

# St. Paul United Church of Christ

OAK HARBOR, OHIO

August 30, 2020 – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am

Rev. Dan Sather, Interim Pastor

Rev. Scott Cunningham, Associate Pastor

TIME OF SHARING & CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE: Colleen Barron

## GATHERING THE COMMUNITY FOR WORSHIP

\*OPENING WORDS:

L: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High?

P: **We seek God and God's beloved here.**

L: We who come to be inspired and changed?

P: **We Seek God's Spirit here, who challenges and energizes us.**

L: We who know how little we know

P: **We seek God's Word here, so we might know the One who loved us first. Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN: "As the Deer" vers. 1 & 3 #548

\*GATHERING PRAYER: (unison)

**God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows,  
in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good,  
in the deep of the unknown.**

**We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your  
inspiration.**

**We await the change you have in store for us.**

**Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention.**

**Bring us to you – you who are already with us.**

**Help us to be as you would have us be.**

**Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit,**

**here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayers – Pastoral Prayer-Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: "Hear our Prayer, O Lord" (*vs.1 only*) # 641

Hear our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our Prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

## HEARING & SHARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ann Kersten

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12: 9-21

SERMON: "Perfect Practice, Makes Perfect"

## SENDING FORTH TO PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE

\*PARTING SONG: "They'll Know We Are Christians" #429  
vers. 1 & 4

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (*unison*)

**In your Creation, O God, we stand on the holiest of ground.  
May these gifts be a blessing to all that you have made.  
May the church, organizations and people that receive them act as  
your hands.  
May needs be seen and met, and may the giving fit the need.  
Through Christ, who models infinite giving. Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

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

# 429 They'll Know We Are Christians

By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

*Unison*

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

TEXT: Peter Scholtes; based on John 13:35  
 MUSIC: Peter Scholtes

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# 548 As the Deer

As the deer pants for water, so my soul pants for You. Psalm 42:1

*Harmony optional*

1. As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, So my soul long - eth af - ter Thee.  
 2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er, E - ven though You are a King.  
 3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, On - ly You can sat - is - fy.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.  
 I love You more than an - y oth - er, So much more than an - y - thing.  
 You a - lone are the real joy giv - er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

*Refrain*

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.

TEXT: Martin Nystrom  
 MUSIC: Martin Nystrom

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