

# ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



## World Communion

*Sunday*

OCTOBER 5, 2025

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# St. Paul UCC

Sunday, October 5, 2025 ~ 9:00 am  
World Communion Sunday  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Guest Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler
<i>Director of Music</i> .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<i>Organist</i> .....	Cynthia Johnson
<i>Liturgist</i> .....	Lou Ryseff

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Litany (from Suite in G)*  
by Charles Callahan

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

**Many: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.**

One: What do we find at today's table?

**Many: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.**

One: What is not at today's table?

**Many: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.**

One: Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

**Many: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.**

**All: Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.**

*(Written by Rev. Taisaku OBATA (Minister, Ube Church, United Church of Christ in Japan) Translated by Mr. David McIntosh (Overseas Liaison, United Church of Christ in Japan)*

## INVOCATION (UNISON)

**Eternal God, companion of all who seek you, and seeker of all who turn away from you, draw near to us that we may draw near to you and grant us the grace to love and to serve you that we may find in your will our true freedom; through Jesus Christ, the way the truth, and the life. Amen**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## OPENING HYMN

### Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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*John Fawcett, 1782; alt.*

*Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15*

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,  
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,

The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blessed Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is in 3/4 time and G major.

*An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.*

Tune: DENNIS S.M.  
Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)  
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

### \*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you. You, however, continually call us to repentance—to turn-back to you and your way. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set by Jesus and embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be. Amen

## \*WORDS OF GRACE

Beloved, you have received an inheritance of riches in God. These treasures of hope, strength, encouragement, peace, grace, joy, rest, and love are yours to claim. They are yours to live. Receive them freely and abundantly.

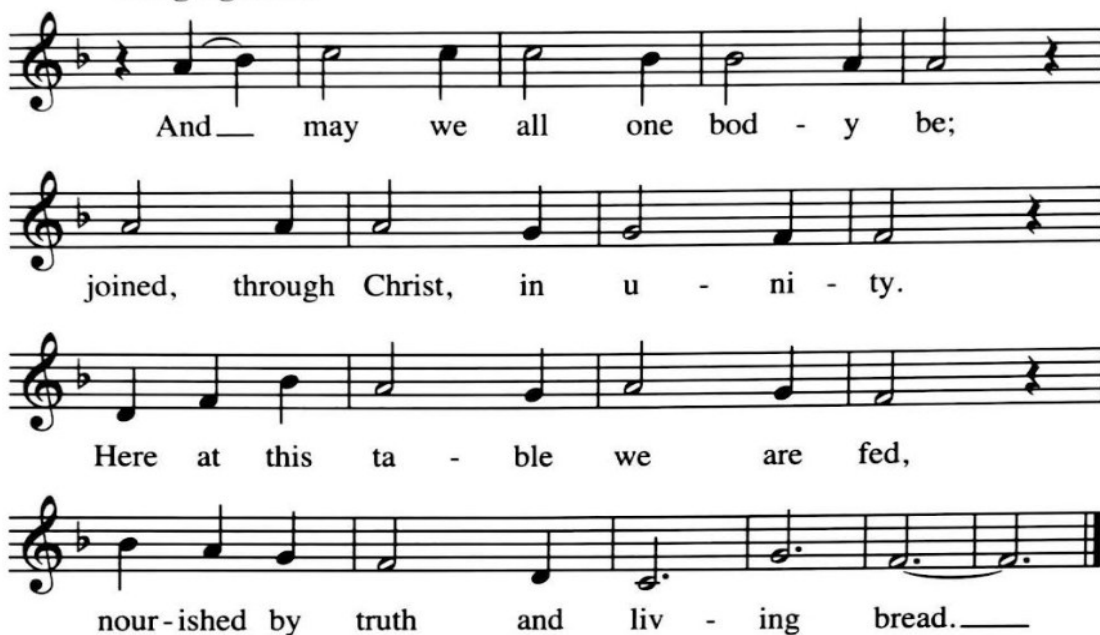
## ANTHEM

### Living Bread

Words by ANON.  
Adapted by JOEL RANEY

Music by  
JOEL RANEY

#### Congregation:



And — may we all one bod - y be;  
joined, through Christ, in u - ni - ty.  
Here at this ta - ble we are fed,  
nour - ished by truth and liv - ing bread. —

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133:1  
1 Corinthians 12:12–27  
John 17:21–23

Lou Ryseff  
Rev. Chance Beeler

## MESSAGE

One

Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

## **PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER AND 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**

## **MISSION MOMENT**

Neighbors in Need

Stephenie Bauza

## **REFLECTION ON GIVING**

Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church. I now ask our ushers to please come forward to collect today's offering.

