



St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

August 31, 2025

If you are visiting us for the first time, welcome!  
Thank you for joining us. We're happy you are here.

Please make sure to sign-in in the Narthex and include your name and email so we can keep you updated on upcoming events and special worship services.

**\*Please stand if you are comfortable and able. The Congregation reads text in bold print.**

*In our liturgy, A: is All our voices. L: is the Liturgist's voice. LL: is the Lay Leader's voice.*

Bringing Christ's Light into Worship

*Youth Acolyte and  
Matthew Westermeyer, Senior Acolyte*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns for Prayer

*Joel Westermeyer, Lay Leader*

*Live Stream Begins*

Prelude

*Garrett Woods, Music Director*

Welcome and Announcements

*Joel Westermeyer, Lay Leader*

**\*Call to Worship**

*Aaron Westermeyer, Liturgist*

L: Come, all who feel alone, forgotten, or unsure.

**A: God is here—faithful in every moment.**

L: Come, all who rejoice and give thanks.

**A: God rejoices with us and receives our praise.**

L: In all seasons, through all things

**A: We worship the One who never leaves us.**

\*Hymn

**“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”**

**No. 602**

**\*Invocation**

**A: Almighty God, we gather in awe of your magnificent power and the beauty of your creation. As we come together in worship, may your Holy Spirit be present among us, guiding us in truth and love. Open our hearts to receive your word, and may we leave this place renewed by your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.**

**\*Call to Confession**

L: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them, and honor them. With long life, I will satisfy them and show them my salvation. Psa. 91:14-16

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**A: Holy One, you have called us by name. You will not let us lounge in bed. You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember. You will not let us hide under the tree. You summon us from the shade to be changed. You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth. You unearth our fears and speak to them aloud. Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak. Reveal the words we need most. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

**\*Words of Assurance**

LL: Our God knows you by name. Our God knows what you fear, for you are fearfully and wonderfully made. In your name, God's works are revealed again to us. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)

No. 35

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

A: Silent Prayer - LL: Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Through Song

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

No. 306

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;  
incline thine ear to us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Children dismissed for Sunday School with Miss Tammi

## **Special Music**

“We Are Called”  
Joel and Aaron Westermeyer

written by David Haas

## **The Holy Scriptures**

### **Old Testament - Hosea 6:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Come and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

<sup>3</sup> Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

### **The Gospel - Matthew 6:19-34**

<sup>19</sup> Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

<sup>20</sup> But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>22</sup> The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

<sup>23</sup> But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

<sup>24</sup> No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

<sup>26</sup> Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

<sup>27</sup> Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

<sup>28</sup> And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

<sup>29</sup> And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

<sup>30</sup> Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

<sup>31</sup> Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

<sup>32</sup> (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

<sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

<sup>34</sup> Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

*Message*

*“A Summer in the Son”*

*Joel Westermeyer, Lay Leader*

**\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostle Paul’s *Epistle to the Colossians***

**A: “Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**“The Son of Man Goes Forth Today”**

**Printed in Bulletin**

**\*Invitation to the Offering**

L: Moses must have felt small and powerless in the face of God’s instructions to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt. Yet God moved Moses to courage and great things because Moses trusted God with his life. When we share what we have and trust God with our lives, great things will happen, here in our church and far beyond these walls. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

**\*Doxology (Praise)**

**No. 46**

**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**

**A: Heavenly Father, we consecrate these offerings in faith, trusting that You will use them for Your glory. May our faith in Your promises grow as we give, knowing that You are faithful in all things.**

\*Hymn

**“Lead On, O King Eternal”**

**No. 632**

**\*Benediction**

LL: Go now in the grace of the One who heals and restores.

May the Lord bind up what is broken, revive what is weary, and rain down mercy like the morning dew.

Do not worry about tomorrow, for your heavenly Father knows what you need.

Seek first His kingdom and walk in the peace that surpasses all understanding.

As surely as the sun rises, may His presence go before you, and may you return to Him daily with joy, trust, and hope.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—**Amen**

**\*A: Benediction Response**

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

**No. 433**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;**

**the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;**

**but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

**Postlude**

*Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ!*

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**September 14th is Rally Day**

Join us as the Sunday School Kids takeover the Morning worship service.

All readings, prayers and songs will be led by the children.

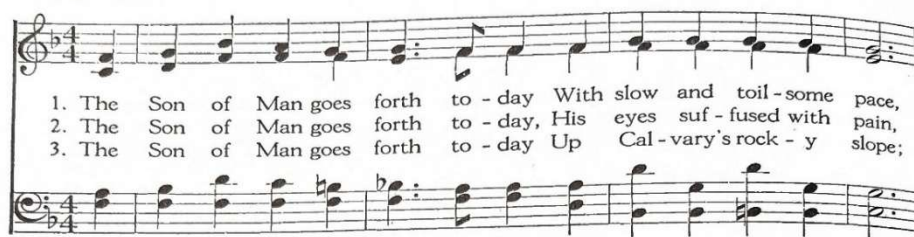
All are welcome to enjoy a light lunch of kid-friendly food after the service

## The Son of Man Goes Forth Today

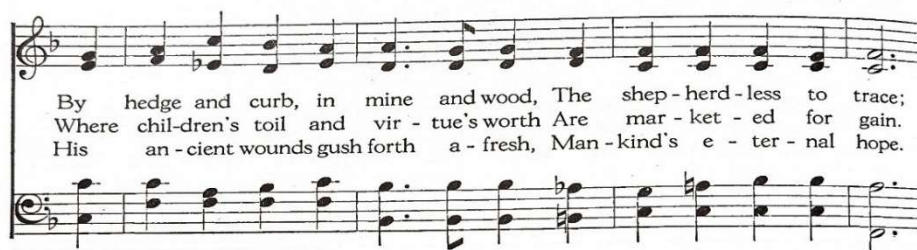
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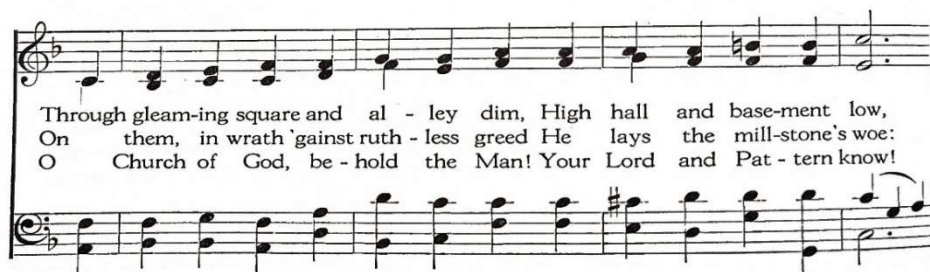
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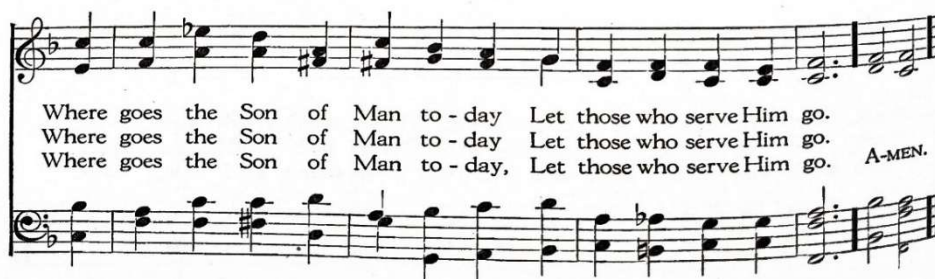
1. The Son of Man goes forth to-day With slow and toil-some pace,  
 2. The Son of Man goes forth to-day, His eyes suf-fused with pain,  
 3. The Son of Man goes forth to-day Up Cal-vary's rock-y slope;



By hedge and curb, in mine and wood, The shep-herd-less to trace;  
 Where chil-dren's toil and vir-tue's worth Are mar-ket-ed for gain.  
 His an-cient wounds gush forth a-fresh, Man-kind's e-ter-nal hope.



Through gleam-ing square and al-ley dim, High hall and base-ment low,  
 On them, in wrath 'gainst ruth-less greed He lays the mill-stone's woe:  
 O Church of God, be-hold the Man! Your Lord and Pat-tern know!



Where goes the Son of Man to-day Let those who serve Him go.  
 Where goes the Son of Man to-day Let those who serve Him go.  
 Where goes the Son of Man to-day, Let those who serve Him go. A-MEN.

# SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Church & Ministry - 11:30 am F.H.	<b>2</b> Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	<b>3</b> Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Property - 7pm - Par.	<b>10</b> Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Rally Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	<b>20</b> Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	<b>24</b> Ladies Bible Study - 3-5 pm F.H. Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H. Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bits n Pieces 2.0 - 9 am - 11 pm - Library	<b>27</b>
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