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

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude The God of Abraham Praise arr Burkhardt

*Call to Worship:

Leader: The church of our risen Lord is called to be a fellowship of people who

love one another as Christ loves us.

People: We need help knowing how to love as Jesus did.

Leader: But it is that kind of love that proves to others we are Christ's disciples.

People: It is our desire to follow our Lord's commandment to give

ourselves to each other in love.

*Opening Prayer:

Unison: Compassionate Lord, whose Son gave himself unselfishly to his followers and commanded his followers to love one another int he same way: Instill in us a genuine love for one another that our world may be convinced we are disciples of Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: Jesus Loves Me Page 191
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (Refrain)

First Lesson: Acts 14: 8-18

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: Holy Ground Larson

*Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (insert) We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

We'll work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

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.

Sermon: "Jesus Loves Us This We Know" The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Yeun

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory Great is Thy Faithfulness arr Miller

* Congregational Response

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* Prayer of Dedication (in unison): As the first fruits of your new creation in Jesus Christ, may your good Spirit lead us to give what is pleasing in your sight, so that people, seeing the good work accomplished by the church, may glorify you in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn: Blest Be The Tie That Binds Page 557
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*The Sending Forth and Benediction

Postlude: The Rejoicing by Fedak

Depart to Serve

*Those who are able please stand.

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 altar flowers are in honor of Doris Yoder's May 20 birthday by Arlene Spicher.

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter Barb & Chris Buhrman

Worship Leader Helen Oyer
Head Usher Verne Strickler

During the service, the nursery is staffed and available for your children on the main floor Sharing room (A9).