

Announcements for the week of September 13, 2026
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, September 20, 2026
Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11; and Ps 145:1-8; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20: 1-16

Local and St. Paul’s Happenings:
CONGRATULATIONS PLATO BLUE JAYS – 2026 CLASS B MN STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS!!

Today & Sept. 20 Speaker Ilona Perunakova at St. Paul’s UCC, Plato during service.
Today’s Message: Rejected, But Still Chosen; Sept 20th Message: For Such A Time as This
Sept 20 First Congregational, Glencoe Fall Fling (Rescheduled Spring Fling) Noon – 4p
Sept 28 6 pm, Event Center, Hutchinson
The Minnesota Conference UCC is joining with the Minneapolis Immigrant Allies Coalition, Creekside UCC, Peace UCC, First Congregational Alexandria, New Journey UCC, and many other congregations and organizations to sponsor showings of *Samaritans*. This newly released documentary follows a group of volunteers who risk everything to save lives in the deadly desert of Southern Arizona. *Samaritans* captures desperate journeys, unexpected resilience, and the transformative power of refusing to look away.

- **Our Members Living in Long Term Care:**
(Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board.)
Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson: Olive Pinske
The Haven in Norwood Young America: Mavis Schuette.
Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth: Jim Jensen, Apt 228
Orchard Estates: Donna Schmidt, Room 115
Cokato Manor: Orville Schrupp, Rm 151
The Harbor, Norwood-Young America Doris Schrupp; Apt 303

Greeter: (Please be here 30 minutes before worship):

Sept 13 Brian & Julie Graupmann
Sept 20 John & Ann Graupmann
Sept 27 Dean & Lori Schwartz

Scripture Readers

Sept 13 James Leith
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Fellowship Time

Sept 13 Sunday School Kick-Off
Sept 27 Dave & Dawn Prehn, Marjorie Stockman

Altar / Communion

September Dana Englemann

St. Paul’s United Church of Christ
Plato, MN

Sunday, September 13, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Welcome Special Speaker:
Ilona Parunakova



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Organist: Diane Anderson

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You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 118:28-29

September 13, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Diane Anderson

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #188 “Praise Him, Praise Him”

*Passing God’s Peace +Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)

Leader: Come, all who feel overlooked, unnoticed, or cast aside. Step out of the pastures of exhaustion and into the presence of the King.

Congregation: *We come because the Lord does not see as mortals see. We come to be seen by the One who knows our hearts.*

Leader: The world looks at outward appearance, weighing our strength, our status, and our success. But God looks deeper, seeking a heart ready to love and serve.

Congregation: *The stone the builders rejected has become our chief cornerstone!*

Leader: This is the Lord’s doing, a marvelous mystery in our eyes. Let us leave behind the judgments of the world and worship the God who chooses, anoints, and redeems.

Congregation: *Let us rejoice, stand firm upon the Foundation, and worship our God together!*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): Almighty and Marvelous God, we gather today in the shadow of Your grace. You are the God of the pasture and the cornerstone. You are the One who passes over the proud and pours Your holy oil upon the overlooked. We thank You that in Your presence, we do not have to perform, prove our worth, or hide our brokenness. Holy Spirit, we invite You to move freely among us now. Tear down our superficial judgments and align our vision with Your own. Open our eyes to see the marvelous things You are doing in our midst. Heal the hearts that have been wounded by rejection, and anchor our souls firmly upon Jesus Christ, our chief cornerstone. Anoint our worship, our prayers, and the speaking of Your Word today. May everything we do honor the One who looks upon the heart. Amen.

Hymn: #349 “Oh How He Loves You and Me”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): Merciful God, we confess that we are easily deceived by outward appearances. We chase the approval of the world and measure our worth by human success. We admit that we have looked down on others based on status, strength, or stature, failing to see them through Your eyes. We have also harbored bitterness from our own rejections, forgetting that You have already chosen us. Forgive us for building our lives on shifting sand instead of Jesus, our Cornerstone. Cleanse our hearts, renew our minds, and teach us to look at the heart as You do. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: Ps 118 and 1st Samuel 16 (See Insert) James Leith

Message: “Rejected, But Still Chosen” Guest Speaker: Ilona Parunakova

UCC Statement of Faith - 1959 (found in the front cover of the hymnal)

Hymn: #624 “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave) Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): Generous and Sovereign God, today, we bring these tithes and offerings to You. To the world, they may seem like simple tokens or small stones, but we place them in Your hands, trusting that You will use them to build Your kingdom. Just as You chose the overlooked shepherd boy to lead a nation, and the rejected stone to anchor creation, use these gifts to bring hope, justice, and healing to our community. In Jesus’ holy name, we pray, Amen.

Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Hymn: #526 “The Solid Rock”

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell