



**Mission Minute:** Hungry Hearts Mike Boryan

**Special Music:** Carry Me by S. Mizell & S. Krippayne  
Eileen Flenner, Voice

**\*Second Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

**\*Hymn:** Freely, Freely No. 389

**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:** “Therefore” Rev. Rick Noll

**The Affirmation of our Stewardship**

**Offertory** Everlasting Arms by A. Showalter arr. C. Tornquist

**\*Congregational Response** No. 95

**\* Prayer of Dedication (in unison):** Living God, you meet us this day with grace that frees and a Spirit that gives life. You tell us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we cling to that good news with grateful hearts. As we bring these gifts, we set our minds on you—not on fear or self-interest, but on the life and peace you promise. Shape us by your Spirit to live generously, to seek the good of our neighbors, and to share in your work of healing and reconciliation. Receive these offerings as signs of our attention being fixed on Christ and our lives opened to your renewing

power. We give thanks; we give ourselves, and we trust your Spirit to lead us into abundant life. Amen (Romans 8: 1-11)

**\*Closing Hymn:** Victory in Jesus No. 370

**\*The Sending Forth and Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** Sunday Joy by M. Hayes

**\*Those who are able please stand.**

**The altar flowers are in loving memory of Barb & Dick Strayer.**

**Serving in Worship Today**

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Brenda Bailey</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Barry Thomas</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Gary Dull</b>

**Worship Resources:** CCLI #1518856, Streaming #20211595, [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org), [re-worship.blogspot.com](http://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.