



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

*Journeying Together Since 1885*

SUMMERTIME WORSHIP BULLETIN

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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 simplified 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

Prelude

Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Here we can come together, people searching for healing and hope:

**All: here we are met by the One who would bless us with abundant life.**

Leader: Here we are called to gather as the family of God:

**All: we may find those who are strangers, yet are sisters and brothers of ours.**

Leader: Here we discover the truth that God makes no distinctions among us:

**All: here we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all.**

\*Hymn #553

*And Are We Yet Alive*

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**Like Joseph, we don't always understand why things happen the way they do; why our plans and dreams fail, and we find ourselves facing challenge after challenge, and disappointment after disappointment.**

**Yet, like Joseph, we also believe that You are at work in our lives, and that You have a larger plan and purpose for each one of us.**

**Give us faith to trust in You no matter what challenges we face. Give us courage to place our dreams and ambitions in Your hands, and then follow where You lead without hesitation, confident that Your loving presence goes with us.**

**Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Genesis 45:1-15 (NRSV)

*Pew Bible: Old Testament page 42*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn #389

*Freely, Freely*

Sermon

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](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

\*Doxology #94

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\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*UM Hymnal, pages 12-14*

The Lord's Prayer

UM Hymnal, #895

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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 #560

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

\*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude



#### SUMMER SCHEDULE

**Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM only**

*We return to two service times (9:00 AM and 10:30 AM) starting September 10.*

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

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Weekly News** – Read all the latest announcements at [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news). Many groups are still on summer break! **Coming Up** – BYOL Church Picnic (Aug. 20). SAM Meeting (Sept. 6). Confirmation Class Info Session (Sept. 10). Hunger Ministry Distribution (Sept. 11). Sunday School Begins (Sept. 17).

**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 in almost all St. Paul's spaces. Please read more at [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).



*Livestreaming each week at 10:30 AM. Video feed, sources, and full licensing information available at [stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home](http://stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home).*



### LEADING AND SERVING

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