

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*A spiritual hub for
creativity, discovery and growth*



**Sunday, October 20th, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
World Food Sunday**

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22nd after Pentecost
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✠ *invites us to rise in body or spirit*

God Calls Us Together

Lighting the Christ, Affirm and Prayer Candles

One: We light the Christ candle as a sign that Christ's Spirit alights us all:

All: **this day, this moment, and every moment.**

One: We light the Affirm candle to remind us to be a place of belonging and acceptance,

All: **to learn and grow together in love that protects and celebrates and uplifts.**

One: The Prayer candle reminds us to hold one another in prayer:

All: **to raise prayers of thanks and concern for one another, and any in need.**

Gathering Song: "There Is Room for All" MV 62

**There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing:
 there is room for all sheltered in God's love.**

And I rejoice and sing,

"My Refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

**There is room for all,
 there is room for all.**

All Our Relations: "Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren"

All God's Children (Affirming Statement)

Life of the Community

Prelude: O For a Thousand Tongues (O For a World) - Gläser, arr. by Kaufflin

Gathering Words:

One: God's call to love is a call to do what we can,

All: **where we are,**

One: in our own lives and in the world

All: **to create a society – a world – in which justice reigns.**

†Hymn: “O For a World” VU 697

- 1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
- 3 We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
- 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
- 5 O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Gathering Prayer (all)

God of peace and justice: hear us as we pray for peace in a world of war; for health in a world of hunger; for harmony in a world of discord. Bring us home to the world as you would have it be: subject to the reign of your love and grounded in the mutual care of all your children. We pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children and Youth Time and The Prayer of Jesus (VU 959 – Sung)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil,
 for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever.**

Sunday School proceeds to the Gathering Room

We Listen for God's Word

From the Gospels: St. Mark 12: 34-44 (MSG) *Gary Waterfield*

³⁸⁻⁴⁰ He continued teaching. “Watch out for the religion scholars. They love to walk around in academic gowns, preening in the radiance of public flattery, basking in prominent positions, sitting at the head table at every church function. And all the time they are exploiting the weak and helpless. The longer their prayers, the worse they get. But they’ll pay for it in the end.”

⁴¹⁻⁴⁴ Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all.”

For the wisdom that guides us, the word that inspires us
and the truth that enlightens us. **We praise you, O God.**

Sermon: **My (theological) two cents”** Rev. McLean

We Respond to God

♠Hymn: “God Says” MV 172

- 1 God says, “Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen, you will know
I'm with you always where you go.”**
- 2 God says, “Look up and see the prize
I've placed here right before your eyes.
Find beauty in the things of earth,
A cause for wonder and rebirth.”**
- 3 God says, “Come here! I need your voice.
Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are, in what you do,
your life will show my love for you.”**
- 4 God says, “Reach out! The world's in need
and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing
to act for Christ in every thing.”**

Community Prayers

Choir Anthem: Rustic Brown - Klusmeir/Robson

Rustic brown and green and blue,
 Yellow, gold and purple hue,
 Crimson, orange, harvest white,
 Colour autumn pure delight.

These good things and many more
 Make our lives a treasure store,
 Rich with love from God alone,
 Filled with thoughts of harvest home.

Ducks and geese in formal flight,
 Clouds with shifting shades of light,
 Woodland creatures, deer and mice,
 Sing of autumn paradise.

These good things and many more
 Make our lives a treasure store,
 Rich with love from God alone,
 Filled with thoughts of harvest home.

Stubble fields, their glory gone,
 Crows in noisy cacaphon,
 Cattle with their young half-grown
 Make the burnished land their own.

These good things and many more
 Make our lives a treasure store,
 Rich with love from God alone,
 Filled with thoughts of harvest home.

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 in heaven and on earth below.
 One God, Three Persons, we adore;
 and sing our praise for evermore.**

Offertory Prayer *(all)*

Merciful and faithful God: Here by envelope, through PAR, and in other ways, we offer the work of our hands; the fruit of our labour; the love of our hearts. Bless our gifts we pray. Grant us generous spirits. Help us seek your will with joy and gratitude. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

God Sends Us to Be the Church in the World

☩Hymn: “Deep in Our Hearts” MV 154

- 1 **Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.**
- 2 **Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.**
- 3 **Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme’
deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.**
- 4 **Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.**

☩Blessing

☩Sung Blessing: “When You Go From this Place”

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**When you go from this place be true.
May the blessing of life find you.
May the winds of the Spirit guide you,
'cross the ocean of all your days.
May the seeds of your love - your life
a-dorn the Way.
A-dorn the Way.
A-dorn the Way.**

Postlude: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (O For a World) - Gläser, arr. by Payne