St.Paul's United Church of Christ July 9, 2023 9:30 a.m. Rev J D Haas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God, thank you for this time together. Let us think about our lives and how others made us the people we are. Let us remember the times that others could have responded with anger and when they responded with gentleness. Teach us that ability, O God. **Amen**.

*HYMN Simple Gifts

*UNISON PRAYER

Jesus, you had the willingness to listen to others and to change your mind when you were wrong. You were loving to the strangers whom you met. You were kind to people who were not used to kindness. Teach us these things. Amen

HYMN Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

A TIME FOR MEDITATION

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel of Mark 5:1-8, 14-15, and 25-34.

THE SERMON

"The power of kindness."

HYMN I Saw the Light.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above the heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We show our faithfulness and our gratitude through these gifts. Amen

*HYMN When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

*BENEDICTION