



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

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*Journeying Together Since 1885*

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

OCTOBER 15, 2023

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**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.*

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## **Gathering for Worship**

*(\* - please stand in body or spirit)*

Announcements (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Prelude (10:30 only)

*I. Prelude from Organ Book*

Jean Langlais

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

Lay Reader

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:  
Let our joy be complete!

**ALL: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:  
Love one another!**

Leader: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:  
No longer servants but friends!

**ALL: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,  
Rejoicing in the friendship of God.**

\*Hymn #159 (9:00 & 10:30)

*Lift High the Cross*

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

**ALL: O Beloved One, all the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power;  
we feel your presence as growth returning to the countryside;  
we rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love  
revealed in the risen Christ.  
Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love;  
fill us with generosity and courage  
so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world.  
In Jesus' name.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Anthem (10:30 only)

*The Least of These*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Noah Beye, baritone  
St. Paul's Contemporary Band

Karl Kohlhasse

*You're asking "Where is He?" You don't know where to go now to find Him.  
You saw Him this morning; He was that man lying down on a park bench.  
You gave him a blanket; you had a spare in the truck  
For emergencies, for the least of these.*

*Refrain: When you love the least of these with just a cup of cool water,  
Then you did it unto me. When you love, the angels sing.  
You are welcomed by My Father when you love the least of these.*

*You got home that evening; you had a long hard day at the office.  
The children were screamin', you cooked them supper.  
Then they begged you, "Please read to us."  
And after the story, you tucked them in with a prayer;  
O sweet memories, the least of these.*

*(Refrain.)*

## Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSVUE)

*Pew Bible: New Testament* page 29

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn #2025 (9:00 & 10:30)

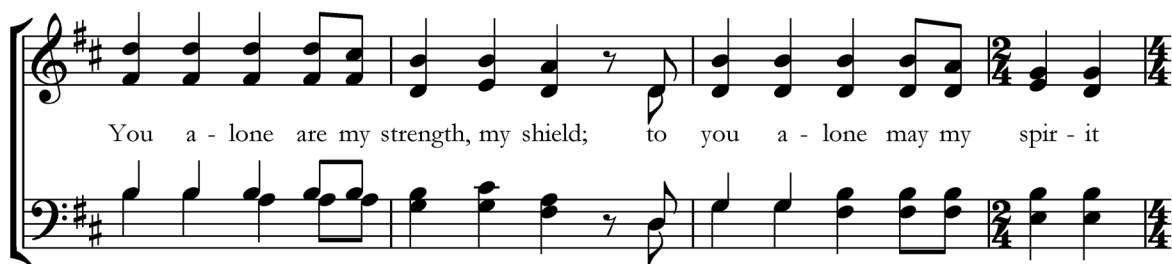
*As the Deer*



As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, — and I long to wor - ship you.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone may my spir - it



yield. You a-lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

“Entrusted With Each Other”

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

**Response to the Word**

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

*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](http://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)

*Adagio*  
from *Sonata in F minor, Op. 65, No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn

\*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)

*The United Methodist Hymnal, pages 12-14*

The Invitation

Confession & Pardon

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (*UM Hymnal, #895*)

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (*Communion bread is gluten-free.*)

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

**All: 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 #395 (9:00 & 10:30)

*Take Time to Be Holy*

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

*Fantasy on Crucifer*

Ronald Arnatt



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, October 22, 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!

*Looking ahead: Sunday, October 29 – “Fifth Sunday, One Community”*

*Worship at 10:30 AM only. Costumes welcome!*



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given today by **Erma McWilliams**, in remembrance of her mother **Mrs. Flora Isabell Oxendine**, on her birthday October 11. She was a loving mother of eight who is especially remembered for the hot Southern biscuits she made every morning.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Weekly News** – Visit [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news) or scan the QR code to find all the announcements in our Weekly News. For questions about announcements, please contact Erin Steele in the church office ([stpaulsunitied@stpaulsk.org](mailto:stpaulsunitied@stpaulsk.org)). Here are some featured events:



- Children’s Choir today after 10:30 worship – contact Christina Griffin
- Apple Sale, order now-Oct. 25 at [stpaulsk.org/community/united-methodist-men](http://stpaulsk.org/community/united-methodist-men)
- Holiday Giving Coordinators Needed by Oct. 15 – contact Grace Graham
- All Saints Sunday Memorial Booklet names due by Oct. 16 – contact Erin Steele
- Bible Study on Courage, Oct. 18 – contact Meg Baker
- Taste & Sing (new date!) Oct. 24 – contact Meg Baker
- Funeral for Mrs. Del Moyer, Oct. 28 at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary
- Coffee Hour and Ministry Fair, Oct. 29 after worship
- Youth Pizza & Game Night, Oct. 29 – contact Pastor Joey

**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 are welcome in Sunday School at 10:30 AM; care for infants and preschoolers is available in the Nursery. To receive Sunday School updates by email, contact Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org). **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 [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).



## SOURCES AND LICENSING

Livestreaming each week at 10:30 AM at [stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home](http://stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home).

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## LEADING AND SERVING

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**A/V Team:** John & Biljana Regan, John Stephens

**Children's Choir:** Christina Griffin

**Lay Leader:** Marge Higgins

**Usher Coordinator:** Nathan Bazawada

**Lay Reader (10:30):** Rachel Stalcup

### **Guest Musicians:**

James Woods, Piano

Larry France, Guitar

Scott Giambusso, Bass

Jo Huling, Drums

