

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 10, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Prelude

Day is Dying in the West

by W. F. Sherman arr N. Johnson

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Welcome and Announcements:

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us praise God together in the company of his gathered people.

People: For the works of our God are unparalleled.

Leader: Everything He does reveals His glory and majesty.

People: Our God is full of grace and mercy, and his righteousness never fails.

Leader: So come and worship, all you who revere the Lord,

People: for reverence and awe is the foundation of true wisdom.

*Opening Prayer:

Leader: Together let us pray.

People: God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your spirit in our lives. Help us follow you as you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.

—written by Robert Blezard on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website.

*Hymn: Happy the Home When God Is There No. 445
Happy the home when God is there, and love fills every breast; when one
their wish, and one their prayer, and one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name is sweet to every ear; where children early speak his fame, and parents hold him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard, and praise is wont to rise; where parents love the sacred Word and all its wisdom prize.

Lord, let us in our homes agree this blessed peace to gain; unite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign.

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First Lesson: Hosea 6: 6-7

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Mission Moment: Holy Cows

Special Music: Faith of Our Mothers Mens Chorus
by A.B. Patten & H. Hemy, arr. G. Shappell

***Second Lesson: Matthew 5: 1-10**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness No. 140**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not, as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

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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: “#Blessed: The Merciful” Pastor Mindi Gochnaur

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory Songs My Mother Taught Me
by A. Dvorak arr E.J. Lorenz

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***Congregational Response No. 95**

*** Prayer of Dedication (in unison):** Loving God, you are never far from us, you are as close as our breathing. We recognize you as the one who heals the wounded spirit and gives new life to the broken hearted. We offer these gifts to You, O God, as a sign of our commitment to Your grace and authority. Take us and use us and all that we have, so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be realized on earth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

— written by Richard J. Fairchild, on his Kir-shalom website.

***Closing Hymn: There's Within My Heart a Melody No. 380**

There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low: Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, discord filled my heart with pain; Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumbering chords again. (Refrain)

Though sometimes he leads through waters deep, trials fall across the way, though sometimes the path seems rough and steep, see his footprints all the way. (Refrain)

Feasting on the riches of his grace, resting neath his sheltering wing, always looking on his smiling face, that is why I shout and sing. (Refrain)

Soon he's coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky; I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown; I shall reign with him on high. (Refrain)

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***The Sending Forth and Benediction**

***Postlude: And Can It Be? by T. Campbell arr H. DeCou
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***Those who are able please stand.**

**The altar flowers are in loving memory of Larry & Louise Nessel
by Judy Knepper & Nancy Gaal & families.**

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Brenda Bailey
Worship Leader	Helen Oyer
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 Sharing room (A9).

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.