

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*A spiritual hub for
creativity, discovery and growth*



**Sunday, October 27, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Reformation Sunday**

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23rd after Pentecost – Reformation Sunday



✠ *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

Piano Prelude: "All the Way, He Leadeth Me" - Lowry, Bradbury, arr. by Wilson

Gathering Prayer:

One: We dare ask God

All: **for miracles!**

One: Even if we can see,

All: **we pray God, grant us vision.**

One: Even if we can hear,

All: **help us, God, to listen.**

One: And even, God, if we are not dead.

All: **raise us to life!**

†Hymn: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour" VU 665

- 1 **Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.
Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

- 2 **Let me at thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief.
Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

- 3 **Trusting only in thy merit,
would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by thy grace.
Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

- 4 **Thou the spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee?
Whom in heaven but thee?
Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

Gathering Prayer (all)

God most high, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Junior Choir: “A Song of Creation” *Words & Music– Pat Mayberry, Arr. David Kai*

A song of Creation what is it worth?
 A wave on the ocean a handful of earth.
 A bird in the meadow, a flutter of leaves.
 The ripening fruit that we gather and share,
 Come taste and believe.

And the earth cries out with the voice of generations.
 Let us never doubt,
 there is work for ev’ry nation to gentle the rain,
 gentle the fires of life again.

A song of Creation what would it be?
 The taste of a raindrop, sweet scent of the trees.
 A glimpse of a rainbow, the colours of Peace,
 A boat on the water to carry us home,
 A people set free.

And the earth cries out with the voice of generations.
 Let us never doubt,
 there is work for ev’ry nation to gentle the rain,
 gentle the fires of life again.

A song of Creation what is it worth?
 A path through the forest, the sound of new birth.
 The mountains, the marshlands,
 The soil and the seed,
 The ones who have planted and tended the land,
 awakened the Dream.

And the earth cries out with the voice of generations.
 Let us never doubt,
 there is work for ev’ry nation to gentle the rain,
 gentle the fires of life again.

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: Mark 10:46-52 (MSG)

Sharon Purdon

⁴⁶⁻⁴⁸ They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!"

Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, "Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹⁻⁵⁰ Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over."

They called him. "It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!" Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ Jesus said, "What can I do for you?"

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵² "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you."

In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

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

Sermon: **Jesus: "Shoo Free Zone"** Rev. McLean

We Respond to God

Our Stewardship Appeal

Choir Anthem: "We Are the Church" *Words – Rojahn, Music – Dengler*

We are the church, a fellowship divine.
In one accord we share the bread and wine!
We are the church, ordained by God above;
Saved by His grace, united by his love!
We are the church.

We are the church of Christ the crucified.
We bear good news, for all the world He died!
We are the church, with purpose sure and true,
To serve the Lord in all we say and do!
We are the church. We are the church.

We are the church; we labour not alone.
 He stands with us, our Christ the cornerstone.
 We are the church; we strive to do God's will.
 Through joy or strife, He's ever with us. He's ever with us still.

We are the church, inspired by saints of old.
 They gave their all to see Christ's church unfold.
 Through sacrifice they laboured not in vain,
 Bearing His cross, their loss was turned to gain.

We are the church, whatever may befall.
 His cross leads on, a beacon to us all!
 We are the church, by faith we live and love,
 Until we reach His glorious church above,
 His church above!
 We are the church, the church!

Community Prayers

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)*

Gracious God our Creator, whose loving hand has given us all that we have: Grant us grace that we may honour you with what we give by envelope, through PAR, and in other ways. Help us be faithful stewards of your bounty to us as we follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

God Sends Us to Be the Church in the World

✠ Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" VU 635

**1 All the way my Saviour leads me;
 what have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt his tender mercy
 who through life has been my guide?
 Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
 here by faith in him to dwell,
 for I know, whate'er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well.**

- 2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial,
feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
and my soul athirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me,
lo, a spring of joy I see!**
- 3 All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!'**

✠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.**

Piano Postlude: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour" *Doane, arr. by McDonald*