

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

Christian Family Sunday

May 11, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude **For the Beauty of the Earth** **arr Bish**

*Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather here out of our love for God; let us not forget the importance of our love for one another.

People: Love is patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude.

Leader: If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost.

People: You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.

Leader: Let us be mindful of our love relationship with others. Let us express our love for God through our words of praise and song.

*Opening Prayer:

Unison: O God, Creator and Father of us all, Who has planned that we should dwell together in homes and families: grant that we may bring about love and harmony within our families, so we can share in the joys of human comradeship and be a blessing to each other, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Page 89**
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

First Lesson: I Corinthians 13

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Lord of the Small Lis Yeun by Dan Forrest

Mission Minute: Vacation Bible School Cindy Bowen

***Gospel Lesson: John 13:34-35**

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn:** Happy the Home When God is There Page 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.

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.

Sermon: "Love Never Fails" The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Yeun

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory Be Thou My Vision arr Wood

*** Congregational Response** Page 95

*** Prayer of Dedication (in unison):** Your love almighty God compels us to give more freely of our resources of time, treasures, and talent. Bless these gifts we pray for others to see Your kindness in us, Your love in us, and Your Spirit within us. Help us through this act of giving become committed to sharing Your salvation message with all. Amen.

***Hymn:** Love Divine, All Love Excelling Page 384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing,

