

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

September 25, 2022
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude (8:30 am)
(11:00 am)

How Wondrous and Great
Children's Medley

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*Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: We gather as created, redeemed and encouraged people of God.

Leader: Let us reflect upon all the ways God has shaped and blessed us.

People: May we be open to the leading of God to be renewed and empowered.

Leader: In this hour, let us pray for God to transform our hearts and minds..

People: In the days ahead, may we live as God's own people for God's own purpose.

***Opening Prayer: (in Unison): God of All, we confess that we have not lived as You would have us live. We have not loved as You would have us love. Help us, change and transform us to a holy people who boldly share the love You have revealed through Jesus Christ. Help us provoke one another to witness, evangelism, service, mission, and sacrifice for Your kingdom's work. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn:

Victory in Jesus

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I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. (Refrain)

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. (Refrain)

First Lesson: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Sweet Hour of Prayer
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: Luke 16: 19-31

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise: Amazing Grace

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: "Even if" Pastor John Kratz

The Affirmation of Our Stewardship

Offertory(8:30 am) I Heard the Voice of Jesus arr Wood
(11:00 am) In Times Like These

*Congregational Response No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication:
We thank You God for all the blessings of our lives. We thank You for freedom of country and freedom of spirit. We thank You for blessings of life, food, family, friends, comforts, and pastimes. We are a blessed people who give these tithes and offerings with request You bless them for the sake of others. May others come to know of Your love and joy through these offerings. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Trust and Obey Page 467
When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. (Refrain)

But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. (Refrain)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. (Refrain)

Benediction

**Postlude (8:30 am)
(11:00 am)**

Grand Choer

by Dubois

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 memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Bietsch and family.

<u>Serving in Worship Today</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Greeter	Sue McGee	Linda Strickler
Visitors Desk		
Head Usher	Gary Dull	Verne Strickler

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.