

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL UCC



June 29, 2025

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Sunday, June 29, 2025 ~ 9:00 am
Third Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Guest Pastor..... Rev. Carolyn Held
Director of Music Dr. Tristan Frampton
Guest Organist/Pianist Lisa Cleveland and Lynda Marshall
Liturgist Susan Relfe

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
arr. by Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will call to mind the deeds of God; I will remember your wonders of old.

People: I will meditate on all your work, and ponder your mighty deeds.

Leader: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

People: You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

Leader: With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

People: I will call to mind the deeds of God; Your way, O God, is holy.

INVOCATION

Holy One, God of prophets and promise, you meet us on the road of transformation. Just as you called your prophets Elijah and Elisha, you also call us to courageous faith. As we gather now for worship, grant us a double portion of your Spirit that we might be ready to listen, to see, to trust. We come in hope and expectation. Amen.

Parents: if you have a child with you this morning, we have activity bags with coloring pages in the Narthex along with fidget toys (for all ages). There is also a Family Room just off of the Welcome Center if you need a quiet place at any time during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance. They will be happy to assist.

*OPENING HYMN

492 Spirit of the Living God

F Gm D/A Gm F/C C F

1 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;
2 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

Gm D/A Gm F/C C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me,
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

F Gm D/A Gm F/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.

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***PRAYER OF REFLECTION & RECONCILIATION (UNISON)**

God of every generation, we confess that we are not always ready to receive the mantle you lay upon us. We cling to what is comfortable, even when your Spirit stirs us to something new. We turn away from injustice, even when you ask us to cross over into courage. Forgive us, O God. Renew our vision and grant us the strength to follow your way. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Hear the good news: God's grace is wider than we can imagine, and God's love will always reach us wherever we are. God will never stop inviting us and encouraging us to be the people God created us to be. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

arr. Mark Hayes

Lisa Cleveland & Lynda Marshall, piano duet

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Susan Relfe

SERMON

Believing is Seeing

Rev. Carolyn Held

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

REFLECTION ON GIVING

It is a gift to be seen, just as we are, and to be loved. This is the gift of love God gives to all people. May this community of faith continue to focus our vision to see those around us as God sees them, and to love them with our words, actions, and offerings.



COLLECTION OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me

by William Bradbury, arr. Joel Raney



*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *Old Hundreth*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen**

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for the many gifts you have given us.
We ask now that you would receive these offerings and bless them that
they would further your mission of love and justice in our world. Guide us
in our life of faith, and help us to see the world as you see it, with
compassion and grace. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

(See next page)

*COMMISSIONING

Let us go forth with eyes wide open and hearts tuned to God's presence in the world. Trust that there is nothing in all creation that "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord". So let us go forth with courage, confident in God's abiding presence, no matter what lies ahead. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. David T. Clydesdale,
Bill George, and Dino Kartsonakis



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way to honor the memory, birthday or achievement of
your loved one. To sign up, you can call the church
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723 For the Fruit of All Creation



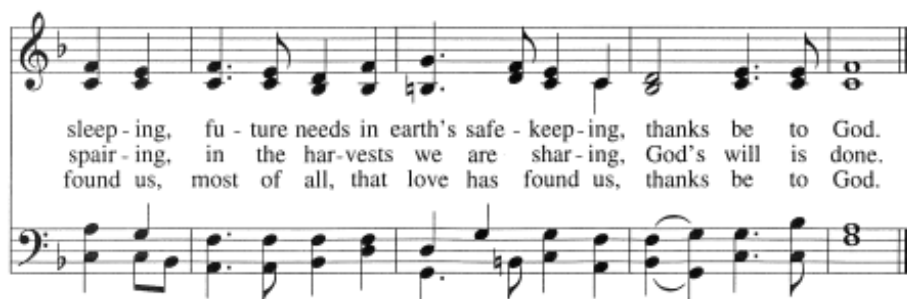
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. Luther O. Emerson (1820-1915)
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**Today's altar flowers are in memory of
Kenneth Sindel on the 100th anniversary
of his birthday on July 5th,
by Terry and Synthia (Sindel) Kalinowski**



**The St. Paul quilters are
selling "4th of July" table runners in the
Welcome Center TODAY!**

**If you would like to pre-order a St. Paul
gold t-shirt/sweatshirt, please put your
name, size, and order information on
the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center.
Please pre-pay for your order by
dropping off cash or check to the
church office.**



July Day Trip

**THURSDAY, JULY 17TH
9AM**

ALL ARE INVITED!

Seekers Bible Study & friends July Outing
Thursday, July 17th

Meet at the church to carpool at 9:00 a.m.
St. Louis Science Center

The museum is free admission.

"Pompeii The Exhibition" is \$22 for those 60+
RSVP susanrelfe@outlook.com or call the office!

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Tim Ritter
Wayne Caughman
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy &
Tim Ritter
Lou Ann Niemann
Debbie Price

Christopher Mitchell
Audrey Krummrich
Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of
Marlene Mueller
Mike Llamas, brother in law of
Mimi Llamas
Jennifer Wick, daughter of
Stephanie Bauza

Venita Jane Rogers
Fred Hotz
Cynthia Johnson
Jim Young
Scott Gentry
Syndy Kalinowski
Larry Walton
Betty Eckert



Please call the church for prayer requests: 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org

Weekly Offerings		6/21/2025
Operating	\$	7,095.00
Building Fund	\$	20.00
	\$	7,115.00
Giving YTD	\$	192,286.35
Weekly Budget	\$	6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$	173,566.29
Total Budget	\$	361,017.89

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

June 15, 2025	73 + Online Participants
June 16, 2024	78 + Online Participants



Watch videos on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/stpauluccbelleville>



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There is new information on the church website from Archives!

Please access the webpage (stpaulucc.org) and find the following advertisement:

From the Archives: Interpretations of the Sanctuary Windows . At May 25th's worship service, the topic of the interpretation of the sanctuary windows was addressed with our congregation. Over the past few weeks, Archives has compiled audio recordings from the 2005 Lenten season where Pastors Wilson and Kramer highlighted a grouping of windows at each service.

Please enjoy at your leisure!

Listen to the recordings:

Click on "Listen to the recordings" and it will take you to another page. Here you can select and listen to recordings of individual sermons while viewing their respective windows.

Jacqueline Glauert, church member and St. Paul Website Manager, used her wonderful skills to associate twenty-year old recordings and window datasets for you. She has brought a new dynamic to the website. When you see her around, please thank her for what she is doing.

Please take a look. It's your history!

~ Roger Henke, Archives ~

VBS will be held at Trinity UCC from July 21-July 24 @ 6-8 pm. If you are interested in being part of VBS please contact Synthia Kalinowski. Please save your milk jug lids for a VBS craft project.

A collection box is available in the Welcome Center for the lids. Thank you!



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