



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

"You have to decide
who you are and
force the world to
deal with you, not
with its idea of you."
—James Baldwin

June 11, 2023

10:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / PRIDE SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JUNE 11, 2023

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Welcome to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we invite and affirm you as one of God's children into our community of God's unbounded love. All are celebrated here and all are safe. Announcements and helpful information can be found on the pages following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: All you who delight in the Sacred Strange,
come and worship the Holy Creator.

**All: Thanks be to God who blesses the peculiar
and rejoices in the uniqueness of every body and being.**

L: The Holy takes on flesh in every gender and sexual orientation,
every race and ability, every body-size and body type.

All: Each embodied difference is a unique glimpse of Holy Wonder.

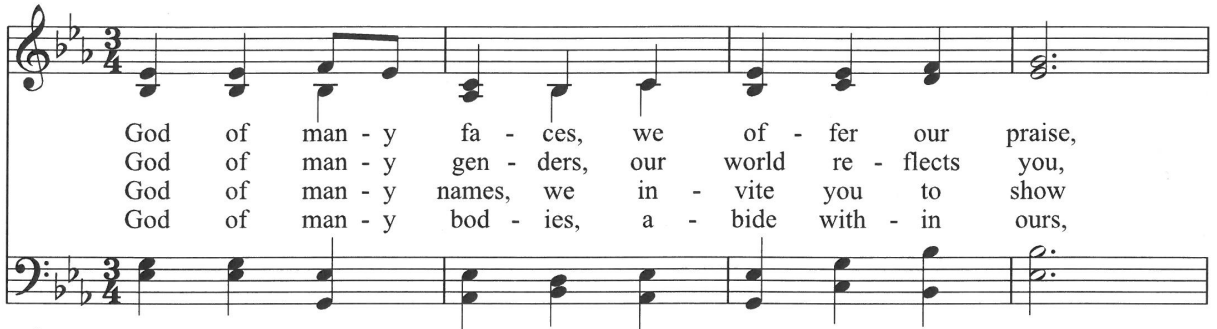
L: Blessed are those who search for God among the lives of the oppressed,
the betrayed, the turned-away, and the condemned.

**All: Blessed are those who receive with joy
the gifts of God enfleshed among us.**

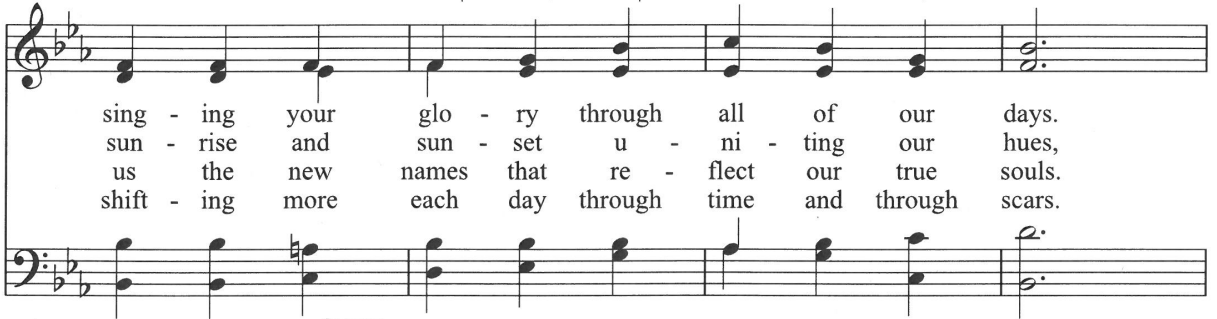
L: The Sacred is with us. Let us worship and be transformed.

