

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Traditional Service - 9:00 AM

September 4, 2016

(* All who are able should please stand when noted.)

Welcome to our worship today at St. Paul's UCC. We're glad you have chosen to join us and hope you will return again soon. If you have not done so previously, we would appreciate your filling out a yellow **WELCOME** card which you will find in the pew racks. The completed cards may be put in the offering plate or given to a greeter or usher.

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC **"Be Thou My Vision"** Manz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, open our lips

People: And our mouths shall proclaim our praise.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN **"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"** #163

*UNISON INVOCATION

Dear Lord, You have searched us and called us Your own. We do seek Your guidance and we long to know You more. As we join here in worship today, may our hearts, minds and lives be open to Your eternal presence. May we be renewed and energized for the work of ministry in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*RESPONSE **"Living for Jesus"**

**O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee;
for Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me.**

**I own no other master, my heart shall be Thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:25-27 (NLT)

PRELUDE TO PRAYER **"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"**

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

**Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

MORNING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And with you also.

One: Let us pray...

Morning Prayer, followed by The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Organ Response

SPECIAL MUSIC Mary Rita Jourdan, soloist

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **"Christ, the Cornerstone"**

*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

God, your heart is wide open to us. You have given to us freely and taught us to return to you a portion of what we have. Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us. Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people. Amen.

*SERMON HYMN **"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"** #300

SERMON IT'S A CHOICE

*CLOSING HYMN **"Lead On, O King Eternal"** #451

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: AZMON

**The love of God with peace and joy, will each of us attend,
and guide our ways through coming days, until we meet again.**

*RINGING THE BELLS

*CLOSING MUSIC **"Adagio"** Kern



Come join us for our annual **RALLY DAY**. This is a day to celebrate our Sunday School teachers and the beginning of a new "church year".

On Sunday, September 11, we will honor our teachers and staff at both services. We will also present the 6th graders with new Bibles at the 11 a.m. service.

Also, during the 10 am Sunday School hour, we will serve donuts, milk, juice, and coffee in the Parish Hall, so come join us for a time of fellowship before you head to your class. Please let Pam or Kim know if you have any questions. Hope to see you on September 11th!

A **Confirmation Orientation Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, September 11** at 10:15 a.m.. Students in 8th or 9th grade (or older and not confirmed) and their parents are invited to attend.



THANK YOU to all who have donated to 5th Quarter. We have 4 more to go. Please sign up at the Hospitality Center if you or your group are able to assist with set-up, serving, and/or clean up. Monetary donations are always welcome.

The flowers on the altar are from the **Memorial Flower Fund** in memory of loved ones.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Today	9:00 a.m.	
	& S.S. Hour	Stacey Henderson
	11:00 a.m.	Stacey Henderson & Jeannie Schuck
Sept 11	11:00 a.m.	Stacey Henderson & Janine Koehler

GREETERS

Today	9:00 a.m.	Eloise Castleman, Patty LeGrange
	11:00 a.m.	Lisa Huck, Nancy Hile
Sept 11	9:00 a.m.	Larry & Kathy Vonderahe
	11:00 a.m.	Shannon Jackson, Karla Smith

BUDGET FUND STATISTICS

Church: Attendance for 8/28	212
Contributions for 8/28	\$ 5,159.00
YTD Contributions	\$ 238,515.81
Sunday School: Attendance for 8/28	70
Contributions for 8/28	\$ 130.00
Amount Budgeted for Week	\$ 120.00

THE WEEK AHEAD...

TODAY - 9/4

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Praise Singers
- 10:00 a.m. Breakfast, Sunday School, Blood Pressures (Parlor)
- 11:00 a.m. Discovery Worship

MONDAY - 9/5 - Labor Day

Office and Bldg closed

TUESDAY - 9/6

- 8:00 a.m. Headstart PS
- 8:00 a.m. Weight Watchers
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. 4C Play & Learn
- 3:00 p.m. Open Gym
- 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY - 9/7

- 8:00 a.m. Headstart PS
- 3:00 p.m. Open Gym
- 5:45 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Neighborhood Mtg
- 7:00 p.m. Traditional Choir

THURSDAY - 9/8

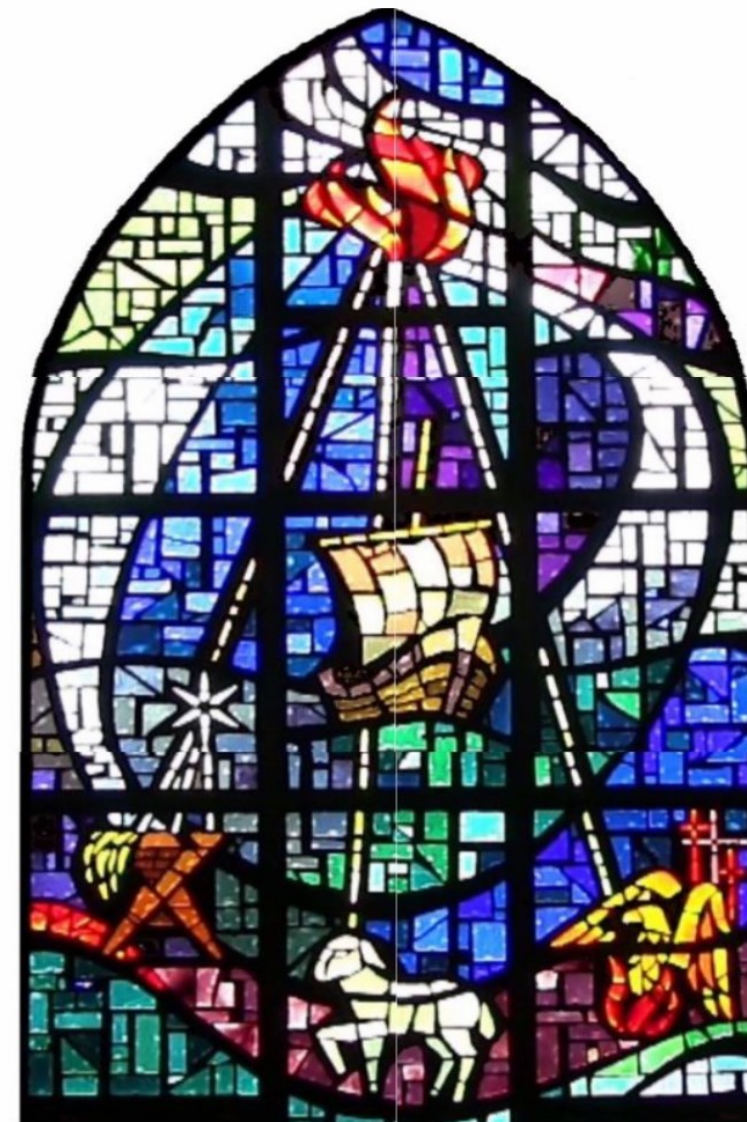
- 8:00 a.m. Headstart PS
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Open gym

FRIDAY - 9/9

- 9:00 p.m. 5th Quarter

SUNDAY - 9/11 - RALLY DAY

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Praise Singers
- 10:00 a.m. Breakfast, Sunday School, Reception
- 10:10 a.m. Confirmation Orientation Mtg
- 11:00 a.m. Discovery Worship
- 12:00 p.m. IMPACT (6th-8th grades)



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