

Announcements for the week of September 6, 2026
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, September 13, 2026
Ex 14:19-31, Ps 114; Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21; Gen 50:15-21; Ps 103:1-7, 8-13;
Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

Local and St. Paul’s Happenings:
Sept 13 & 20 Speaker Iona Perunakova at St. Paul’s UCC, Plato during service.
Sept 13th Message: Rejected, But Still Chosen
Sept 20th Message: For Such A Time as This

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

Scripture Readers

Sept 6 Peg Flusemann

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 6, 2026
9:00 a.m.



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Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
Psalm 119:33-35

September 3, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Sandy Kroells

Ringling 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.

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Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)
Leader: Tell the whole congregation of God’s people: This is a day for new beginnings.
Congregation: This is a time of God’s appearing. This is the moment for faithful response.
Leader: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful. Make melody to God and sing a new song.
Congregation: Praise God for life enriched by love. Praise God for love that fulfills God’s law.
Leader: This is the hour to wake form our sleep. The energy of God’s love fills this place.
Congregation: Here we claim our identity as Christians. Here we become the church of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): This is a festival day, glorious God, a day of remembering your faithfulness through the centuries, a time for celebrating your vibrant presence with us, a pause of anticipation for the seasons yet to be. We rejoice at the assurance that you take pleasure in us, that we are known by you, called by you, empowered by you to live honorably and humbly, in the spirit of Christ. We would exalt your name and sing for joy, knowing that we can trust you for the guidance and direction we need. Amen.

Hymn: #433 “Rise Up, O Church of God”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): O God, we have not been faithful to your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We gather as two or three, not to welcome your presence but to gossip about those who are absent. Our sins are destroying us, God. Turn us around to a new way of being. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 18:21-35 (See Insert) Peg Flusemann

Message: “Freely Receive. Freely Give” Pastor Brosz

The Apostles Creed (found in the front cover of the hymnal)

Communion Hymn: #460 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Service of Communion: Words of institution, consecration and invitation to the table. We share in Christ’s communion.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison) The bread has been broken, the cup has been poured, the meal has been shared. Gracious God, we give thanks for bread for the journey, for your wisdom guiding us along the way. May there be friends to share the road as we dare to dream of creation renewed, and hope in the promise of justice for all. Amen

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): May these offerings help to free your people, O God, from bondage to sin. Unite us in a community of mutual caring in which differences are resolved as we listen to one another and seek to offer understanding. May the light of your love shine through all our efforts to share your good news. Keep us in the light when we are tempted to ignore and violate your commandments. With these prayers, we dedicate our gifts. Amen

Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Hymn: #436 “Freely, Freely”

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell