

## 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 4, 2023

8:30 a.m.

### Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude

Praise To The Lord

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### \* Call to Worship:

Leader: Almighty God, you are the Creator and through You all life has taken shape.

**People: In Your creation Lord, we see order, detail, renewal and life abundant.**

Leader: Above all of creation God has set us as stewards and caretakers.

**People: Above all of human existence we know God has created, especially giving thanks for each other.**

Leader: Let us now give thanks for all that God has created, especially giving thanks for each other.

**People: We worship now the One who was, who is, and who is to come. Amen.**

**\*Opening Prayer (in Unison) Almighty God, the world sees people by their differences and often labels or categorizes people by those differences. Yet we know in Your love we are all children and are all loved by You. Help us now to shun the divisiveness of this world to seek unity in the Spirit of truth and grace that You sent upon us. Amen.**

\* Apostle's Creed

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\*Opening Hymn:

We Believe in One True God

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**We believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, ever present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host; by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, who descended from his throne and for us salvation won; by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin's misery.**

**We confess the Holy Ghost, who from both for e'er proceeds; who upholds and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs. Blest and Holy Trinity, praise forever be to thee!**

**Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Anthem: Every Time I Hear The Spirit**

**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: Matthew 28: 16-20**

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Praise: Come Down, O Love Divine Page 475**  
**Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place where in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

**Today's Sermon: "To The End..." Rev. John Kratz**

**Offertory Tis The Church Triumphant arr Ferguson**

**\*Congregational Response No. 94**

**\*Offering Prayer: O God, please use these gifts and us as givers, for Your kingdom's work and growth. Help us to reach out in love and fellowship to others and invite them into forgiveness and grace in Jesus' name. We humbly submit these gifts for Your work and will to be done. Amen.**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Prayer Following Holy Communion: Life you have given creator God. Life you have redeemed Savior and Lord. Life You strengthen and empower flowing Spirit. Life You will carry into eternity, and we trust our lives to that promise. All praise, glory, majesty, and honor belong to You God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: Take Time To Be Holy Page 395**  
**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alonge. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**

**Take time to be holy, let him by thy guide, and run not before him, whatever be tide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**

