

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

November 19, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Introduction and Announcements:

Prelude **Thanksgiving** **by Callahan**

*** Call to Worship:** **Psalm 76 (Sung Responsively)** **Page 797**

***Opening Prayer (in Unison):** **God of everything that is good, pure, holy, or joyful, we praise You and give You the glory for every blessing in our lives. We Thank You for family, friends, food, protection, health and the many other ways we are blessed. We praise You for love, peace, joy, hope, patience, understanding and kindness. We come to glorify You and Praise Your Holy name. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** **Come Ye Thankful People Come** **Page 694**
Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Old Testament Lesson: Judges 4: 1-7

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: Lord, I Sing A Song of Joy Dvorak/Hopson

Mission Minutes: Veterans Ministry

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.

***Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25: 14-30**

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise: For The Beauty Of The Earth v. 1, 3, 4, 6 Page 92**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

Today's Sermon: "God As An Afterthought" Rev. John Kratz

Offertory Meditation by Bish

United Women in Faith World Thank Offering

***Congregational Response No. 94**

***Offering Prayer: We rise to give You thanks God. We give You thanks for the blessings You have given and for the ways these blessings will be used for Your kingdom's work. We thank You for this opportunity to commit ourselves and our resources for Your glory. May these offerings for global and local relief be blessed with Your gift of love and grace to all who receive them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn: Praise To The Lord, The Almighty v. 1, 3, 5 Page 139**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

The Parlor is also available for you to sit with your child and view the service.

Benediction

Postlude: **We Thank God** **arr Cherwein**

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 altar flowers are in celebration of our grandchildren
by John & Wendy Freyer.**

Serving in Worship Today

Greeter	Barb & Chris Buhrman
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).