

9:00 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. All are celebrated here and all are safe. This bulletin will guide our service today. More helpful information can be found following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (9:00 & 10:30)

Prelude (10:30 only)

Two-part Invention in A major

Randall Thompson

Call to Worship (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

Leader: God you are our Creator, our Source;

we are made in your image.

All: We belong to you, and we praise you.

Leader: Christ, you are our companion and our leader;

we are your Body.

All: We belong to you, and we thank you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you guide us and empower us;

we are vessels of your grace.

All: We belong to you, and we serve you.

Holy God, in praise and devotion we worship you. Alleluia!

^{*}Hymn #444 (9:00 & 10:30) O Young and Fearless Prophet

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

Creator God, we come from you, spoken into being by your Word, made in your image. Speak to us now; re-shape us again by your Word of love, as a potter reshaping a vessel. Make us as you desire, and use us as you wish. We pray in the name of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSVUE) (9:00 & 10:30)

Pew Bible: New Testament pages 24-25

Genesis 1:26 (NRSVUE) (9:00 & 10:30)

Pew Bible: Old Testament page 1

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Christian Education Moment (10:30 only)

Dr. Meg Baker

Blessing Our Teachers for 2023-2024 (10:30 only)

Rev. Dr. Pat Allen Dee Dee Gray-Weaver DeeDee Murphy Rev. Joey Heath-Mason Beth Higa Dottie Patch Dr. Meg Baker Betsey Katiti Kenzie Raulin Jenny Lipford Terri Lynn Simpson Sarah Beck Lesley Maloney Travis Stalcup Alison Clark Pat Maloney Lyn Walker Anne Dean Mike McCurry Ellen Goleb Sandi Wilson

Christina Griffin Megan Montgomery

Leader: Today we recognize those who have felt God's call to each of our children, our youth, and the adults in our midst, and gratefully pledge our support to their efforts. At this time, we invite all teachers and leaders present today to stand and follow the responses in your bulletin. Do you, those called to help grow the faith of the church, willingly accept this call?

Teachers: We hear and respond to the call of God. We accept this call and commit ourselves to this work, always depending upon God's grace.

Pastor: On behalf of St. Paul's UMC, I commend you to the work of teaching the faith, and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We thank you for your commitment, and we covenant to be in prayer for you and for the people you serve.

Third Grade Bible Presentation (10:30 only)

Grace Babb Rudolph Flickinger Nathan Roberts
William Bartley Avery Lipford Cameron Scott
Libby Dean Natalia Minarik Willa Stalcup

Dabney Emmons Daniel Petrus

Anthem (10:30 only)

With A Voice of Singing Sanctuary Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. (repeat)

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.



Verse 2: In our home... **Verse 3**: In your church... **Verse 4**: In your world...

Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Offerings by check may be made out to St. Paul's UMC. Scan the QR code to see one-time and recurring online giving options at stpaulsk.org. Thank you for supporting all of St. Paul's efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory (10:30 only)

Prière, Op. 64, No. 5

Charles-Valentin Alkan

*Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30)

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*Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Holy Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

UM Hymnal, pages 12-14

The Invitation & Confession (9:00 & 10:30)

Passing the Peace (9:00 & 10:30)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 & 10:30)

The Lord's Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

UM Hymnal, #895

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 & 10:30)

All St. Paul's communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (9:00 & 10:30)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Hymn #441 (9:00 & 10:30) What Does the Lord Require

*Benediction and Dismissal (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 17, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Drop-in office hours this week: *Monday–Thursday*, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly News – Please read all the latest announcements and find links to more info at *stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news*, or contact the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org) or one of the people listed here.

- Confirmation Class Info Session after worship today– contact Pastor Pat or Pastor Joey
- Sanctuary Choir welcomes new members! contact Tom Pedersen
- Hunger Ministry Distribution (Sept. 11) contact hunger@stpaulsk.org
- Yarn Ministry (Sept. 11) contact Karen Codner
- Sunday School Begins (Sept. 17) contact Meg Baker
- Taste & Sing (Sept. 19) contact Meg Baker
- Church Conference Meeting (Sept. 23) contact Pastor Pat

Welcome Visitors! – Restrooms including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. Children will be in worship with their families today; care for infants and preschoolers is available in the Nursery. Large print Bibles and Hymnals are available from our ushers. T-coil hearing aids work in our Sanctuary. Say Hello! Use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and, if you wish, contact information. Masks are optional. Please read more at <code>stpaulsk.org/worship</code>.

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LEADING AND SERVING

St. Paul's clergy, staff, and lay leaders welcome you today. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or let us know if you would like to be more involved in the life of St. Paul's.

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Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers

Deanna Hodgson (9:00 AM) Lorraine Stalcup (10:30 AM)

