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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St. Paul
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 4, 2024
8:30 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring** **arr Virgil Fox**

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.
People: The Lord has already blessed us in many and myriad ways.
Leader: We gather together to give praise through word and song.
People: May our praise be through this time of worship and through our loving service to God.
Leader: To God be the glory.
People: To God be the honor and praise in all our ways through all our days. Amen.

***Opening Prayer (in Unison): Dear Lord Jesus, You are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. We confess that we have failed to bring You our celebrations and our worries. We have failed to pray for others as we want others to care for us. Help us in this hour to trust You more, to commit to You more, to honor You above all else in our lives. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing v. 1, 3, 5, 7 Page 57**
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 8

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: He Has Time by Lister
Women's Choir

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.

Offertory Meditation on "Praise to the Lord" arr Callahan

***Congregational Response No. 94**

***Offering Prayer: Creator, Savior, and Holy God, everything good that we know or hold on to is a gift from You. All our blessings flow from Your throne of grace. We joyfully give for Your glory and holy will to be done. Amen.**

***Gospel Lesson: John 3: 11-21**

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Second Hymn: This is My Father's World Page 144**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that thought the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should be heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Sermon: "But" Rev. John Kratz

Celebration of Holy Communion

Prayer Following Holy Communion: Savior and Lord, You have given us life and love, forgiveness through Your abundant grace, and hope through Your Holy Spirit. We praise You for this blessed gift of Holy Communion and seek to live as those who love others in Your name. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: I Am Thine, O Lord Page 419**

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! (Refrain)

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude: Toccata by Widor

***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 & appreciation to Pastor Kratz, the staff & volunteers of St. Paul UMC from the congregation.

<u>Serving in Worship Today</u>

Greeter	
Worship Leader	**Helen Oyer**
Head Usher	**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.