



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

*Journeying Together Since 1885*

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

**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)

Prelude (10:30 only)

*Prelude on Beach Spring*

Janet Linker

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

Lay Reader

Leader: As the birds know to trust the air,

**All: give us your wisdom, God. As the rivers flow with your beauty,**

Leader: give us your Spirit, God. As the winds blow and embrace the earth,

**All: guide us by your love, not our knowledge.**

Leader: We are beginners God, learners in the school of love.

**All: We would not be masters of love, but only its obedient servants.**

Leader: Teach us and we will listen.

**All: Show us, and we will follow.**

\*Hymn #581 (9:00 & 10:30) *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

**God of love, we want to understand love. We want to master the faith. But love is beyond our grasping. So receive us as those who are growing. By your Spirit give us humility to learn of love, and to practice love, all our days, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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

*Lord, You Teach Us to Be Humble*



1. Lord, you teach us to be hum - ble in the things we do and say  
 2. How do oth - er peo - ple greet us as we jour - ney through our days?  
 3. May we nev - er bur - den oth - ers with a faith that's hard to bear.



so that oth - ers will not stum - ble or, dis - cour - aged, turn a - way.  
 Do we hope that they will meet us with a word of thanks or praise?  
 Make us kind to one an - oth - er, make us hum - ble in our prayer.



For a\_\_ faith that's lived for glo - ry, full of\_\_ brag - ging, full of show,  
 Do we\_\_ seek con - grat - u - la - tions for the\_\_ kind of life we lead?  
 As we\_\_ give up seats of hon - or, may we\_\_ give you glo - ry, too.



can - not tell the gos - pel sto - ry that your peo - ple long to know.  
 Do we want their ad - mir - a - tion for the things that we be - lieve?  
 Lord, you teach us to be hum - ble, may we hum - bly fol - low you.

## Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 23:1-12 (NRSVUE) (9:00 & 10:30)

*Pew Bible:* New Testament page 25

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (10:30 only)

*Humbly I Adore Thee*  
Sanctuary Choir

Robert Powell

*Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest 'neath the shadows mean;  
Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee shrined within the cloud.  
Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith that comes by hearing pierces through the veil.  
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.  
O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,  
Grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.  
Jesus whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my soul doth long for that thy word foretold:  
Face to face thy splendor I at last shall see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee. Amen.*

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

“The Rise of Servant Leaders”

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

## Response to the Word

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

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 (10:30 only)

*Prelude on NETTLETON*

Edwin T. Childs

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Holy Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

*UM Hymnal*, pages 12-14

The Invitation & Confession

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.*)

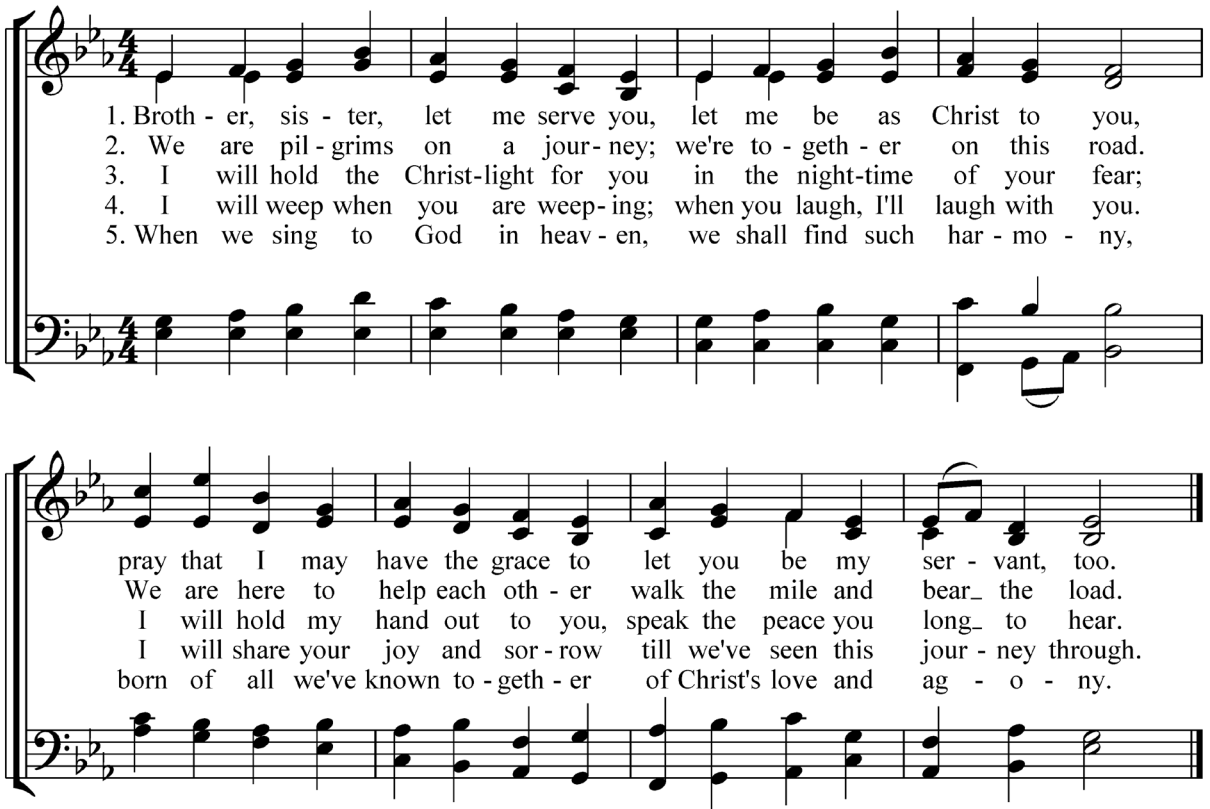
Prayer of Thanksgiving (9:00 & 10:30)

