



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

Journeying Together Since 1885

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

OCTOBER 1, 2023

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Prelude (10:30 only)

Variations on Nettleton

Undine Smith Moore

Musical Call to Worship

Tanghalang Pilipino anklung ensemble

Kumbaya

Morning Has Broken

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

Lay Reader

9:00 AM: Read by Beth Pierce

10:30 AM: Read by Sandie Chen. The Leader portion will be shared in Spanish.

Leader: Welcome to this place:

where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

**ALL: Welcome to this place,
as we gather with all of God's children:
where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

Leader: Welcome to this place,
where all is made ready by our God:
where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance

*Hymn #400 (9:00 & 10:30) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

9:00 AM: Read by Beth Pierce

10:30 AM: Read by Dupeh Palmer. The Leader portion will be shared in Wollof.

Leader: There is a richness here –
a richness that greets and grows and holds and challenges and keeps.
There is a richness here –
a richness that surrounds and brings and delivers and gives.
The richness holds us in our weakness,
fills us in our hunger,
finds us when we're lost.
So here, richly blessed, we have come,
and we have been found.
Let this time together inspire us in richness and grace.

ALL: Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVUE)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 28

9:00 AM: Read by Beth Pierce

10:30 AM: Read by Biljana Regan. The Leader portion will be shared in Serbian.

¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

“Who Is Responsible for My Oil”

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. 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)

We Enter Here This Holy Place
Sanctuary Choir

Howard Helvey

*We enter here this holy place, one faith around the gifts prepared.
All are made one by God's true grace, communion with the Spirit shared.
Our solace comes in broken bread; but also from that Body cries
The strength to live our hope renewed, our pardon giv'n in sacrifice.
This cup is where salvation lives: the Blood of Christ poured forth as wine.
Remember now that he still gives to us the taste of life divine.
Now from this Table we will go as one in Christ, as one empowered.
To all the world our love will show the image of God's face in ours.*

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

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Holy Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

UM Hymnal, pages 12-14

The Invitation & Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer - *UM Hymnal*, #895

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

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

9:00 AM: *Shared by the pastors*

10:30 AM: *Shared by John Newman. The Leader portion will be shared in German.*

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 #2235 (9:00 & 10:30)

Siyahamba

Verse 1: We are walking... Verse 2: We are dancing...

Verse 3: We are singing...

Verse 4: We are praying...

Verse 5: We are marching....

First system of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "We are walk - ing* in the light of God, we are". The melody features a triplet of eighth notes on "God," and a quarter note on "we are".

Second system of musical notation. It includes a first ending bracket labeled "1." and a second ending bracket labeled "2.". The lyrics are: "walk - ing in the light of God... We are walk - ing in the light of the". The melody features a triplet of eighth notes on "God..." and a quarter note on "We are".

Third system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "light of God... We are walk - ing walk - ing, we are". The melody features a triplet of eighth notes on "light of God..." and a quarter note on "We are".

Fourth system of musical notation. The lyrics are: "Oo walk - ing walk - ing, we are walk - ing in the light of God...". The melody features a triplet of eighth notes on "Oo" and a quarter note on "walk - ing".

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

Prelude on Holy Manna

Wilbur Held



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 8, 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!



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given today by **Carlos & Jennifer and Kristina and Carlos Falcón**,
in loving memory of **Janet Braddock**, loving mother and grandmother.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly News – Visit stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news or scan the QR code to find all the announcements in our Weekly News, or contact the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org). Here are some featured upcoming events:



- Children's Choir today after 10:30 worship – contact Christina Griffin
- Holiday Giving Coordinators Needed – contact Grace Graham
- Pastor Joey's Exciting Announcement (*not about staff/clergy*) today!
- All Saints Sunday Memorial Booklet – contact Erin Steele
- Sign Up for 6-Week Study on Courage (now-Oct. 11) – contact Meg Baker
- Pancake Breakfast (Oct. 7) – contact Jerry Watkins
- Grief Workshop (Oct. 7) – contact Meg Baker
- Interfaith Hoppy Hour at Babycat Brewery (Oct. 8) – 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 will be in worship with their families today at 10:30; care for infants and preschoolers is available in the Nursery. To receive Sunday School updates by email, contact Meg Baker at 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*.



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Lay Leader: Marge Higgins

Usher Coordinator: Nathan Bazawada

Lay Reader (9:00): Beth Pierce

Lay Readers (10:30): Sandie Chen, Dupeh Palmer, Biljana Regan, John Newman

Guest Musicians (10:30): Tanghalang Pilipino anklung ensemble, Jon & Elvie Melegrito





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