

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

9:30 A.M.

CRAIG HINK

ORGAN PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

***Call to Worship**

Leader: From God came food for people who wandered in the desert.

People: That was the bread from heaven!

Leader: From God comes Jesus Christ, the eternal bread that sustains our lives.

People: Christ is the Bread of Life!

Leader: Let us praise God for such wondrous gifts of life.

All: Let us raise our voices in praise for all that God does for us. Amen

***Opening Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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***Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)**

God of forgiveness and new beginnings, you feed our hearts with compassion, and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven. As Jesus fed the hungry crowds, knowing that they needed both physical bread and the bread of heaven, fill us with your generous spirit and make us one with Christ. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Words of Assurance**

***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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13 – 21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two

fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

“ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!!”

Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer – Lord’s Prayer – Cares Chorus Response

OFFERING

Invitation & Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

***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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Thank you, Loving God, for all good gifts, and especially for your gift of the Lord Jesus Christ. May we also share our gifts with you and one another.

***Closing Hymn**

We Praise Thee, O God

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Benediction

The Bread of Life has called and fed you. Go forth into God’s world to nourish others; bringing God’s love, hope and peace. Amen

