

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" #425

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Elements

Sharing of the Elements

\*Prayer

\*Lord's Prayer (**in unison**, see insert)

\*Closing Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" #545

Benediction

Postlude

### For our guests:

Nursery

Information:

A volunteer staffed Nursery is available during worship. You may find the Nursery by exiting the Sanctuary entry doors and turning right and going into the glass doors to the building behind the Sanctuary. The Nursery can be found by going up the stairs and then to the left, down the hall, and then left again. Often one or two of our Zion hosts will be sitting at the top of the stairs and can assist you.

Receiving

Communion :

St. Paul's UCC celebrates an Open Communion table. Anyone is welcome to partake in The Lord's Supper with us. We will pass out the elements, first bread and then juice, and then our pastor will invite us all to take them together. We are grateful we can share this meal together today.

*J.D. Rose, Pastor*

*Katie Maurer, Director of Music Ministry*

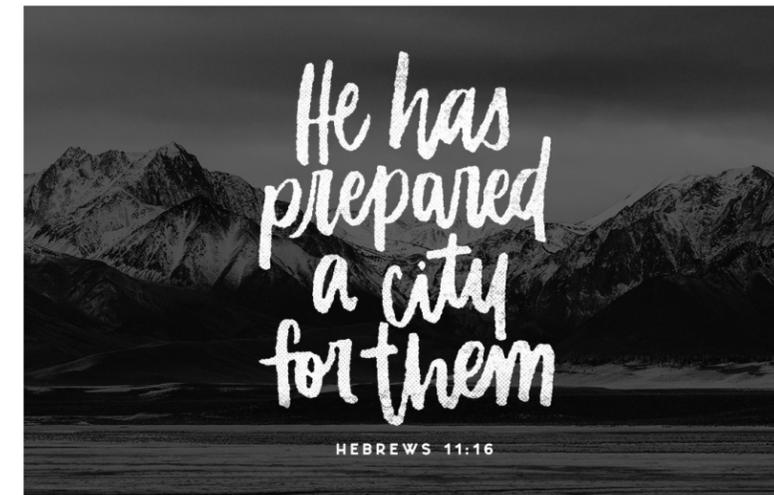
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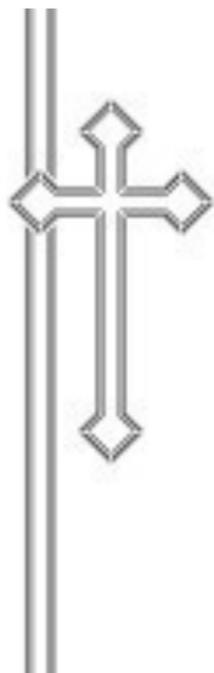
# St. Paul's United Church of Christ



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 7, 2022**

**9:00 am**



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

**People: By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.**

Leader: We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

**People: By faith we have the ability to share the good news.**

Leader: We are God's children who are invited to feast at the Table of grace.

**People: By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.**

\*Invocation (in unison)

**O God, we trust in Your power to create, to sustain, to enable. But we could not trust if we did not know that You are always near. Be with us, Lord, as we are gathered here to worship You. Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door, but enable us to bring all that we are to You, so that we might experience Your touch upon all aspects of our life. We pray this because of, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn                      Great Is Thy Faithfulness                      #86

Call to Confession

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—the old has gone, and the new has come. Yet we often have difficulty living in that new reality, clinging to the old ways that have passed. When we confess our sin, we make room for God's truth to dwell in us, clearing the path for a new way of life. Before God, with the people of God, let us confess our faults and our failings. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

**God, your faithfulness is for all generations, yet we often have a hard time living with you in this generation.**

**We love to look back, idolizing the past while forgetting we wear rose-colored glasses. We love our anxiety about the future, fretting about our individual long term security. We love our ideas about you, our lofty words and abstract concepts that do not affect our everyday lives.**

**We confess that it is rare for us to trust, to love, to follow with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.**

**Forgive us when we trap you in our memories or our intellects. Forgive us when we forget that you are also right here, right now, with a calling and a promise for us in this time and this place.**

~Silence~

Gracious God, speak into our wilderness again,  
**that we may learn to be your people. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. From before the beginning until long beyond our imagination, God's love endures. Know that you are forgiven, loved and free.  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn	“Let the Praises Ring”	
Scripture	Hebrews 11:1-16 (NRSV)	
Sermon	“As Good As Dead”	Pastor JD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	“By Faith”	Katie Maurer
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\*Response                      “Doxology”

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**It is by faith that you bless us, hopeful God. So, it is by faith that we offer back to you a portion of what we have and who we are, trusting that you will take these gifts and use them in the work of that kingdom of justice and hope, of grace and wonder, which is yours. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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