

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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8:30 a.m.

When There's Love at Home
by J.H. McNaughton arr. R.C. Wilson

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No. 400

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me
some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debt or daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

First Lesson: Isaiah 53: 4-6

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: **A Two-Part Alleluia** **by Jay Althouse**

***Second Lesson: Luke 15: 11-32**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling No. 348**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain

**Come, home, come home; you who are weary, come; earnestly, tenderly
Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for
me? (Refrain)**

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. (Refrain)

**O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for
me. (Refrain)**

Congregational Prayer

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: “Not Your Grandma’s Bible Stories:
The Prodigal Son”**

Pastor Mindi Gochnaur

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** **arr. L. Smith**

* Congregational Response	No.
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*** Prayer of Dedication (in unison): Radiant God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. As we offer these gifts, we confess our impatience with waiting and our longing for clarity, even when you speak from the cloud. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have**

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/glory-revealed/transfiguration-sunday-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/transfiguration-sunday-year-a-offertory-prayer>

**The altar flowers are in loving memory of Aunt Kate Hartley
from Kim & Oscar Tovar.**

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.