

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

May 3, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Prelude Heavenly Sunlight by G.H. Cook arr. M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements:

*Call to Worship:

Leader: All you who are thirsty,

People: come drink from the waters of life!

Leader: All you who are weary,

People: come bathe, be refreshed in God's river!

Leader: All you who long for peace,

People: come rest in the clear, silent pools of God's love!

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*Opening Prayer:

Leader: Together let us pray.

People: God of our hearts...here we are! We've come with thirsty hearts, praying that your Word will satisfy us. We come with aching hearts, praying for good news to comfort us. We come with overflowing hearts, praying for a chance to share your love. You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers, be with us now in this hour of worship. Amen.

~ written by Carol Penner. Posted on the Leading in Worship blog.

*Hymn: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise No. 312
Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies,
Alleluia! Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia! Reascends his native
heaven, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates,
Alleluia! Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of
glory in, Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia! Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

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First Lesson: Isaiah 55: 1-2

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Bible Presentation Grades 2-5

Choir Anthem: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
by C. Winkworth & S. Gesangbuch, arr. B. Bacon

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

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn:** Fill My Cup, Lord (2x) No. 641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want nor more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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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 Seekers of Justice” Pastor Mindi Gochnaur

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory Lord, I Want to Be A Christian arr. A.C. Whitworth

***Congregational Response**

No. 95

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison): Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. as Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today-not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them-to remind the world that Christ's story abides in us. May your Spirit strengthen us to live what we give and give what we believe. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us. Amen.

Holy Communion

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***Closing Hymn:** Let Us Break Bread Together (vs. 1-3) No. 618

Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

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***The Sending Forth and Benediction**

***Postlude: Rigadoun with Come, Christians, Join to Sing
by A. Campra & B. Carr**

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

**The altar flowers are in loving memory of Gordon Buehler (father)
by Laura Buehler.**

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Dave & Judy Bowers
Worship Leader	Pam West
Head Usher	Verne Strickler

**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.