



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



July 24, 2022

10:30 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 24, 2022

Thank you for worshipping 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. As we gather in-person, we will err on the side of caution and expect all those present today to wear masks, covering the mouth and nose, regardless of vaccination status. Other announcements and more helpful information can be found on the following pages.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

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Charles Callahan

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Holy One,

People: As we gather this morning to worship you,

L: May we speak truth,

P: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

L: May we pray in faith,

P: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

L: May we sing with joy,

P: So that our words may give grace to those who hear.

L: May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,

P: So that Your words may give grace to us who hear. Amen.

*Hymn #102 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Now Thank We All Our God

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

Here we are Lord! We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives, from the hubbub of our work and play, from the hue and cry of the world around us, we come to worship you. In this hour, we long to meet you, to feel your presence surrounding us, enveloping us, loving us. We long to settle into silence, laying aside our worries and our cares, aware of your presence around us, before us, behind us, within us. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 AM only)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Colossians 2:6-15 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

⁶And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

⁸Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. ⁹For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. ¹⁰So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

¹¹When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision — the cutting away of your sinful nature. ¹²For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

¹³You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Luke 11:1-13 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

¹Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

²Jesus said, “This is how you should pray:

“Father, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

³Give us each day the food we need,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And don’t let us yield to temptation.”

⁵Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ ⁷And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ ⁸But I tell you this — though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

⁹“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹“You fathers — if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹²Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #381 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM) "Why Pray?"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Offertory (10:30 AM only) *Trio on Jacob's Ladder*

Ralph Simpson

*Hymn #94 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Doxology

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 AM only)

The Invitation (9:00 AM only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation.

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

L: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we
offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of
faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues and concludes:

L: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

P: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (9:00 AM only)

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Breaking the Bread (9:00 AM only)

Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 AM only)

Please receive the wafer and juice packet. If you choose to partake here, be sure to place empty wrappers in the waste bins provided. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer, you may take the communion packet and consume it prayerfully and safely at home.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

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 #536 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Precious Name

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on Take the Name of Jesus with You

Emma Lou Diemer



WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by **Iris and Alison Clark**,
in honor of Iris's beloved grandparents and their July birthdays.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Carlos & Jennifer Falcón** and family
following the death of Carlos's father Ramon Falcón on July 18.



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Worship Alert! Renovation News to Know – This Week: Despite our best plans, things can change in an active construction project! There will be NO in-person worship on Sunday, July 24. It is not safe for the congregation to gather in the Sanctuary. The pastors will lead worship through the livestream at 10:30 AM at stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home.

Weekday Closures – For safety reasons, access to the building during the week is by appointment only. No visitors are allowed in construction work areas. Staff will flex hours on-site to avoid peak construction times, or work from home. Email is the best way to reach staff and clergy, as phones may be disconnected!

Today: Children’s Programming Canceled – July 24. Due to safety concerns and construction, there will be no in-person worship at St. Paul’s this Sunday. Kids with Compassion will not meet. We are thankful for all the young people who participated in weekly community service projects this month while traditional Sunday School has been on summer break. Next Sunday, July 31, is a Fifth Sunday, One Community date when congregants young and old gather for one service only at 10:30. Childcare for preschoolers and infants will be available during both services. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Meet & Greet Pastor Joey over Zoom – July 24, 3:00-4:00 PM. Rev. Joey Heath-Mason, our new Associate Pastor, invites all members and friends of St. Paul’s to “open office hours,” an opportunity to visit a little and get to know one another. Join Pastor Joey over Zoom – please email joeyhm@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom link. Note that previously announced meet & greet times on July 27 & 28 will be rescheduled! Additional Meet & Greet dates will be added in coming months!

Fifth Sunday, One Community – July 31. When there are five Sundays in a month, we will use the fifth Sunday as an opportunity to bring together all of our worshipers at one

time to sing and pray together in a single Sunday service at 10:30 AM. Join us on July 31 at 10:30 AM!

Staff Changes – Mrs. Michelle Gregonis, our treasurer, has faithfully and expertly served our church for the past four years. Michelle is now moving to a new job and new chapter in her life effective July 22. Mr. Micah Smartt, Minister of Youth and Design, has accepted a full-time teaching position in Prince George's County. Micah plans to stay involved part-time with St. Paul's for the immediate future, but nature of his job will change. Stay tuned for updates as our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and leadership work out what comes next!

