

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

March 29, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Prelude

On the Way to Jerusalem
by J.H. Maunder arr. E.J. Lorenz

Welcome and Announcements:

*Call to Worship:

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Leader: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

People: Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna! Save Us, O God. Hosanna!

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Opening Prayer:

Leader: Together let us pray.

People: Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalem's of this world. As we worship this showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 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 waving, 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 our 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!

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First Lesson: Luke 19:28-40

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

Handbell Choir Anthem: Festal Fanfare on “Darwall’s 148th by S.E. Rogers

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***Second Lesson: John 14:1-14**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: Hallelujah! What a Savior No. 165**
Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood; sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he; full atonement can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry; now in heaven exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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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: “I AM: The Way, Truth and Life “ Pastor Mindi Gochnaur

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory Theme from “The Holy City” by Stephen Adams arr. Ethel Smith

* Congregational Response No. 95

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison): Humble Savior, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation—calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don’t always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kingdom—where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us. Amen.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/journeys-end-a-new-start/palm-passion-sunday-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/palm-passion-sunday-year-a-offertory-prayer>

*Closing Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor No. 280

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 before thee went; 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)

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***The Sending Forth and Benediction**

***Postlude: Lead On, O King Eternal by H. Smart arr. H. DeCou**

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

The altar flowers are celebration of the March 30th wedding anniversary of Daryl & Diane Mackey.

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Helen Oyer
Worship Leader	Barry Thomas
Head Usher	Dave Bowers

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.