

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

June 9, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude **Prelude in C** **Callahan**

***Call to Worship: Psalm 23 (Response 2)** **Page 754**

***Opening Prayer (in Unison): Heavenly Father, gather us safely to Your care and mercy. Guide us in the ways of righteousness for our protection and faithful service. Instruct us with Your holy word and lead us through the valleys and mountains by Your sustaining Spirit. We ask these blessings in this hour of worship in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: We Gather Together Page 131**
We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-8

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: How Long Has It Been? arr Bock

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: John 10: 1-18

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Second Hymn: God Will Take Care of You Page 130

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you; nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

Today's Sermon: "Gentleness" Rev. John Kratz

Offertory My Faith Looks Up To Thee arr Smith

*Congregational Response

No. 94

*Offering Prayer: God of All, we know that there are lost children in this world of all ages and types. We know Your comforting grace awaits them and the salvation of their souls is afforded to them in Christ's name. Bless these tithes and offerings that they would be used to comfort the afflicted and care for the hurt. May these gifts be a witness to the world of Your holy love. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: He Leadeth Me Page 128

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.
(Refrain)

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. (Refrain)

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.
(Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name arr Peeters

*Please stand if you able.

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 flowers are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. H. Lester Diller
by their children.**

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter

Worship Leader

Head Usher

Brenda Bailey

Helen Oyer

Gary Dull

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.