

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST St. Paul

May 24, 2026

10:30am

Welcome! Whether you are a guest, friend or member, we are delighted that you are here. Large print bulletins are available at either door. Ask a greeter for any directions you may need.

"Please note that this service will be live-streamed on Facebook. If you do not wish to be visible on camera, please let an usher know so we can take appropriate measures to ensure your privacy."



Rev. Jim Oleson, Pastor
Christopher Dickmeyer, Musician

Pentecost Sunday

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

We welcome you today in the name of the One who frees us from every burden, renews our spirits and inspires hope and joy in our living. May this time of worship encourage and lift you up.

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

One: We are given water

Many: To renew our arid paths.

One: We are given fire

Many: To ignite our dreams.

One: We are given winds

Many: To move us towards our visions.

One: We are given the earth

Many: In which we plant seeds of hope.

All: Through the pieces of Creation, we see the steadfast presence of God; Through the stirring of the Spirit, we no longer stand still.

***Invocation**

God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you. Receive our invitation to dwell with us. Enfold us in your presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery. We are yours and we claim you as our God. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise #28 New Century**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Loving God, You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers,

Many: And yet we turn our faces from the significance of Creation's call.

One: You make the springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal,

Many: And yet we forget that clean water has become a privilege and not a right.

One: By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches,

Many: And yet we have destroyed the homes of your wildlife.

One: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth from the earth,

Many: And yet those who reap our crops are often forgotten.

One: When You give to them, they gather it up; when You open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Many: And yet we are ungrateful, and close our mouths to praise.

All: In order for us to live into our dreams, we are called to remember that caring for Creation is part of your vision. Spirit of wisdom and forgiveness, open our hearts to a new way of caring, one that remembers Creation as part of God's family.

<pause for silent reflection >

Words of Grace

Like the warm rain that falls in the summertime or the light snow of winter, God's grace is showered upon us, reminding us that this is the moment to begin again. Amen.

***Response of Praise**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Written Word

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 4:4-13

John 20:19-23

Hymn #281 New Century

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Message

The Tipping Point
Acts 2:1-21& John 20:19-23

Rev. Jim Oleson

Church in Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Debts, Debtors)

Offertory

Invitation to Generosity

***Doxology** (Tune: Old Hundredth)

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

We delight in your Creation, Loving God. We rejoice in your hopes, visions and dreams. In a spirit of thanksgiving, we ask that you give us the courage to take these talents to build and not bury, To strengthen your Church in the world. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #31** New Century

All Things Bright and Beautiful

***Commission and Benediction**

***Christ's Light Leads Us into the World**

***Congregational Response #493** New Century

O Jesus, I Have Promised
(Verse 1)

***Ring of the Bell and Postlude**

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OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - Noon

It Happens

Here

St. Paul UCC



Weekly Calendar

May 24th – May 31st

May 24th

Pentecost Sunday

9:15am

Bible/Book Study

10:30am

Worship

11:30am

Fellowship Hour

May 31st

9:15am

10:30am

11:30am

Trinity Sunday

Bible/Book Study

Worship

Fellowship Hour

Looking Ahead

June 15th

5:15pm

Council Meeting

OUR GIVING IN 2026

Needed weekly to meet our commitments \$2190.29

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General Fund Offering May 17th

\$ 240.00

April Average

\$ 1080.00

Stewardship Offering May 17th

\$ 7.00

March Average

\$ 1160.00

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY`

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Greeters/Ushers

Liza Oleson & Karol Keeteman

Acolyte

Marla Stewart

Liturgist

Fellowship Hour

Stewardship



In our prayers ...

We continue to keep in our prayers Laretta, Lynn and Ron D., Ernie M., Eileen T., Chuck and Marlene, Lyle R., Jamie, Nor, Rick C., Bob R., Sandy R., Carolyn M., Jackie, Diane B., Ray C., and Belinda D.

We lift up in our prayers those who need prayers for their *long-term circumstances*: Carol Jean P. and Jane M.

Updated telephone directories are available to pick up near the bulletins.

REMINDER...Please DO NOT adjust the programmable thermostat in the Sanctuary.