

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
August 13, 2023
9:30 a.m.
Rev. Robert F. Broeder

Organ Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

Leader: It is not enough to say we are people of God,

People: If we do not stand with God in the places of pain

Leader: It is not enough to say we are people of God,

People: If we do not risk traveling with God into places of danger.

Leader: It is not enough to say we are people of God,

People: If we do not act with God in the places of oppression.

ALL: We come together, to become people of God not in word alone, but in deed.

***Hymn** **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **#25**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

O divine lover of our souls, we come to this time of worship longing for relationship. As we come together as Your people, may we celebrate the mystery of Your triune nature. Creating God, renew us. Saving God, bridge the gaps of isolation and loneliness which separate us from one another and from You. Sustaining God, stir in our hearts like a mighty wind so that we might be born and born anew in You. Amen.

***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 85:8 - 13** **Matthew 14:22 - 33**

Hymn **Be Thou My Vision** **#288**

Sermon **That We, May Weather the Storms**

Hymn **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** **#289**

Silent Prayer - Pastoral Prayer - Lord's Prayer

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead,
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

We Shall Overcome

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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The center cups of the communion tray is grape juice for those who prefer