

St. Paul United Church of Christ

OAK HARBOR, OHIO

August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

Rev. Dr. Robert R. Bottoms- Interim Pastor

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY FOR WORSHIP

*GATHERING WORDS: Ann Kersten, Lay Leader

Leader: God is the one who makes a way in the sea

All: God forges a path through the mighty waters

One: God provides water in the wilderness,

All: And rivers in the desert.

One: God makes a way where there was none before,

All: And God leads us through to the Promised Land

Leader: Come, worship God, who continues to lead us on;

All: Worship God, who leads us to new life.

*OPENING HYMN: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 400

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

Trailblazing God, You have led us through the wilderness, through the waters, through the fires and beyond. You continue to make a way when the world has unjustly thrown us off course, when the walls of division are constructed to block us. You have taken us by the hand and led us forward where there was no path. You continue to call us by name even when we have been afraid to take those first steps.

Though the danger is near, we will trust in You. Though the way is shrouded and veiled, we will listen for your name. Though the path seems uncertain, we will continue to follow You, knowing that You lead us through the valley of the shadow and into freedom, into hope, and most of all, into Your eternal love. We will follow You. Amen.

*PRAISE RESPONSE "Gloria Patri"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Pastor Bob

SILENT PRAYERS – MORNING PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Make Me a Servant"

No. 669

HEARING AND SHARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 John 6:24-35 Ann Kersten, Lay Reader

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dave Witt

SERMON: "Bread That's Good For You"

Pastor Bob

See "An Order for the Dedication of Memorial Gifts" on insert

See "An Order for the Celebration of Holy Communion" on insert

SENDING FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

*PARTING SONG: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 435

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: (*Please be seated until the close of the Postlude*)

**Indicates that worshippers are invited to stand, if able*

**AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
INVITATION**

COMMUNION PRAYER

PASTOR
God be with you.
PEOPLE
And also with you.

PASTOR
Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE
We lift them to God.

PASTOR
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
PEOPLE
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*unison*)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**AN ORDER FOR THE DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL GIFTS
A LITANY**

LEADER: For the worship of God in prayer and praise, for the preaching of the Word, for the celebration of the holy sacraments,

PEOPLE: Offered by this church, we give thanks.

LEADER: For the comfort of those who mourn, for the help of those who are perplexed, for the guidance of those who seek strength,

PEOPLE: Offered by this church, we give thanks.

LEADER: For the consecration of life and service, in grateful remembrance of those who have gone before us, and in gratitude for our life together in this church,

ALL: We give thanks to you for this church's past and pray for your continued blessing and guidance. Amen.

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

O God of all creation, we give thanks for the calling to be your church and for the power you give us to fulfill our calling. We are a people with a past full of assurance and a future full of hope. Today we dedicate this Communion Service to you. May the meaning we see in this Communion Service live on in us so that each time we see it or use it, we may be reminded of your holy presence. May we pass on to our children and our children's children the significance of this dedication so that their journey of faith may be enhanced. To you be the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

*HYMN:

"When Peace Like a River"

No. 705

ANNOUNCEMENTS – August 1, 2021

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Head Usher: John O'Neill
Organist: Beth Witt
Altar Flower Delivery: Robin McGuire

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL:

Monday 6:30pm Church Council
6:30pm Search Team
Wednesday 6:30pm Senior Choir Practice
Sunday 9:30am Worship / Anniversary Sunday
10:30am Ice Cream Social
6:00pm Vacation Bible School Begins (-8:30pm)
(-Thurs., Aug. 12)

REGULAR REMINDERS

- After checking into St. Paul UCC, please silence electronic devices and cell phones prior to worship.
- Large Print bulletins are available at the Sanctuary entrances.
- Upper Room daily devotional books are available in regular- and large-print.
- Please contact the church office if you or a family member is hospitalized.

LAST SUNDAY - Attendance: 99; General Fund Offering: \$3133

(Plus \$259 – Benevolence; \$88.75 – Noisy Offering)

2021 Year-to-Date Budget: \$171,870

2021 Year-to-Date Offering: \$144,094
