

St.Paul's United Church of Christ
Sunday, August 27, 2023
Rev Margaret Isaacson
9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

Who do we say that Jesus is?

Jesus is Savior of all, God-with-us, and Friend.

Who do we say that Jesus is?

He is the Lord of our whole lives.

Who do we say that Jesus is?

Love beyond all loving, Name beyond all names, Hope beyond all wishing,

Who do we say that Jesus is?

Eternal Mystery, Word-made-flesh, Our Redeemer.

Jesus lives. He asks great things of us, and empowers us to follow him.

He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

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***Silent Prayer of 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.**

***Sign of Peace and Words of Welcome**

Scripture Readings

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

