

## Mission Statement

St. Paul United Methodist Church exists to honor God by making more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### Church Ministry Staff

Pastor	<a href="mailto:pastor@stpaulchambersburg.com">pastor@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Rev. John Kratz
Media Director	<a href="mailto:media@stpaulchambersburg.com">media@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Wes Mayer
Facility Care	<a href="mailto:facilities@stpaulchambersburg.com">facilities@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Phillip Fulmer
Director Children's Ministry	<a href="mailto:children@stpaulchambersburg.com">children@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Cindy Bowen
Organist	<a href="mailto:organist@stpaulchambersburg.com">organist@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Doug McCulloh
Praise Team Leader	<a href="mailto:praiseteam@stpaulchambersburg.com">praiseteam@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Grace Dull
Finance Office	<a href="mailto:finance@stpaulchambersburg.com">finance@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Tricia Bush
Office Support	<a href="mailto:caring@stpaulchambersburg.com">caring@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Darlene Coldsmith
Office Manager	<a href="mailto:office@stpaulchambersburg.com">office@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Lisa Morrow
Custodian	<a href="mailto:steward@stpaulchambersburg.com">steward@stpaulchambersburg.com</a>	Kayce Foor
Sunday Morning Nursery		Valicia Eger

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 750 Norland Ave.,  
Chambersburg, PA. 17201 : 717-267-3085

Email: [office@stpaulchambersburg.com](mailto:office@stpaulchambersburg.com)

Web address: [www.stpaulchambersburg.com](http://www.stpaulchambersburg.com)

Facebook Account: St. Paul UMC, Chambersburg

Instagram Account: @stpaulchurch

YouTube: St. Paul Chambersburg



# S t . P a u l

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 5, 2024

8:30 a.m.

### Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr Swann

### \*Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather to worship the Lord who is patient and kind.

**People: We gather to praise God who is slow to anger but who abounds in steadfast love.**

Leader: Let us honor God by loving one another as revealed through His holy word.

**People: Let our worship be in truth, love, grace, and joy.**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts with love, joy, peace, and patience.

**People: Come Holy Spirit and fill our minds with wisdom and understanding.**

**\*Opening Prayer (in Unison): God of grace and mercy, we confess that we have tried Your patience with our hardness of hearts to the cries of the needy and the groans of the next generation. We seek Your forgiving grace to cleanse us from unrighteousness and to move us to places of grace with others. May the love You give us renew our love for one another. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Page 496

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his work, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

**New Testament Lesson: Romans 12: 9-21**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**Choir Anthem: It Is Well With My Soul John Ness Beck  
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 8: 4-15**

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**\*Second Hymn: Near to The Heart Of God Page 472  
There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God; a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.**

**Refrain**

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.**

**There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God; a place where we are Savior meet, near to the heart of God. (Refrain)**

**There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God; a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. (Refrain)**

**Today's Sermon: "Patience" Rev. John Kratz**

**Offertory Meditation arr Portland**

**\*Congregational Response No. 94**

**\*Offering Prayer: All good flows from You gracious Lord. We give as You have first given. We love as You first have loved us. We ask Your blessing upon these tithes and offerings that Your goodness would be praised and Your love revealed to all people. Amen.**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Prayers Following Holy Communion: The power of Your forgiveness You revealed through the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ for us. The depth of Your love overwhelms our sensibilities and understanding. So we bring praise. Praise of song and worship, praise of humble hearts and willing hands we give to You Creator and Redeemer. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: Be Still, My Soul Page 534**

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious**

**shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:**

**Touata**

**Dubois**

**\*Please stand if you able.**

**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 flowers are in honor of Hayley & Hunter's wedding on May 11  
by the Dull Family.**

**Serving in Worship Today**

**Greeter**

**Erma Norcross**

**Worship Leader  
Head Usher**

**Chris Buhrman  
Gary Dull**

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.