

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

June 4, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Robert F. Broeder

**Organ Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: We gather in the presence of the One who abandons no one.

**All: Come Holy Spirit, our advocate and comforter.**

One: All are welcome in this sacred place, made holy through your presence with us.

**All: Open our hearts and minds, guide us into a loving relationship with all your children.**

One: We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

**All: Spark us with a word of life and radical belonging that we will share with others as we seek to live out Christ's love.**

One: We call on God who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

**All: Come, loving God, give us life!**

**\*Hymn**

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

**#34**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Wise and ever-present God, open us to a new world where there is no longer least and greatest, rich and poor, haves and have nots. Help us to be a community of faith where all are treated as your beloved precious children; where mental health is understood to be physical health and cared for without stigma or judgement. Until that day comes, strengthen our commitment to be Christ's presence in all we do and in all we leave undone.**

**\*Time for Silent Confession**

**\*Words of Assurance**

One: Hear the Good news: No valley is too despairing, broken or dusty for God to enter in. No fear, no chaos, no hopelessness is beyond the reach of the One whose breath gives us life.

**All: Through Christ, God sees only our wholeness; through Christ, forgiveness, love, and new life are always possible. Thanks be to God!**

**\*The 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, Amen*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 8**

**Matthew 28: 16 - 20**

**Hymn**

**Beautiful Savior**

**#141**

Sermon " Am I too old to make a difference"

Hymn Fairest Lord Jesus #140

Silent Prayer - Pastoral Prayer - Lord's Prayer

Hymn Let us Break Bread Together #210

**The Lord's Supper**

- Invitation
- Words of Institution
- Prayer of Consecration
- Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Gracious God, we thank you for refreshing us at Christ's table. May our minds be renewed through our participation at your Holy Supper. Amen.

**Offering our Gifts**

- Invitation
- Offertory Music

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**\*Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Cares Chorus**

*I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And any time I don't know just what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.*

**\*Hymn Onward Christian Soldiers #205**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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