

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Worship 9:30am

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



*"If I but touch his clothes,
I will be made well."*

Mark 5:28, NKSV

***Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Online Streaming Worship Service***

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

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**Sunday, June 27, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently
during or before the Prelude}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ²

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

♪ ELW #641

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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Leader: Arise, people of faith, that Christ may give us life.
This is the day of meeting in Christ's name.

**People: We embrace one another with concern and care.
We wait in joyous anticipation of God's Word.**

Leader: The word of life is our to receive.
The good news is available to be shared.

**People: We will sing praises to God's holy name.
We will tell of God's faithfulness day by day.**

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All Are Welcome

F C/E F B♭ C Dm F

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2. Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

C/E C F/A Dm⁷ Gm C

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

Gm⁷ C⁷ B♭/F F Am⁷ Dm⁷

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

Gm⁷ C F B^b F B^b/D

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the
 stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from

A⁷ Dm *Refrain* Gm Dm Am Gm/B^b

end di - vi - sions:
 faith of Je - sus:
 feast that frees us: All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
 fear and dan - ger:
 floor to raf - ter:

F/C C⁷ F B^b/F $\begin{matrix} 1-4 \\ F \end{matrix}$ B^b $\begin{matrix} 5 \\ F \end{matrix}$

all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: Marty Haugen
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TWO OAKS
 96 86 87 10 and refrain

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION[®] (Leader)

Surrounded by the steadfast love of God, we gain courage to examine our lives and our relationships. Together we confess the sin that cuts off from our Creator and separates us from one another. Let us pray....

*CONFESSION OF SIN[®] (Unison)

Almighty God, we have tried to hide from you our self-concern, deceits, and dirty hands. Because we do not see great evil within us, we turn away from confession of sin. Our minor flaws seem insignificant before the horrors we discern on every hand. We find it hard to accept responsibility for the inequities that enrich some and impoverish others in a world where you claim all human beings equally as your children. Convict us of our responsibility and our need for your salvation in Christ, in whose name we pray for forgiveness. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON[®] (Leader)

We will receive blessing and vindication from the God of our salvation. When we face the truth about ourselves, God takes us by the hand and proclaims, "Your faith has made you well." Go, therefore, and sin no more. **Amen.**

{Please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: [2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27](#)

Psalter: **Psalm 130**

Leader: Let us praise God with the Psalm...

{The 1st time, the organist will play through the response without singing - that we may hear the tune; the 2nd time, the congregation will sing the response together}.

Refrain - Organ 1st: My soul waits for God.
Sung Refrain - ALL 2nd: My soul waits for God.

Psalm 130

Response

Unison

Em Am Em

Antiphon: Judy Hunnicutt, 1994

My soul waits for God.

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Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.

People: **O God, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: **If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand?**

Sung Refrain - ALL:
My soul waits for God.

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

People: **I wait for God, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;**

Leader: my soul waits for God more than those who watch for the morning,

People: **more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in God!

People: **For with God there is steadfast love.**

Leader: With God is great power to redeem;

People: **It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

Sung Refrain - ALL:
My soul waits for God.

Second Lesson: [2 Corinthians 8:7-15](#)

Gospel Lesson: [Mark 5:21-43](#)

HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Blue 139

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Lord's compassions are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

D D+ G M7 G⁶ A⁷ $\frac{G}{A}$ A⁷ $\frac{G}{D}$ D

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther;
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

G G^{#4} G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A^7}{E}$ D $\frac{E}{B}$ B⁷ E⁷ A

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 Thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

A⁷ A⁹ A⁷ D $\frac{Em^6}{D}$ D Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G M7 G⁶

Thou chang - est not; Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not.
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row -

G^{#7} $\frac{C\#}{G}$ G^{#7} $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{F\#m}{A}$ A⁷ D

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 Bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain
 A $\frac{G}{D}$ D B⁷ B $\frac{Am}{E}$ Em A⁷ A⁹ A⁷

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

D Dm6 A E D E7 A A7 A9 A7 D Em6
 D
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy
 22 23 24 25 26

D Em D F# GM7 G6 G#°7 C# G#°7 D A A7 D
 hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!
 27 28 29 30 31 32

TEXT: Thomas G. Chisholm
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan

FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10. with Refrain

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We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
 we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have
 learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
 re-affirming our faith in God,
 praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and
 giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

{Those who are able, please rise}

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and buried;
 he descended to the dead;
 on the third day he rose again,
 ascended into heaven,
 and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 He will come again 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 word "catholic" means "*the universal church*" and was the word used in the original version of the Creed.
 It does not refer here to the particular denomination of the Roman Catholic Church, but rather the whole Christian
 church of all denominations, the body of Christ, as a universal fellowship.

{Please be seated}

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray....

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE * (Leader)

Leader: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

{A time of silent prayer}

Leader: God of hope, the ministry of your church extends across borders, from nearby neighbors to far and distant countries. Accompany all those who labor eagerly in service of the gospel, that through your good news all might experience transformation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Guard all species of plants and animals from harsh changes in climate and empower us to protect all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Righteous God, we pray for nations and their leaders. Give them a spirit of compassion and steer them towards a fair distribution of resources; that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for this assembly and all those gathered together in worship. Revive our spirits, renew our relationships, and rekindle our faith, that we might experience resurrection in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for the faithful ancestors in every age whose lives have pointed us towards you. Envelop them in your love, that we may be reunited with one another in the last days. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. We pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray....

LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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.**

SUNG PRAISE

“Alleluia”

♩ Blue #189

**You’re my Savior, alleluia; you’re my Savior, alleluia;
You’re my Savior, alleluia; you’re my Savior, alleluia!**

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OFFERTORY INVITATION ^②

Leader: We have received blessings from God;

People: how will we show our gratitude?

Leader: We are called to give as we are able;

People: how will we respond?

Leader: We are invited to life that can be embraced only as it is shared;

People: how much are we prepared to give?

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshiping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#). [Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

{Those who are able, please rise}

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

NCH #283

Giving, loving, holy God, receive our gifts we pray.

Giving, loving, holy God, receive our gifts we pray.

Take them, bless them, use them, grow them.

Giving, loving, holy God, receive our gifts we pray.

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER ^② (Leader)

O God, we pray that you will find our gifts acceptable. If we have not given according to what we have, we seek the courage to do so. May these gifts relieve suffering and reveal hope. May they give meaning to all who give and all who receive. We dedicate them, that those who have much may not have too much, and those who have little may not have too little. **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

*COMMISSION ^②

Leader: Continue to excel in everything.
Serve with eagerness, faith, and love.

People: We seek to share the best that we know.

We want to pass on the love we have received.

Leader: Dare to be generous with your time and resources.
The needs of others are not always apparent.

People: We are eager to reach out helping hands.

We will share the riches of Christ with all whom we meet.

ALL: Amen.

*BENEDICTION ^①

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

♪ Red #558
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{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God’s light and love back into the world.}

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er’s praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God’s grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner’s ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason’s Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND



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The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshipping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



† Prayer List †

Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16b

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Sam B.
 Norman B.
 Lori & Ryan B.
 Deb D.
 Rich D.
 Jacob E.
 Jaden G.
 Ann H.
 Leigh H.
 Rev. David K.
 Jim & Donna K.
 Janice L.
 Ella L.

Medical Concerns & Healing:

Fred R.
 Julie R.
 Jim S.
 Rob & Jodi S.
 Martha W.
 Amy M.
 Diane M.
 George M.
 Starr M.
 Steve M.
 Gary N.
 Terry O.
 Paul P.

Mourning:

Family & Friends of Barb B.
 Family & Friends of Sandra B.
 Family & Friends of Joyce R.
 Family & Friends of Ron S.
 Family & Friends of Sarah S.
 Family & Friends of Marilyn W.

Social Concerns:

Those impacted by COVID-19
 Those working on a vaccine for
 COVID-19

Celebration:

Class of 2021 Graduates

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.

All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.

Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.

Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.

*If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,
 please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or office@sprucc.org.*

Visitation Care Team

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need email the VCT at CareTeam@sprucc.org. For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](#)" page at www.sprucc.org under the "ministries" tab.

For the week of June 27 the Primary VCT is Kirk Aulenbach, the Secondary VCT is Elsa Wertz.

For the week of July 4 the Primary VCT is Beth Miller, the Secondary VCT is Sheri Rowe.

††† General Announcements †††

Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

Today's Worship Service

Today an outdoor worship service is planned (if the weather is good). After worship we will have a food fellowship time. Please supply your own snacks and beverages. If the weather does not cooperate, then the service will be indoors and our food fellowship time will take place in the Miller Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us.

Sunday School

Sunday school has ended, but will resume on September 12. Sunday school music, videos, and an assortment of other materials are available for downloading over the summer. Click on this link for [Sunday school for youth](#).

Devotional Music

Devotional music for all ages, courtesy of Pastor Bob, is available on our website. Click on this link for [Devotional Music](#).

Weekly Lectionary Bible Study

This Tuesday morning (June 29) will be the last Zion Zoom Bible Study session for the summer. Our study will resume in September. Watch our [website](#) for the exact date and for the Zoom login information.

Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship

This service is being offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature.

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About Today

Church Season: Pentecost -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Green - symbolizing the life God brings, especially through our mission work.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

This Sunday, June 27, 2021, Lectionary Reading for Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 *and* Psalm 130; Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

The Second Book of Samuel

This OT book, bears the name of the prophet Samuel. This book takes place during the rule of the second king of Israel, David (ruling from 1000-961 B.C.). Two important themes within this book are that of the a nation's relationship with God and good rule of people; and secondly, the complexity of individual relationships with God. Samuel was the prophet anointed King David. In Hebrew, the word prophet literally means "spokesperson." A prophet is one who acts as an intermediary, called by God to speak to God's people, usually to bring those people back in line with God's will.

Psalm 130

This is an OT sung prayer of humility and trust in God. Psalms 120-134 are a part of the collection known as "A Song of Ascents." These songs were most likely sung by people on religious pilgrimages.

Psalm 30

This OT song extols God, giving thanks to God for the healing God provides.

The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written by the Apostle Paul between 50-56 A.D. to a gentile congregation he had founded several years earlier in Corinth (the capital city of the Roman province of Achaia, a large and prospering urban center that was ethnically, culturally, and religiously diverse). This letter is believed to be a compilation of fragments of multiple letters. This letter is in response to Titus' glowing reports and other negative reports Paul has received about this church. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

The Gospel According to Mark

Mark's Gospel is the oldest and shortest of the four Gospels, written between 65-75 A.D. Papias, a church leader in the 2nd century, reported that this Gospel's author is Mark, a follower of Peter who wrote this Gospel after Peter's death.

Next Sunday, July 4, 2021, Lectionary Reading for Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 *and* Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5 *and* Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13



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