

St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Sunday, May 28, 2023  
9:30 a.m.  
Craig Hink

**Prelude**  
**Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship**

Faded photographs,

**Distant memories**

Of special times,

**Of painful news.**

Family and friends,

**Saddened by death,**

Anguished by loss,

**Conflicted over wars.**

Yet we are not alone,

**We are surrounded by the saints**

And forever remembered by God,

**Forever held by God,**

Forever given reason to sing,

**For God's love is stronger than death,**

*And the Spirit gives wings to new hope.*

**\*Opening Hymn**      My Country, 'Tis of Thee      #65

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

We hold up before you, our Creator, all of our loved ones who have passed from earth into eternity. Especially, we remember those who have laid down their lives that others might live. Keep them in our memories. Keep them in our hearts. And grant us the assurance that we shall be reunited in heaven. Amen

**\*Gloria Patri**

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.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 7:37 - 39**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**Sermon**                      "The power of Quenching"

**Hymn**                      O Beautiful for Spacious Skies      #68

**Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer – Lord's Prayer – Cares Chorus**

**Offering our Gifts**

**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology**

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.

**\*Offering Prayer (In Unison)**

We give these gifts in memory of those who have lived sacrificially and faithfully so that we may be free to worship you. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**              Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory      #61

**\*Benediction**

**\* Those who are able please stand**

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