

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 28, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Prelude

At The Lord's Table

by R.R. Peery

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Welcome and Announcements:

*Call to Worship:

Leader: People of God, open your ears!

People: Come and celebrate the story of our God,

Leader: a story of compassion and mercy, of redemption and love;

People: a story passed down from generation to generation,

Leader: so that God's people never forget

People: the wonderful things our God has done!

Leader: Let's praise God together!

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/contemporary-call-psalm-78-1-4.html>

*Opening Prayer:

Leader: Together let us pray.

People: Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity; let us greet strangers as angels you have sent! Send your Spirit now so that we may find a place at your table and welcome others with radical hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

~ written by Rev. Christopher Ney, and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-15.html>

*Hymn of Praise:

We Gather Together

No. 131

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

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First Lesson: Matthew 28: 18-20

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Men's Chorus There is to All Things a Season by D.L. Janse

***Second Lesson: Luke 14: 15-24**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast No. 616**

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest. Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all human kind.

Do not begin to make excuse; ah! do not you his grace refuse; your wordly cares and pleasures leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.

Come and partake the gospel feast, be saved from sin, in Jesus rest; O taste the goodness of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.

See him set forth before your eyes; behold the bleeding sacrifice; his offered love make haste to embrace, and freely now be saved by grace.

Ye who believe his record true shall sup with him and he with you; come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in.

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Congregational Prayer

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: “Coming in Close: A Banquet”

Pastor Mindi Gochnaur

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory My Shepherd Will Supply My Need by D. Wood

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*Congregational Response

No. 95

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison): Faithful Provider, we bring our gifts with trembling hands and trusting hearts. Like Abraham on the mountain, we don't always understand the path ahead, but we believe in your promise: that you will provide. We offer these gifts, not as bargains or sacrifices to earn your love, but as signs of our trust in you. Use them, we pray, to bless others-to meet needs, to heal hurts, to build hope. And as you provide for the world through us, keep us faithful to your calling, even when the way is unclear. May our giving be our “Here I am,” ready and willing to serve. In Christ's name, Amen.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/forming-a-family-preparing-a-people/week-4-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-4-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-offertory-prayer>

*Closing Hymn:

Go, Make of All Disciples

No. 571

“Go, make of all disciples.” We hear the call, O Lord, that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer, and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

Sharing room (A9).

“Go, make of all disciples,” baptizing in the name of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same. We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord, redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

“Go, make of all disciples.” We at thy feet would stay until each life’s vocation accents thy holy way. We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart, revealing in our witness the master teacher’s art.

“Go, make of all disciples.” We welcome thy command. “Lo, I am with you always.” We take thy guiding hand. The task looms large before us; we follow without fear; in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God’s kingdom here.

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***The Sending Forth and Benediction**

***Postlude: With Thankful Hearts by B. Frick**
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***Those who are able please stand.**

The altar flowers are in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mark and Susan Holmes on June 26.

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Laura Buehler
Worship Leader	Judy Walter
Head Usher	Dave Bowers

Worship Resources: CCLI #1518856, Streaming #20211595, umcdiscipleship.org, re-worship.blogspot.com

During the service, the nursery is staffed and available for your children on the main floor

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.