

## 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

August 18, 2024

8:30 a.m.

### Introduction and Announcements:

**Prelude** **Go Tell It In The Mountain** **arr Elliott**

#### \*Call to Worship:

Leader: Though change is around us, we worship the unchanging God.

**People: Though our world moves forward into unknown challenges,  
we trust the God who knows all.**

Leader: As we see division, hurt, loss, and pain in our community.

**People: We seek the healing power of the Living God.**

**All: Together we worship the One who was, who is, and who is to  
come. Amen.**

**\*Opening Prayer (in Unison): Lord God of All, help us to not only bring our  
needs before You in faith, but also to pray for those around us. Help us to  
not only seek Your grace and healing power, but also to be agents of grace  
and healing in this world. We seek Your spirit to enliven us as one in Christ  
for Your will to be done. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Page 110**  
**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the  
flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us  
woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is  
not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not  
the man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that  
may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the  
same, and he must win the battle.**

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

**Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 139:1-18**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**Special Music:**

**It Is Well With My Soul**  
Rev. Bob Cook & Doug McCulloh

**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**

**Crusader's Hymn**

arr Swann

**\*Congregational Response**

**No. 94**

**\*Offering Prayer:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we praise Your name and glorify You for all the blessings that we have. We honor You through these tithes and offerings and offer ourselves as living sacrifices for Your will to be done. We ask Your blessing so that others would come to know of Your love. Amen.

**\*Gospel Lesson: Romans 8: 28-39**

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**\*Second Hymn: There's Something About That Name Page 171**  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

**Sermon:**

**"More Than Conquerors"**

Rev. John Kratz

**\*Closing Hymn:**

**God Will Take Care Of You**

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Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

**Refrain**

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you; nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

**Benediction:**

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you,

People: **May the Lord shine upon you always.**

All: **Amen**

**Postlude:**

**Toccata**

by Bedard

**\*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 of Pastor John and Jane  
from the St. Paul UMC Congregation.**

**Serving in Worship Today**

<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Barb &amp; Chris Buhrman</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Gene Weber</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Gary Dull</b>

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.