

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 28, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude **The Ash Grove** **arr Wood**

***Call to Worship: Psalm 22: 25-31** **Page 752**

***Opening Prayer (in Unison): Almighty Creator, You have made all things and are Lord of all. Nothing is outside of Your power or greatness. Help us to trust in these days of conflict and strife in Your peace that passes human understanding. May the spirit of peace in Christ reign in this time of worship and in our hearts. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: Christ is the World's Light** **Page 188**
Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other; born in our darkness, he became our brother. If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other; no one can serve him, and despise another. Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other; sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother; he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father; give God the glory, God with us, my brother: Glory to God on high!

New Testament Lesson: Philippians 4: 4-9

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Handbell Choir: Lord of Glory arr Geschke

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 14: 25-29

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Second Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth Page 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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

Offertory Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr Miller

*Congregational Response No. 94

*Offering Prayer: God of peace and joy, we give You praise. Through these tithes and offerings may You be glorified. May the peace of Christ be shared by the people of Christ. Help us to be agents of Your holy will and divine

purposes and may these offerings be used in accordance with that will. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal Page 580

Let on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning wher-e'er thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Benediction

Postlude: Sortie by Bedard

*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

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Laura Buehler
Worship Leader	Marla Weber
Head Usher	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.