

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

May 17, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Prelude

That Sweet Story of Old

by W. Bradbury arr J.M. Rasley

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Welcome and Announcements:

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

People: For there are angels among us.

Leader: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

People: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

Leader: We gather as one Body,

People: seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

Leader: We gather as one Body,

People: to worship the one who is Love.

*Opening Prayer:

Leader: Together let us pray.

People: Our hearts are blessed as we gather before You today, O Lord, for you have given us freedom from all our transgressions and joy in exchange for heavy hearts. You are the refuge we seek when we are troubled and the courage we need when we venture into our days. Bless us today with Your steadfast love as we declare our trust in You. Amen.

~ posted on the Archives page of the Lectionary Sermons website.

*Hymn:

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

No. 160

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Hosanna! Hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. (Refrain)

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go; from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. (Refrain)

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)

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First Lesson: 1 Samuel 15: 13-25

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

People: Thanks be to God!

***Second Lesson: Matthew 5: 1-10**

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn: Take Time to Be Holy No. 395**

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him by thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control. Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

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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: “#Blessed: The Pure of Heart”

Seth Baluch

The Affirmation of our Stewardship

Offertory

God Is Love

by R.C. Wilson

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***Congregational Response**

No. 95

* Prayer of Dedication (in unison): Good and Faithful God: We bring our tithes and offerings to you this morning as part of our act of praise. The psalmist reminds us that you have filled our cup to overflowing, and we are convicted by the image that perhaps we have only offered to you what spills out of our full cup. In your grace and love, let us see it instead that your love and blessing will not be contained in any vessel, but will always overflow to reach and bless others. May we not only see it this way, but may we live it in lives of generosity. In the name of Christ who gave all and held nothing back. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

Are Ye Able

No. 530

“Are ye able,” said the Master, “to be crucified with me?” “Yea,” the sturdy dreamers answered, “to the death we follow thee.”

Refrain

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine. Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes, that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise? (Refrain)

Are ye able when the shadows close around you with the sod, to believe that spirit triumphs, to commend your soul to God? (Refrain)

Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity, and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee. (Refrain)

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***The Sending Forth and Benediction**

***Postlude: Song of Joy by L.E. Stairs**

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

**The altar flowers are to the Glory of God
by Fared Eyer.**

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Barb & Chris Buhrman
Worship Leader	Barry Thomas
Head Usher	Verne Strickler

Worship Resources: CCLI #1518856, Streaming #20211595, umcdiscipleship.org, 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.