Town Hall with Pastor Pat – *Aug. 2, 6:30 PM.* Join Pastor Pat for a Town Hall style conversation over Zoom. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions and share comments about the recent staff changes, financial updates, and renovations. If you have questions please contact Pastor Pat at pallen@stpaulsk.org. To join the Zoom Town Hall meeting use the link in the Weekly News or sign in with this information: Meeting ID: 853 2040 7406; Passcode: 777343 (dial by phone: 1 301 715 8592).

Memorial for Nathalie Silver – *August 6.* St. Paul's member and accomplished scientist Dr. Nathalie Valette-Silver transitioned from this life to eternity on June 27. A memorial service is currently planned for August 6 at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's UMC.

Still Wednesday Summer Schedule – *Aug. 17.* Still Wednesday, a time of contemplative practice, will meet once a month for the summer. The next gathering is August 17 at 7:00 PM. The exact format varies, but typically includes about 20 minutes of silent prayer. Gathering in-person as weather permits or by Zoom (Meeting ID: 815 9385 9811, passcode Oliver). Questions? Contact Kenzie Raulin at 301-237-1520 or Kenzie@krdesign.net.

Updates by Video and Letter – Pastor Pat has recorded a 7-minute video update sharing news with our congregation. You can find it on the Pastors' Page of our website: stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page. The Stewardship & Finance Update letter has been mailed to members and friends, so look for it in your post office box. You can also access it as a *pdf at stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page. Please contact Pastor Pat at pallen@stpaulsk.org if you have questions.

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Wednesday Bible Study: Summer Sermon Safari – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM by Zoom.* For the summer months, each session will include viewing a particular sermon selected in

advance by one of the group participants, and then discussing and responding to the message preached. To participate, contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM through July*. These live online sessions are offered by pastors, staff, or lay members once a week, reminding us to keep us calm and connected through a time of sharing, prayer, or music. Daily Breath will continue through July then take a break in August before resuming on Sept. 7. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

St. Paul's Online Shop – We're currently offering two colorful T-shirt designs. Very soon you will be able to purchase other items with the St. Paul's logo. If there's something you'd like to see in the shop, email Micah Smartt at msmartt@stpaulsk.org. All proceeds from sales support St. Paul's! Visit stpaulsk.myspreadshop.com.

Summer Break! – Many activities and groups that usually meet during the programming year are now on summer break. These include: Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Ringers! bell ensemble, Read-Thru-the-Bible Q&A Sessions, and St. Paul's Youth. We'll return this Fall!

Read-Thru-the-Bible – We are on a two-year journey to read through the Bible together. The reading schedule is available in the Epistle and online at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education. You may jump in at any time. Our pastors host Q&A sessions by Zoom for those who would like to share questions and ideas. The next one will be held September 27 when our programming year for the fall gets underway.

Hunger Ministry Needs – We continue to serve hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code, even through the renovation! Your continued donations of financial support and non-perishable grocery items from our pantry lists make this possible. Find the items we need at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. New volunteers and those able to step in month-by-month are welcome! To volunteer, email hunger@stpaulsk.org. To make a financial donation, visit stpaulsk.org/giving or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line. Thank you!

Stephen Ministry – Trained lay-people provide comfort to those who need a listening ear as they navigate life challenges like birth and death, job changes, divorce, illness, or depression. Contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org) to learn more.

Yarn Ministry – Meeting by Zoom twice a month. All crafters welcome! Contact Karen Codner (kdc811@gmail.com).

Prayerwaves – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM by phone*. Call 425-436-6326 at 9:55 AM. When prompted for the "access code," type in 774042 followed by #.



Visitor Information

Thank you for joining us! You are invited to tear out this section and leave this form with the offerings to let us know a little about yourself, or how we might be in touch. You may also email the office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org) or staff to say hello!

Name(s):

Email:

Phone:

Home Address:

How did you find us? (circle all that apply)

Family/friend. Passing by. Internet search. Other:

Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul's? (circle all that apply)

No, just visiting. Maybe; I have questions. Please tell me about joining St. Paul's.

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