

Mission Statement

St. Paul United Methodist Church exists to honor God by making more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 2, 2025
8:30 a.m.

Prelude **For All The Saints** **arr Hayes**

Welcome and Announcements:

***Call to Worship:**
Leader: On this All Saints Day, we remember, O God...
People: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,
Leader: We remember, O God... The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes,
People: the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.
Leader: We remember, O God... The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers,
People: the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.
Leader: We remember, O God... The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,
People: the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection:
Leader: shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living,
People: articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.
Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
People: let us worship God with joy!

***Opening Prayer:**
Leader: Together let us pray.

Unison: Sovereign God, all that we have comes from you. We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voice in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet. Receive the praise we offer, work in us and through us. You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise. Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise: For All the Saints vs. 1,2,3,4 Page 711**
For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Refrain
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. (Refrain)

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victor’s crown of gold. (Refrain)

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. (Refrain)

First Lesson: Romans 5:6-9
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God!
People: Thanks be to God!

Remembering the Saints

Choir Anthem: 10,000 Reasons Myrin/Redman

***The Second Lesson: Romans 10: 13-17**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God!
People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: Rejoice in God’s Saints Page 708**
Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God’s way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray. Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood; our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone’s cross or shoulder their own. They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares; what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: the way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison):
“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.

Sermon: “Faith That Moves You: Witness“ Pastor Mindi Gochnaur

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory My Jesus I Love Thee arr Tornquist

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison): Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose – to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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*Hymn:Forward Though the AgesPage 555

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine; gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight. (Refrain)

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all. Bound by God’s far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. (Refrain)

*The Sending Forth and Benediction

Postlude: The Lord Bless You and Keep You arr Tornquist

*Those who are able please stand.

The altar flowers are in loving memory of
Mr & Mrs W.H. Bietsch & family.

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Dave & Judy Bowers
Worship Leader	Anne Boryan
Head Usher	Verne Strickler

During the service, the nursery is staffed and available for your children on the main floor Sharing room (A9).

Welcome Families with young children! St. Paul UMC values our children. We strive to teach each child who visits with us more about God and Jesus. When you enter the Sanctuary or FLC for church, you will see a white rack in the back of the room. On this rack are “Fruits of the Spirit” cloth bags. Inside each bag is an activity book based on Biblical stories. There is also a small notebook, a pen, and a pack of crayons. Please feel free to borrow one of these Children’s Activity bags for the duration of the church service. When the service ends, we kindly ask you to return all of the materials to the cloth bag and hang the bag back on the white rack before you leave to go home. That way, the bags are there for all children to enjoy. Thank you