



# St. Paul's

## United Methodist Church

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SUMMERTIME WORSHIP BULLETIN

JUNE 25, 2023

**Thank you for worshipping 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.*

### **Gathering for Worship**

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

Announcements

Prelude

*Prelude-Hocket from Delaware Suite*

David Schelat

Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Holy One,

**All: As we gather this morning to worship you,**

L: May we speak truth,

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

L: May we pray in faith,

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

L: May we sing with joy,

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

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

**All: So that Your words may give grace to those who hear. Amen.**

\*Hymn #578

*God of Love and God of Power*

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with**

**the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace. In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

\*Passing of the Peace

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Genesis 21:8-21 (NRSV)

*Pew Bible: Old Testament page 17*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Senior Youth Recognition

Mr. Micah Smartt

\* - Recipients of the 2023 Educational Award scholarship

*Kyle Carmen, \*Delia Chen, Sage Crittenden, Meryl Docking, \*Allison Griffin,*

*\*Kaitlyn Griffin, \*Mattison Harvey, Will Holland, Luka Maxam,*

*Kaiea Naehu, Raleigh Seabreeze, \*W. Thomas Stephens*

Teacher Recognition & Children's Message

Dr. Meg Baker

*Following the message, children in grades K-5 may move to the Parlor for a community service activity.*

\*Hymn #534

*Be Still, My Soul*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

### **Response to the Word**

Invitation to Giving

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

*Antiphon III from Fifteen Pieces, Op. 18*

Marcel Dupré

\*Doxology #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*UM Hymnal pages 13-14*

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 #140

*Great Is thy Faithfulness*

\*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude

*Prelude on Unser Herrscher*

Paul Manz



SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given today by **Gary & Martha Frances Burak**.

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

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

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 10:30 AM – 71    online – 63    Total – 134



## 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 on summer break! Continuing this month: Kids with Compassion; “Reckless Love” Bible Study; Hunger Ministry; Prayerwaves; Still Wednesday.

**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 begin in worship and may move to the Kids with Compassion activity; 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 so we may welcome you. **Masks** are optional in almost all St. Paul's spaces. Please read more at [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).



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**Lay Reader:** Debbie Zechar