*Hymn

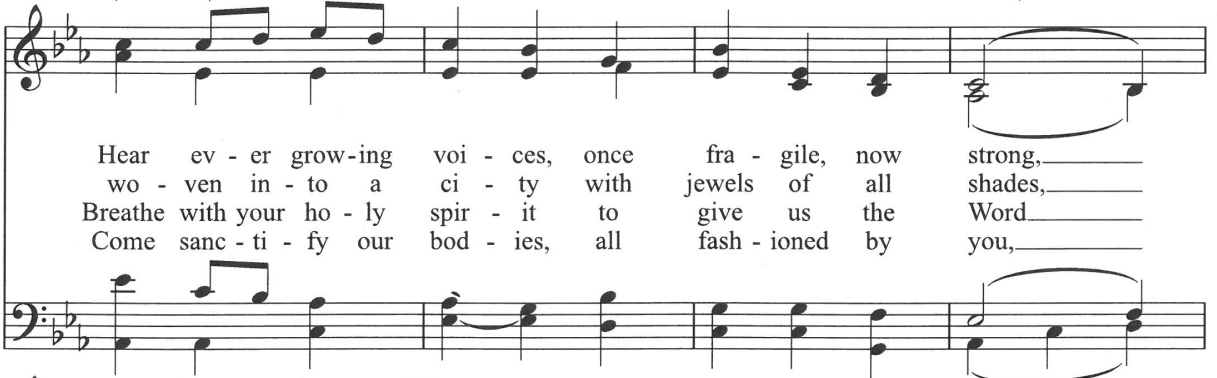
God of Many Faces



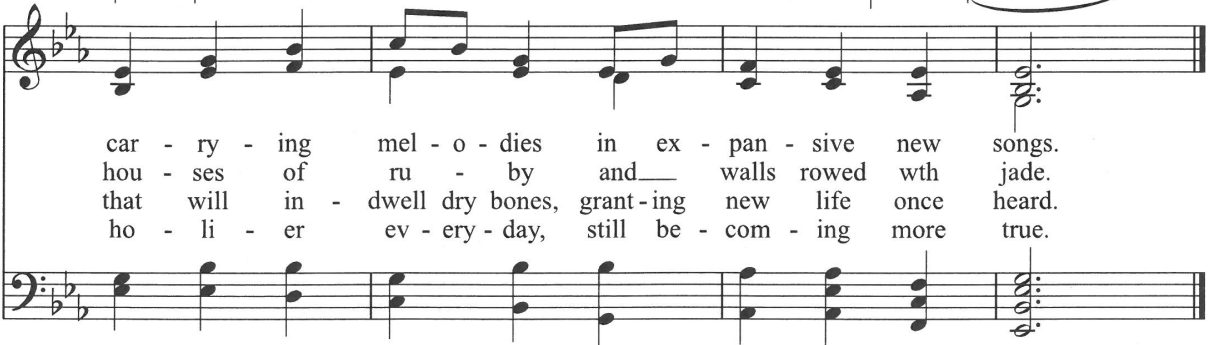
God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,
 God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,
 God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show
 God of man - y bod - ies, a - bid with - in ours,



sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.
 sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,
 us the new names that re - flect our true souls.
 shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.



Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,
 wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,
 Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word
 Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,



car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.
 hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed with jade.
 that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.
 ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

God, when you called each of us into being, you delighted in your works. You gifted us with differences that illuminate the breadth of beauty, wisdom, and practices of love in your creation. In whatever ways we still struggle to accept and celebrate our own unique offerings, free us from narrow thinking that confines, constrains, or condemns your good work in us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Dr. Meg Baker

Following the message, children in grades K-5 may move to the Parlor for a community service activity.

Proclamation of the Word

Mark 9:33-41 (NRSVUE)

Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 45

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 557

Blest Be the Ties that Bind

Sermon

"All the Colors of the Rainbow"

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving

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

*Fairest Lord Jesus
Sanctuary Choir*

Mary McDonald

*Doxology #94

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*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

P: We open our hearts to you, O God.

L: Let us give thanks to God who takes risks for love.

P: For the courage of the Holy that lives in us, we give thanks.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation and concludes:

L: After feasting with his companions, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to all of them and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Take, eat, and remember me." After the supper, he did the same with the cup, saying, "This is a symbol of the new covenant. Drink in remembrance of me." In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he showed us.

P: The love of God is public.

The love of God is intentional.

The love of God is explicit.

The pastor continues and concludes:

L: And so we pray, pour out your Holy Spirit on this bread and this cup, O God. Through these gifts, open our hearts to encounters with Christ in the strange and the ordinary. May the bread of life and the cup of blessing strengthen us in our courage to live as Jesus lived. Amen.