## **RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS & OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

by William Doane, arr. Marianne Kim

Janie Bloomer and Nancy Eisenhauer, piano duet

## **\*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**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Holy One, bless these offerings, prosper the work of our hands, and the gifts we bring. We dedicate them to your kindom forever and ever. Amen.

Communion is a sacred meal that unites Christians across every culture and community. On World Communion Sunday, we remember that when we share the bread and cup, we are joining with believers around the world at Christ's table

## **Communion Liturgy**

Today, we join Christians around the world who gather at Christ's table in many languages, cultures, and traditions. On this World Communion Sunday, we remember that though we come from many places, we are one body, sharing one bread and one cup in Christ.

## Invitation

One: Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

**Many: God scatters life across the earth.**

One: God scatters people in every land and nation.

**Many: God scatters disciples far and wide.**

One: Like a shepherd, God gathers.

**Many: God gathers people into families of faith.**

One: God gathers people into communities of love.

**Many: God gathers people into the body of Christ.**

One: Today, on this World Communion Sunday, God gathers us at one table with disciples of every language, culture, and tradition. From cathedrals and chapels, from huts and houses, from fields and cities, God gathers us in many places and makes us one in Christ.

At this table, we remember the cost of discipleship and rejoice in the richness of Christ's gifts poured out for the whole world.

## Communion Prayer

Creator of the Universe, Maker of mountains and rivers, deserts and seas, vineyards and wheat fields, we praise you for the life you have given us and for all living things around us!

From the seeds you scattered, you gathered the people of Israel, giving them your covenant and your promise. In the fullness of time, you came to us in Jesus of Nazareth, child of Mary and the Promised One of Israel. We honor his teachings; we weep at his suffering, and we rejoice in his risen life.

With angels and archangels, with our ancestors in faith, and with our brothers and sisters who gather at your table across every continent and island, we ask your blessing on this bread and this cup. May these gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen us to be the gathered and scattered Church in the world—many in culture and expression, yet one in Spirit, one in truth, one in faith, one in love. Gather your scattered seeds into your home of grace and peace, where all creation is renewed in you.

ONE: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

ONE: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus’ name. Amen**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Blessed Assurance*

*(See page 8 & 9)*

### **\*COMMISSIONING**

Go forth with the joy of the Lord in your hearts. Take time to share that joy with others; bring a smile to someone else’s face this day, and let someone know that they are divinely loved. For the joy and the love of the Lord are not to be held but to be shared! Let it be so. Amen.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

As we leave this place, we know

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

At work or play, at home or on vacation, we know

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

Whether we’re happy or sad,

on our own, or with our friends, we know

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

So let’s go with joy, because God goes with us!

And all God’s people said: AMEN.

### **POSTLUDE**

*Postlude in c minor*

by Johann Sebastian Bach

Arr. Van Denman Thompson

Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.  
 bove, ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;





*After hearing Phoebe Knapp play this tune on the piano, Fanny Crosby composed the poem on the spot. In her almost 95 years, Crosby wrote more than 8,500 gospel hymns and songs.*

Tune: ASSURANCE Irr.  
Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

## UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS!

October 12 - Craig Bielke

October 19 - Rev. Joan Mier

October 26 - Rev. Joan Mier

November 2 - Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler



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## ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

115 W. B Street  
Belleville, IL  
**Activity Center (Gym)**  
(Across from Franklin School)  
**INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!**



### Bake Sale!

Donations of  
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NEEDED!**

**CONTACT SUSAN RELFE  
IF YOU CAN HELP!**

**SUSANRELF@OUTLOOK.COM**



**SALE  
DATES**

**Fri., Oct. 10th  
4-7pm &  
Sat., Oct. 11th  
9am-12pm**

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or if you do not need help unloading, you can place your  
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**\*\*\*PLEASE CALL before you come!\*\*\* 618-233-3303**



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**Chair Yoga 6-6:30. Yoga 6:30-7**

**Pickleball (bring your own paddle & ball)**

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**COFFEE HOUR  
HOST SCHEDULE**

Oct. 5  
Chris Guelbert

Oct. 12  
Sandy Ritter


Oct. 19  
Bruce & Pam Elser

Oct. 26  
Laura Armstrong

**For Your Prayers**

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Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter	Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi Llamas	Gene Buxton
Lou Ann Niemann	Jennifer Wick, daughter of Stephenie Bauza	The loved ones of Helen Whicher

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Weekly Offerings	9/20/2025
Operating	\$ 23,325.00
Building Fund	\$ 145.00
	\$ 23,470.00
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$ 265,410.09</b>
<b>*Large Donations</b>	
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,942.65
Budget to Date	\$ 263,820.77
Total Budget	\$ 361,017.89

<u>Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service</u>	
September 21, 2025	96 + Online Participants
September 22, 2024	100 + Online Participants

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