

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Service of the Word

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

+Denotes please rise, as able

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING the BELLS

PRELUDE (O) *Hallelujah, Amen from Judas Maccabaeus* -G. F. Handel

BRINGING the LIGHT of CHRIST

CALL to WORSHIP

God is a God who calls.

We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.

God is a God who equips.

We are here to worship

and to be shaped into the body of Christ.

God is a God who sends.

We are here to worship

so that we can carry that spirit of worship

out into the world where we live.

God is a God who blesses.

We are here to worship

and to request a double share of that blessing.

Let us worship God.

Amen!

+OPENING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #1, v.1-3

+PRAYER of PETITION

God of power, without your love we can do nothing.

Give us a double share of your spirit

so that we can work together, across the world,

to bring about the end of poverty for all.

Teach us to follow the examples of the prophets,

to speak clearly alongside the poor

and to work tirelessly for the good of all people.

Through your son Jesus Christ

who brought healing and love to the whole World.

Amen.

+ASSURANCE of GOD'S PROMISE

+PRAISE RESPONSE

#1, v.4

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,

your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.

All praise we now render as your angels do:

in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC

Emily Thoman, solo

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

pg. 317 (OT)

SERMON

The Mantle of Faith

+HYMN of PRAISE *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

#290

+AFFIRMATION of FAITH *UCC Statement of Faith*

#885

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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, for ever. Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY (O) *Allemande in G*

G. F. Handel

+ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

+PRAYER of DEDICATION

**We are blessed in our giving and blessed in receiving all the gifts that
are ours to share. May the offerings of our money, our time, our
talents, help to transform your creation, O God, Most High. Amen.**

+PARTING HYMN *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow* #271
St. George's Windsor

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE (O) *La 'scia chio pianga* -G. F. Handel

Permission to podcast/stream music in this service obtained from CCLI, License #2546793
Call to Worship © Rev. Dr. Derek C. Weber

**The flowers on the altar
are given to the glory of God and In Honor of
Barb and Darryl Gerstenecker's
40th Wedding Anniversary- June 26th**

Sunday, June 26

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Coffee and Donut Hour

10:30 am Board of Mission & Stewardship

Monday, June 27

7 pm Consistory

7 p Book Club

7 pm Property Management Committee

Tuesday, June 28

Pastor's Day Off

Friday, July 1

8 am Quilters

Sunday, July 3

Holy Communion

Kindercottage Food Collection

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Coffee and Donut Hour

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day

Office Closed

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Week 1: Dean Riebeling; Anola Henke (mother of Lori Morton); Graham Engle; Family of Ruth Gikuhe; Joanne Counce; Hilma Kleinschmidt

Week 2: Linda Harres, Gene Bayer, Becky Schneider, Suzanne Smith, Graham Engel

Week 3: Gene and Wanda Bayer; Johanna Wayland; Allison Busby; Boy Scout Troop 320; and DuBois Center

Ongoing: St. Paul UCC; Peggy Hoock Schutt; Diane Silva; Dorothy Rey; Jan Hoffmann; residents in Senior Living Centers; and lasting peace throughout the world

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

290

George Croft, 1854, ed.

Gal. 5:25; Matt. 22:37; John 1:32

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?
 4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;
 5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wear it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sad - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
 No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o' - pening skies;
 I see your cross—there teach my heart to stay;
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love,
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you, and O let me find,
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1

Walter C. Smith, 1867, ed.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers,
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Acts 2:1-21

Thomas H. Troeger, 1983

1 Wind who makes all winds that blow— gusts that bend the sap-lings
 2 Fire who fuels all fires that burn— suns a-round which plan-ets
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with-in our mor-tal

low, Gales that heave the sea in waves,
 turn, Bea - cons mark-ing reefs and shoals,
 frame. Make our hearts an al - tar pyre.

stir-rings in the mind's deep caves— Aim your breath with
 shin-ing truth to guide our souls— Come to us as
 Kin-dle them with your own fire. Breathe and blow up -

stead-y power on your church, this day, this hour.
 once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
 on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir-it God of Pen - te - cost.
 Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.
 Speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der-stand.