

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

April 19, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Prelude **Chorale Prelude on "Christ ist Erstanden"** by L. Smith
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Welcome and Announcements:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us lift up the name of the Lord;

People: And rejoice for God hears our prayers!

Leader: Praise the One who brings healing to our pain;

People: And causes joy to follow the long night of sorrow!

Leader: We will not be silent. We will not still our tongues!

People: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to You forever!

— posted on the Archives section of the Lectionary Sermons website.

***Opening Prayer:**

Leader: Together let us pray.

People: Our hearts are blessed as we gather before You today, O Lord, for you have given us freedom from all our transgressions and joy in exchange for heavy hearts. You are the refuge we seek when we are troubled and the courage we need when we venture into our days. Bless us today with Your steadfast love as we declare our trust in You. Amen.

~ posted on the Archives page of the Lectionary Sermons website. <http://www.lectionarysermons.com/ARCH-W.html>

***Easter Hymn:** **Up from the Grave He Arose** **No. 322**
Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)

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First Lesson: Psalm 34: 17-18

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth by L. Dengler

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***Second Lesson: Matthew 5: 1-10**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: Be Still, My Soul No. 534**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's

purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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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: “#Blessed: The Mourners” Pastor Mindi Gochnaur

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory Come, Ye Disconsolate by S. Webbe arr. A. Whitworth

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***Congregational Response No. 95**

*** Prayer of Dedication (in unison):** Living God, you meet us this day with grace that frees and a Spirit that gives life. You tell us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we cling to that good news with grateful hearts. As we bring these gifts, we set our minds on you—not on fear or self-interest, but on the life and peace you promise. shape us by your Spirit to live generously, to seek the good of our neighbors, and to share in your work of healing and reconciliation. Receive these offerings as signs of our attention being fixed on Christ and our lives opened to your renewing power. We give thanks; we give ourselves, and we trust your Spirit to lead us into abundant life. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: Live It There No.522**

If the world from you withhold of its silver and its gold, and you have to get along with meager fare, just remember in his Word how he feeds the little bird, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

Refrain

Leave it there, leave it there, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. If you trust and never doubt, he will surely bring you out; take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

If your body suffers pain, and your health you can't regain, and your soul is almost sinking in despair, Jesus knows the pain you feel, he can save and he can heal, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. (Refrain)

When your enemies assail, and your heart begins to fail, don't forget that God in heaven answers prayer; he will make a way for you, and will lead you safely through, take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. (Refrain)

When your youthful days are done, and old age is stealing on, and your body bends beneath the weight of care, he will never leave you then, he'll go with you to the end. (Refrain)

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***The Sending Forth and Benediction**

***Postlude: Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul**
by J. W. Peterson arr. H. DeCou

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***Those who are able please stand.**

The altar flowers are to the Glory of God.

Serving in Worship Today

**Greeter
Worship Leader
Head Usher**

**Barb & Chris Buhrman
Judy Walter
Gary Dull**

**Worship Resources: CCLI #1518856, Streaming #20211595, umcdiscipleship.org,
re-worship.blogspot.com**

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.