

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

May 22, 2022

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

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

Hymn Tune "Kingsfold"
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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*Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather together to worship the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

People: We gather to worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Counselor.

Leader: May we hear with spiritual insight and understanding.

People: May the noise of the world subside so that we may hear the whisper of God.

Leader: May the Spirit lead and direct us in this service of worship.

People: May the Spirit lead and direct us in our services of mission and ministry.

***Opening Prayer: (in Unison): God of All, help us to hear and understand. Help us to listen with spiritual ears and see others through Your eyes of love. Move Your Holy Spirit among us we pray that Your will would be done within our hearts and through our hands and voices. By the power of Your Spirit we seek this time to be true and righteous worship. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Page 121**
There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**Anthem: He Is Able to Deliver Thee Ogden
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: John 14:23-29

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn of Praise: Jesus Calls Us v. 1, 3, 5 Page 398
Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me!"**

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Today's Sermon: "About Listening" Pastor James Fox

The Affirmation of Our Stewardship

**Offertory (8:30 am) Prelude in E Minor by J.S. Bach
(11:00 am) Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

***Congregational Response No. 95**

***Prayer of Dedication:**

To You and You alone Almighty God we yield these tithes and offerings. Use them we ask in Jesus name that others would hear Your voice, follow Your call, and give their lives for all eternity into Your care. Bless these gifts and the givers with Your Spirit of power and grace we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart v. 1, 3, 5 Page 500
Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King? All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind. I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the kindling of the heaven descended Dove, my heart and altar, and thy love the flame.

Benediction

Postlude (8:30am) The Rejoicing arr Callahan

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 loving memory of their daughters,
Dawn & Danielle by Bob & Shirley Seibert**

<u>Serving in Worship Today</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m. Service</u>
Greeter	Sue McGee	Judy Steerman
Head Usher	Gary Dull	Jim Carson

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.