

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

July 14, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude **Trumpet Voluntary** **Clarke**

***Call to Worship: Psalm 24** **Page 755**

***Opening Prayer (in Unison): Almighty God, this world is not fair and we often call out for justice. We see the poor and needy, children and youth, aged and infirm all used for others' advantage and gain. Help us to not lose faith. Help us to persevere and remain strong, whatever the cost. Help us love and live as Your holy people. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus** **Page 526**
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: **Softly and Tenderly**
 Jim Bruckart, trombone

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: Mark 6: 14-29

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Second Hymn: **Amazing Grace v. 1, 2, 5, 6** **Page 378**
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

“Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Today's Sermon: "From Celebration to Humiliating Death" Rev. John Kratz

Offertory Meditation Bedard

*Congregational Response

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*Offering Prayer: Almighty Father, help us to commit all of our life's journey and all of our resources to Your holy will. Help us through this act of offering learn not to trust to our own financial or personal strength. Help us to be humble servants for Your kingdom's work. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: **Whom Shall I Send? Page 582**
Whom shall I send? our Maker cries; and many, when they hear God's voice, are sure where their vocation lies; but many shrink from such a choice.

For who can serve a God so pure, or claim to speak in such a name, while doubt makes every step unsure, and self confuses every aim?

And yet, believing god who calls knows what we are and still may be, our past defeats, our future falls, we dare to answer: Lord, send me!

Those who are called God purifies, and daily gives us strength to bend our thoughts, our skills, our energies, and life itself to this one end.

Benediction

Postlude: **Hornpipe Dixon**

*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 loving memory of Barbara Ann Strayer
by Richard Strayer & Family.**

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Brenda Bailey
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.