

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

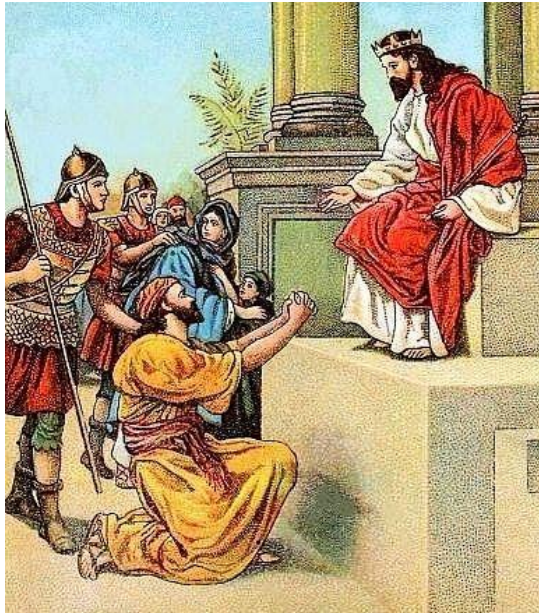
St. Paul

September 13, 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
Joyce Noble, Liturgist

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Ringling 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) – from Psalm 114**

One: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Many: Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

One: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

Many: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

One: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Many: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

***Invocation**

Lord God - as you rescued your people from bondage in Egypt and provided them with all that they needed - so you deliver us from bondage to sin and provide us with those things we need. We thank and praise you. Grant to us, O God, that in our time here today we might hear afresh your life-giving word and discern anew what your will is for us. Forgive us for those things we have done amiss, and bless our songs and our prayers and our every thought and every action as we worship you - that they may bring you glory and honor and praise, both now and always. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

***Hymn of Praise #18 New Century**

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

*** Prayer for Transformation and New Life** (Unison)

God of forgiveness, God of memory, how deep and wide is your fountain of grace. As we remember and confess those things which separate us from you and from our neighbor, clear our path back to you and to them, and plunge us into your bountiful ocean of mercy that we may share in the measureless forgiveness you offer to us. Amen.

<pause for silent reflection >

Words of Grace

One: God leads us back when we are hopelessly lost. God makes room for us when we have walked away, time and again.

Many: There is always room for us at the table of Christ, and Christ is calling our name. We are forgiven, we are loved, we are restored to Christ. 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 Exodus 14:19-31
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn #386 New Century

The Church's One Foundation

Message Being the Healer
Matthew 18:21-35

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**

O Gracious God, we offer You our praise, we offer You our hearts, we offer You prayers, and now we offer You our gifts and ourselves. All this we do in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #606 New Century**

Nearer, My God, to You

***Commission and Benediction**

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

***Congregational Response #531 New Century**

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak
(Verse 1)

***Ringing of the Bell and Postlude**

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OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Jim – Monday & Tuesday 8:00am to Noon

Church Office

Wednesday: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - Noon

It Happens

Here



St. Paul UCC

Weekly Calendar

September 13th – September 20th

Sept 13th

***Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost***

9:15am Book Study/Bible Study
10:30am Worship
11:30am Fellowship Hour

Sept 20th

***Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost***

9:15am Book Study/Bible Study
10:30am Worship
11:30am Fellowship Hour

Looking Ahead

Sept 21st

5:15pm Council Meeting

OUR GIVING IN 2026

Needed weekly to meet our commitments	\$2190.29		\$ 2190.29
General Fund Offering September 6 th	\$ 2165.00	Aug Average	\$ 990.60
Stewardship Offering September 6 th	\$ 295.00	July Average	\$ 1075.00

HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday, September 20: St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville. Annual Chicken Dinner & Country Store. Dine in or carry out from 11am to 5pm.

Sunday, September 27: St. Paul's UCC in Defiance. Chicken Dinner. Drive thru or inside seating from 11am to 5pm.

Please join us to honor and say goodbye to Joann
and welcome Casey today after service.

We will have a carry in dinner to thank Joann for her 20 years of service
and wish her a wonderful retirement
and to welcome and get to know Casey.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Greeters/Ushers

Sharon Brinkman & Bob Bothe

Acolyte

Ann Rolf

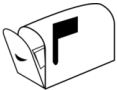
Liturgist

Joyce Noble

Fellowship Hour

Carry-in dinner

*Thank
You*



NOTE!

ADDRESS CHANGE

Carol Jean Pheleps
919 Vegas Dr
St. Louis, MO 63125
314-932-7335

In our prayers ...

This week we added Pam to our prayers.

We continue to keep in our prayers:

Lynn and Ron D., Ernie M., Eileen T., Lyle R., Jamie, Nor, Rick C., Carolyn M., Jackie, Belinda D., Linda M., Mary and Jerry, Pat G., Randy M., David, Rick L., Bob S., Billy, Tara, Mike, Michelle, the people of Pampanga, Philippines, the family of Michael W., and the family of Todd. We also pray for the homeless and people without shelter in this extreme heat.

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