

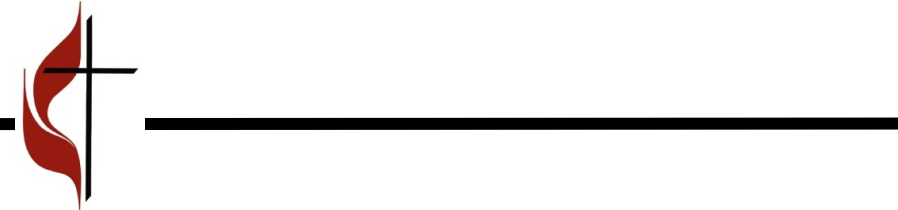
Mission Statement

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

January 28, 2024
8:30 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude **Sing Praise To God** **arr Harmon**

***Call to Worship: Psalm 146 (Sung Responsively)** **Page 858**

***Opening Prayer (in Unison): God of grace and glory. We thank You that You judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly in faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust You and follow where You lead, that in Christ Your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken Page 145**
Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 22: 2-3; Proverbs 16:9
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Handbell Choir: For The Beauty Of The Earth arr Christensen

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 7: 24-27**
 Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
 People: Thanks be to God.

***Second Hymn: My Hope Is Built Page 368**
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

Today’s Sermon: “A House Built On Rock” Kevin Phillips

Offertory My Faith Looks Up To Thee by Mason

***Congregational Response No. 94**

***Offering Prayer: Gracious God, You provide hope for our future. We join together in unison prayer knowing that You act as a loving parent who calms our worries and fears. You consistently give us truth unclouded by the good that You work in our hearts. Multiply these tithes and offerings so our hearts and actions reflect Your love. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen. (Jeremiah 23: 1-6)**

***Closing Hymn: Go Tell It On The Mountain Page 251**
Refrain
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude: Jubilation by Payne

***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

The flowers are

.

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Laura Buehler
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).
The Parlor is also available for you to sit with your child and view the service.