
by planting your word within us
and leading us to abide in your love forever.
He was crucified and buried,
but through your victorious power
he was born again from the deep waters of death,
and his resurrection power will conquer the world.
Now he is pouring out your Holy Spirit on all who believe,
without distinction,
and bringing everyone who loves you and follows your ways
to new birth as your children.

For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also after supper, Jesus took the cup, and after giving you thanks, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

BREAKING, POURING, and SHARING of the BREAD and CUP

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY (o) *Morning Song* -F. Mendelssohn

+ RESPONSE *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #565 v. 1
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+PARTING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* #473

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE (o) *Andante Religioso from Sonata IV, Op. 65* -F. Mendelssohn

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St. Paul UCC Prayer List



The Family and Friends of Sarah Wilde, Martha Wortmann, Carol Osick, Tom Close, Steve Mach, Marcy Altschuh, Charlotte Ackermann, Dan Daab, Carol Bergmann, Glenda Churchill, Sandy Kirkpatrick, Ron Habermehl, Larry Sifford, Cheryl Riebeling-Hooten, Lacey Greene, Neil Freeland, Alice Horn, Kara Harres, Tom and Carol Gentry, Jan Habermehl, Brenda Richter, Violette Nast, Carol Turnquist, Tony Jansen, Randy Wilmore, Donna Ritson, Sandy Cates, Ken Jahr, Rick Close, Diane Silva, Dorothy Rey.

Prayers for safe deployment for Jack Augustin and Sean Parrin.



**The flowers on the organ were
given to the glory of God
in honor of David "Red" Lehr
Given by:
Lori Lehr-Knapp**



Sunday, May 5

9:30 am Worship and Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Social Time
 10:45 am Mindfulness Meditation

Monday, May 6

10:00 am Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Band Practice
 7:00 pm Property Committee
 7:00 pm Stewardship Board

Tuesday, May 7

Pastor Jonathan's Day Off

9:00 am Preschool
 6:00 pm Daisy Girl Scout Troop 148
 7:00 pm Graceful Motherhood Fellowship
 7:00 pm Next Chapter Mom's Fellowship

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 am Preschool
 10:00 am Morning Bells
 3:30 pm Kids Crew
 6:00 pm Evening Bells
 6:00 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 9

9:00 am Preschool
 7:00 pm Board of Evangelism
 7:00 pm Cemetery Board

Friday, May 10

8:00 am Quilters

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mother's Day

9:30 am Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Social Time



MUSIC SUNDAY AT
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05.19.2024

**DOES THE CHURCH OFFICE HAVE
 YOUR CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION?**

We don't want you to miss out on any information. If you haven't been receiving emails, chances are we don't have a current email address for you, or the email went to your spam.

If you are unsure, please contact Amanda in the office by email (see below) or call 618-281-5102.

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Nursery available, if needed. All children of any age are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary for worship with their family. If desired, however, our nursery is staffed and open to any child ages 6 weeks through 3 years old.

We also have a Comfort and Care room next to the Welcome Center. A rocker, changing table, baby and toddler toys, first aid items and a privacy curtain for breastfeeding are available.

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If you are visiting us today, we would love to welcome you to our church.

Please stop by the Welcome Center for a special visitors gift bag on behalf of our church! We hope to see you again soon!