**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 #2222 (9:00 & 10:30)

*The Servant Song*



1. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you,  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er on this road.  
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such har - mo - ny,  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 only) *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 642*  
(*Whoever Lets Dear God Rule*)

J. S. Bach



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, October 1, 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 **Jim & Nancy Holland**,  
in loving memory of their parents.



## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of

**Del Moyer** following her death on Sept. 15;

**Margaret Thurlow** following her death on Sept. 17;

and **Tracy Orndorff** following the death of her mother **Carolyn Bauer** on Sept. 18.

## CELEBRATION

We celebrate with joy the marriage on August 12, 2023 of

**Jay (né Codner) & Tom (né McNutt) McNer.**

## JOY

We celebrate with parents **Asa & Jaci Stansbury** and big brother Ewan

upon the birth of **Arthur Stansbury**

born August 10, 2023.



## 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, or contact the church office ([stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org](mailto:stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org)). Here are some featured upcoming events:

- Children's Choir (begins today) – contact Christina Griffin



- Holiday Giving Leadership Team Needed – contact Grace Graham
- Sunday School walk-ins welcome – contact Meg Baker
- Yarn Ministry (Sept. 25) – contact Karen Codner
- Pastor Joey’s Exciting Announcement! (*not about staff/clergy*) – Oct. 1 in worship
- 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

**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; 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. Please read more at [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).



### Sources and Licensing Information

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

\* = Streamed by permission under CCLI license #24106074. All rights reserved.

\*\* = Permission to stream this music obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #735990-A.

\*\* *Prelude on Beach Spring* by Janet Linker, copyright 2002 by Augsburg Fortress.

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer: Steve Garnaas-Holmes. “Unfolding Light.” <https://unfoldinglight.net/>  
Used by permission.

\*\* *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*. Words: Albert F. Bayly (1961). Music: Attr. to B. F. White (1844); harm. Ronald A. Nelson (1978). Copyright 1985 by Lutheran Book of Worship / Augsburg Fortress Press.

*Lord, You Teach Us to be Humble*. Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (1961). Music: Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music Part II* (1813), public domain. Words copyright 2014 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, streamed by permission of the author; <https://www.carolynshymns.com/>.

Bible Reading: *New Revised Standard Version Bible Updated Edition* (NRSVUE), © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

*Humbly I Adore Thee*, by Robert J. Powell with text by St. Thomas Aquinas, copyright 2010 by St. James Music Press. Streamed by permission of St. James Music Press.

\*\* *Prelude on NETTLETON* by Edwin T. Childs, copyright 2014 Augsburg Fortress.

**\*\* Doxology:** *Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)*. Words: Thomas Ken (1674), adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira (1978). Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge (1623), harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906). Adapt. © 1989, The United Methodist Publishing House.

**\* The Servant Song.** Words & Music: Richard Gillard. Copyright 1977 by Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.).

*Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten, BWV 642; (Whoever Lets Dear God Rule),* by J. S. Bach. Public domain.



## LEADING AND SERVING

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, [pallen@stpaulsk.org](mailto:pallen@stpaulsk.org)

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Joey Heath-Mason, [joeyhm@stpaulsk.org](mailto:joeyhm@stpaulsk.org)

**Music Director:** Mr. N. Thomas Pedersen, [tpedersen@stpaulsk.org](mailto:tpedersen@stpaulsk.org)

**Organist:** Mr. Marvin Mills, [mmills@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mmills@stpaulsk.org)

**Facilities:** Ms. Tracey Furman, [tfurman@stpaulsk.org](mailto:tfurman@stpaulsk.org)

**Minister of Spiritual Care & Formation:** Dr. Meg Baker, [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)

**Communications & Administration:** Dr. Erin Bone Steele, [stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org](mailto:stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org)

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

**Lay Leader:** Marge Higgins

**Usher Coordinator:** Nathan Bazawada

**Lay Readers:** Meg Baker (9:00 AM), Stephen Dean (10:30 AM)





# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

---

*Journeying Together Since 1885*