Welcome! May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Visitors, we are glad you are here! Please sign a Visitor Card in the pew rack and place it in the basket on the Chancel Rail at the front of the Sanctuary.

This week our card is for Joy Harner.
Please sign the card on the stand by the greeters

Serving Today

Scripture Reader: Janet Miller

Greeters: Susan Newland

Acolyte: June Godfrey

Cross Bearer: Nolan Hettel

Tech: Josh Geckle

Last Sunday

Attendance: 146
Virtual worship viewings:190 (as of 9/10)
Giving: $3,733

BIRTHDAYS ~ this week

September 13: Jack Hummel, Max Hummel
September 14: Karen Hartline
September 16: Deborah Boyer
September 17: Bernie Shustack
September 19: Gail Watts

ANNIVERSARIES - this week

September 14: Bob & Kathy Jones, Doug & Marianne Reinert, Doug & Kathy Samsel, Clay & Michelle Schreyer
September 18: Paul & Sandy Sekulski
September 19: Ken & Ruth Biles, Ken & Debbie Davis, Brent & Priscilla Knerr

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St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Amityville, Pennsylvania

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Joshua W. Rau, Pastor
Martha Sitler, Minister of Music
Brad Richards, Violinist
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St. Paul's United Church of Christ Mission Statement

In its life and mission, St. Paul's UCC seeks to worship the triune God; proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ; practice loving service toward the needy; embody God's reign of peace and justice; establish a Christian community of faith; and be a faithful member of the church universal.

ORDER for WORSHIP

***Indicates congregation please stand if able.**
Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD type.**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude — *Little Prelude in B-flat* -Curtis
Jesus Loves Me -Bradbury/Paxton

Ringing of the Trinity Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Prompt — *Into My Heart*

* Processional Hymn — *Rise Up, O Church of God* — Hymnal #433

* Solemn Declaration

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

* Call to Worship

Gather now, children of God, from near and far —
we come from our homes and our labors
to stand before the Lord.
Come as you are, with open hearts and willing spirits —
for the Lord welcomes all who seek Him.
Let us worship the God who calls us together.
We come to worship, to pray, and to praise.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have chosen our own way over Your way, and comfort over the cross You have called us to bear. We have judged others while excusing ourselves, withheld forgiveness while asking for Your own, and grown weary of watching over one another in love. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us from our transgressions, and by Your Spirit, give us new hearts to follow You. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing the Peace

* Gloria Patri — Hymnal #813

Installation of Sunday School Staff

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon & Blessing of the Backpacks

Choir Anthem — *More Than a Song* -Whittemore/Fettke

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading — *Genesis 50:15-21*

Second Reading — *Romans 14:1-12*

* Gospel Reading — The Holy Gospel According to Matthew 18.
Glory to you, oh Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, oh Christ.

Sermon — *Forgiven People Forgive*

* Responsive Hymn — *Cleanse Me* — Hymnal #657

* Affirmation — *The Apostle's Creed* — (inside hymnal cover)

Prayers of the People response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

THANKSGIVING

God's gifts move us to responds with grateful words and actions.

Tithes & Offerings

* Doxology — Hymnal #815

* Prayer of Dedication

* Recessional Hymn — *Now I Belong to Jesus* — Hymnal #501

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

* Benediction & Threefold Amen

Postlude — *March in D* -Mendelssohn/Blake