

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

January 23, 2022
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude: **We Three Kings** **Patti Drennam**
Joyce Mentzer & John Angle, piano duet

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We worship our Father in Heaven, creator of all that is good.

People: Like children we seek to learn and grow in understanding, yet falter at times.

Leader: We worship our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ who gave himself for us.

People: As forgiven and freed people we seek to honor the gift Christ gave.

Leader: We worship in the Spirit of the living God, the Holy Spirit directs our path.

People: May the Holy Spirit lead us into understanding and faithfulness in all we do.

***Opening Prayer: (in Unison): We give You thanks Almighty God for Your ever-loving presence and guidance. Help us in this hour to honor You with our hearts and minds focused on Your will and ways. Enlighten us by the work of Your Spirit to see Your kingdom in our midst, to know Your decrees and righteousness, and to trust in Your love and mercy. Give us courage to live boldly as citizens of Your Kingdom. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: Blessed Assurance Page 369**
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a fore taste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

Old Testament Lesson: Ephesians 2: 1-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Send the Light C.H. Gabriel

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: Matthew 5: 16-26

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise: O Jesus, I Have Promised Page 396

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmur of self will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

Today's Sermon: "Above and Beyond" Pastor John Kratz

The Affirmation of Our Stewardship

Offertory

Congregational Response No. 95

***Prayer of Dedication:**

Truly God all the good we have is a blessing from above. We give You thanks and praise for all the blessings in our lives of love, joy, peace, finance, strength, hope, and above all mercy in Jesus name. Bless these tithes and offerings we ask in Jesus name so that others would come to be faithful people in Your holy Kingdom. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: A Charge to Keep I Have Page 413**

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care, as in thy sight to live, and oh, thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give!

Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely, assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.

Benediction

Postlude

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 to the Glory of God.

Serving in Worship Today 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Service

Greeter	Joyce Mentzer	Mattie Barr
Head Usher	Gary Dull	Verne Strickler

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.