P: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup

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


Prayer of Thanksgiving

Nourishing One, your gifts renew us in body, spirit, and mind. Through this taste of Love, may the Spirit send us with a faith that is brave. Letting no institution or narrow thinking hold us back, make us people who boldly pursue collective justice, and tend gently to the world's pain. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Hymn

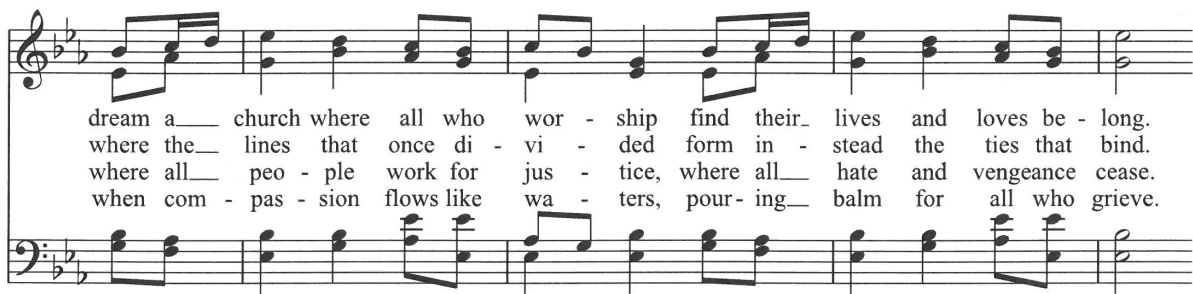
Sing a New World into Being



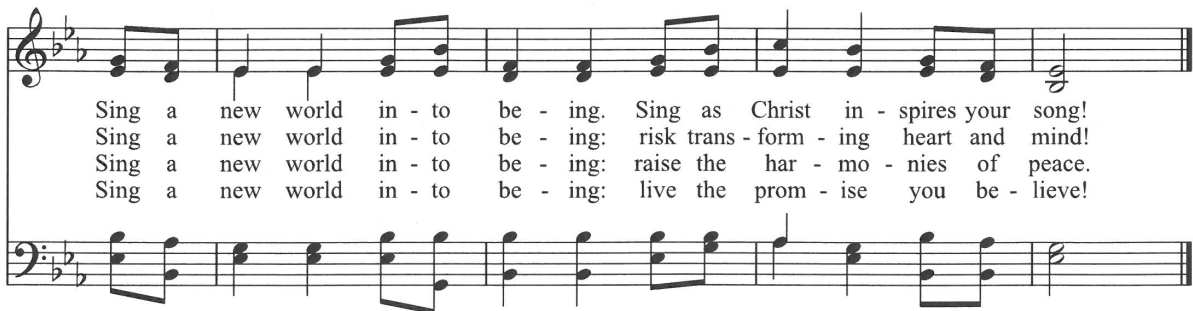
1. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.
 2. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where each gen - der class and race
 3. Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home.
 4. Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph - ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent yearn - ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
 brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's lim - it - less em - brace;
 where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled with God's sha - lom;
 for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.
 where the lines that once di - vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind.
 where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
 when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.
 Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given today by **Jenny & Ryan Lipford** in celebration of Loving Day, the annual commemoration of the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Loving v. Virginia*, that legalized interracial marriage nationwide.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

We celebrate **Jim Heins** upon the occasion of his 90th birthday this week.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM only

Drop-in Office Hours: Tuesday–Thursday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

10:30 AM – 162 online – 124 Total – 286

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements – Read all the latest announcements at stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news. You can also sign up to receive Weekly News by email. During the summer, we will not print announcements in the bulletin. Many groups take a summer break, with plans to return in the fall. Continuing this month: Kids with Compassion; Interfaith Hoppy Hour; “Reckless Love” Bible Study; Hunger Ministry; Prayerwaves; Still Wednesday; SAM meeting; VBS.

Welcome Visitors! – Restrooms including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. **Children** in grades K-5 begin in worship and may move to the Kids with Compassion; 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 so we may welcome you. **Masks** are optional in almost all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.



LEADING AND SERVING TODAY

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Thomas and John Stephens

Lay Leader: Marge Higgins

Lay Reader: Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Nathan Bazawada