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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St. Paul

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2, 2023 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude (8:30 am) All Glory, Laud, and Honor arr Post (11:00 am) The Palms Faure

* Call to Worship:

Leader: Come Savior of the world and rule within our hearts. **People: Come Lord of Peace and rule within our lands.**

Leader: Come Son of God and let there be shouts of praise and thanksgiving.

People: Come hope of all and may our songs be full of life and joy. Leader: Let us receive the King of Kings into our hearts, homes, and

community.

People: The Lord is our Lord, and we yield all things to His purpose and

glory.

*Opening Prayer (in Unison): King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we celebrate your power and might. We praise Your eternal work and Your active work in our daily living. May this hour of worship honor You in all ways. Help us to hear of Your love, Your power, Your grace and Your presence in our midst. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Page 278 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

First Lesson: Philippians 2: 5 - 11

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: He Comes In The Name Of The Lord by M.K. Beall

Christian Baptism (11:00 am)

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.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21: 1 - 11

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise: Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross Page 301 Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. (Refrain)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain)

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. (Refrain)

Today's Sermon: "It Is Good To Have A Good King" Pastor John Kratz

Offertory (8:30 am) Passion Chorale arr Reger
(11:00 am) Ave Verum Mozart

*Congregational Response

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*Offering Prayer: Tribute, tithes, offerings, acts of service, duty born generosity, and humble yielding of our time and abilities are all ways we acknowledge You as King of Kings. We humbly submit to Your will all that we have and reveal this portion to be a part of all that we offer. May Your will be done through us, through these gifts, and through the power of Your kingdom. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Prayer Following Holy Communion: We give thanks to You God for this blessing of Holy Communion. We know that it is through the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the revelation of Your perfect love, and the hope of the resurrection, that we have received this gift. We give You praise and thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross Page 298

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Benediction

Postlude: (8:30 am) Toccata by Gigout (11:00 am) Trumpet Voluntary Stanley

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

The altar flowers are in memory of Joe and Emma Gotwals given to enhance our worship by Mike and Anne Boryan and family.

Serving in Worship Today 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Greeter Erma Norcross John & Judy Steerman

Worship Leader Joy Weller
Head Usher Gary Dull Jim Carson

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

The Parlor is also available for you to sit with your child and view the service.