

Announcements for the week of September 20, 2026

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, September 27, 2026

Ex 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4; 12-16; Ezek 18:1-4; 25-32, Ps 25:1-9; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32

Local and St. Paul's Happenings:

Today Speaker Ilona Perunakova at St. Paul's UCC, Plato during service.

Today's Message: For Such A Time as This

Today Council Meeting

Today	First Congregational, Glencoe Fall Fling (Rescheduled Spring Fling) Noon – 4p
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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.

October 4 Women's Guild Meeting

- **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 Hub: Nelson & Hubert
 Dr. J. Schrupp, Rm 222

The Harbor, Norwood-Young America Doris Schrupp; Apt 303

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

Sept 20 John & Ann Graupmann

Sept 27 Dean & Lori Schwirtz

Oct 4 Scott Graupmann

Scripture Readers

Sept 20 Peg Flusemann

Sept 27 James Leith

Fellowship Time

Sept 27 Dave & Dawn Prehn, Marjorie Stockman

Oct 11 Denise Scharpe; Orville and Betty Wilkens

Altar / Communion

September Dana Englemann

October Peg Flusemann

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

Sunday, September 20, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Welcome Special Speaker:
Ilona Parunakova



Pastor: Brian Brosz

Organist: Diane Anderson

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“O God, I cry out to you; I lift up my hands toward your holy mountain” — a prayer for God’s intervention in times of distress Psalm 28:1

September 20, 2026 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Diane Anderson

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: **#391 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**
There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

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

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)
Pastor: Lord, You weave our lives into Your purposes.
Congregation: *Help us trust Your placement for such a time as this.*

Pastor: In moments that feel heavy or overwhelming,
Congregation: *Anchor us in Your peace for such a time as this.*

Pastor: In opportunities that call for compassion,
Congregation: *Move us to act with love for such a time as this.*

Pastor: In challenges that demand perseverance,
Congregation: *Sustain us with Your Spirit for such a time as this.*

Pastor: May our lives reflect Your kingdom.
Congregation: *Use us, Lord, for such a time as this.*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): Holy God, You are the One who places us in moments that matter. As we gather in Your presence, awaken our hearts to the calling You have woven into this very hour. Where fear whispers, speak courage. Where hesitation lingers, stir conviction. Where uncertainty clouds our vision, shine Your purpose. Come among us now, O Lord, and shape us for such a time as this. Amen.

Hymn: **#508 “Love Lifted Me”**

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): Merciful God, You place us in moments where our faith matters, yet we confess that we often shrink back. We have allowed fear to quiet our voices, comfort to dull our compassion, and hesitation to keep us from the work You set before us. Forgive us for the courage we withheld and the opportunities we ignored. Renew our hearts, and by Your Spirit, make us faithful *for such a time as this*. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: Esther 4:1-14 *(See Insert)* Peg Flusemann

Message: **“For Such a Time as This”** *Guest Speaker: Ilona Parunakova*

UCC Statement of Faith - 1981 (found in the front cover of the hymnal)

Hymn: **#681 “In His Time”**

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): Holy God, You call us to trust Your timing and to step forward with courage. Today we offer not only our resources, but our willingness to be used by You. Take these gifts and take our lives—align them with Your mission, strengthen our faith, and empower us to act boldly *for such a time as this*. Amen.

Response **#816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

Hymn: **“For Such a Time as This”** *(See Insert)*

Benediction

Ringing of the Bell