

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 22, 2025
8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude	Prelude in G Major	J.S. Bach
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***Call to Worship:**
Leader: As we have been baptized into Christ,
Unison: We are clothed with Christ.
Leader: And if we belong to Christ,
Unison: Then we are Abraham’s offspring
Leader: And heirs according to the promise.
Unison: Thanks be to God..

***Opening Prayer:**
Leader: Together let us pray.
Unison: Holy god, there is much that tries to separate us from one another. Creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let the refrain: “There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” guide us with every step. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** The Church of Christ, in Every Age Page 589
The church of Christ, in every age beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church longs to be a partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and clothed in Christ’s humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord, to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

First Lesson: Psalm 42

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God!
People: Thanks be to God!

Handbell Choir: As The Deer arr S. Geschke

***The Epistle Lesson: Galatians 3: 23-29**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!
People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: In Christ There is No East or West Page 548**
In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free; both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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: “Putting On“ Christ Pastor Candy Arnold

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory Folk Tune P. Whitlock

*** Congregational Response Page 95**

*** Prayer of Dedication (in unison):** Gracious and transforming God, you clothe us in grace and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live into Christ’s vision of your beloved community. Baptized into your peace and justice, may we shed old divisions and embrace the unity you intend for all people. Use these offerings to build bridges, mend hearts, and proclaim that in Christ, all are one-equal, cherished, and free. May our giving reflect the boundless love you pour into us. We pray this in the name of the one who makes us whole. Amen.

***Hymn: We Are the Church Page 558**

Refrain

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes’ we’re the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. (Refrain)

We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. (Refrain)

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it’s bravely burning, sometimes it’s riding, sometimes hiding, always it’s learning. (Refrain)

And when the people gather, there’s singing and there’s praying, there’s laughing and there’s crying sometimes, all of it saying: (Refrain)

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. (Refrain)

*The Sending Forth and Benediction

Postlude: Fanfare N. Lemmens

*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 memory of loved ones lost
by Dru, Kelsey & Leo Miller.**

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Laura Buehler
Worship Leader	Barry Thomas
Head Usher	Dave Bowers

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