

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 13, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude

**Palm Sunday Festival
Handbells**

arr Helman

*Call to Worship:

Leader: All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King.

Unison: To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Leader: Thou art the King of Israel, Thou, David's royal Son.

Unison: Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

*Opening Prayer:

Leader: Together let us pray.

Unison: O God, whose dearly beloved Son was greeted by the crowd on Olivet with hallelujahs, but who in that same week was mocked as he went lonely to the Cross, forbid that our welcome to him should be in words alone. Help us, we beg you, to keep the road open for him into our hearts; and let him find there not another crucifixion, but love and loyalty in which his kingdom may be established evermore. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)

The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply (Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)

Reception of New Members

William & Susan Ellis

The First Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem:

A Two-Part Alleluia

arr Althouse

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 19: 28-40

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, the Little Children Sang 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 waxing, 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 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!

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:

“The Seduction of the Palms”

Pastor Candy Arnold

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory

Passion Chorale

arr J.S. Bach

* Congregational Response

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* Prayer of Dedication (in unison): God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Hymn:

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, given thanks and sing.
Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes
upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. (Refrain)**

**Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go; from youth to age,
by night and day, in gladness and in woe. (Refrain)**

**At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find
their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)**

**Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. (Refrain)**

***The Sending Forth and Benediction:**

Postlude:	Toccata	Gigout
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***Those who are able please stand.**

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 loving memory of their parents
by Kathy McKenzie and Sam Brand.**

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Brenda Bailey
Worship Leader	Pat McCulloh

Head Usher **Gary Dull**

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