

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

March 1, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Prelude The Old Rugged Cross by G. Bennard arr. D. Wood

Welcome and Announcements:

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

People: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you, O God. My soul waits for You.

People: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

Leader: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning:

People: We hunger for the bread of Jesus, the bread of life, and we thirst for you, O God.

~ from Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God, written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater. Posted on the United Church of Christ website. <http://uccfiles.com/>

*Opening Prayer:

Leader: Together let us pray.

People: We praise you, O God, for the meaning that you give to our lives in and through Jesus. He is the sign of your deep and everlasting love for the world and we rejoice in his promise to sustain us with his life. We praise

you for filling our emptiness with his goodness. May our worship and praise express our thanks, O God, for your gift to us of the true bread from heaven- Jesus Christ, your Son, our living Lord. Amen.

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

***Hymn of Praise: I Stand Amazed in the Presence No. 371**
I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweatdrops of blood for mine. (Refrain)

In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light to comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night. (Refrain)

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own; he bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. (Refrain)

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me. (Refrain)

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8: 2-5

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem: "Let Us Break Bread Together" Spiritual arr. J. Althouse

***Second Lesson: John 6:32-40**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart No. 629**

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (Refrain)

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. (Refrain)

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? (Refrain)

The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell; whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (Refrain)

You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. (Refrain)

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: "I AM: The Bread of Life" Pastor Mindi Gochnaur

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory Lenten Meditation on "Rockingham Old" by S.E. Saxton

* Congregational Response
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* Prayer of Dedication (in unison): Faithful God of New Beginnings, you call us – as you called Abraham – to trust in what we cannot yet see, to follow where you lead, even when the road is unclear. In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace, not condemnation. As Nicodemus discovered, your love is not earned but freely given. Receive now these gifts we offer – not as payment or proof, but as signs of our belief, our hope, and our gratitude. Use them to share your transforming love with a world still searching in the dark. In the name of your Son, given in love, we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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*Closing Hymn: **God Be With You Till We Meet Again** **No. 672**
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you, smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

*The Sending Forth and Benediction

*Postlude: **His Eye is On the Sparrow** by C.H. Gabriel arr. H. DeCou
*Those who are able please stand.

**The altar flowers are in loving memory of Harold Gabler Jr.
by Vita Gabler.**

Serving in Worship Today

**Greeter
Worship Leader
Head Usher**

**Dave & Judy Bowers
Linda Strickler
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.