



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



June 26, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

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)

Prelude on Hymn to Joy

Paul Manz

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

Lay Reader

One: God is an invitation. A lure. A chance to do things differently.
Always before us,

**All: God is the possibility of collective change.
Though everyday ordinary patterns of living
disguise evil and cover over sins of power,**

One: God makes known what is hidden,
calls us to courage, makes us capable of radical solidarity.
We are not left powerless.

**All: Every day there are openings.
Every day a chance to choose what is right.
Every day an opportunity to repattern the world.**

*Hymn #89 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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

Lay Reader

God of holy chaos, you don't protect us from getting swept up into relationships and systems and experiences that are messy, but you do promise us that you will be found in the midst of them. Help us to remember that when the world was aching, you drew nearer, putting on flesh. It was through that enfleshed reality of love, that you transformed our world. Relationship with you is not an escape – it is the hope and courage we need to dive right into the mess of things. You, O God, are enfleshed in our beautiful but aching earth, in our work for a just society, and in our efforts to love and be loved. May our prayer life be invitations into that life with you. Thanks be.

Amen.

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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

UM 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.

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

Near to the Heart of God

Lloyd Larson

June Choir

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou has died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to Thy precious bleeding side.

There is a place of quiet rest near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
Hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. *Refrain.*

There is a place of full release near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. *Refrain.*

Proclamation of the Word

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were traveling from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has told me to go to Bethel.”

But Elisha replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you!” So they went down together to Bethel.

⁶Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has told me to go to the Jordan River.”

But again Elisha replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you.” So they went on together.

⁷Fifty men from the group of prophets also went and watched from a distance as Elijah and Elisha stopped beside the Jordan River. ⁸Then Elijah folded his cloak together and struck the water with it. The river divided, and the two of them went across on dry ground!

⁹When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away.”

And Elisha replied, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor.”

¹⁰“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah replied. “If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request. But if not, then you won’t.”

¹¹As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha saw it and cried out, “My father! My father! I see the chariots and charioteers of Israel!” And as they disappeared from sight, Elisha tore his clothes in distress.

¹³Elisha picked up Elijah’s cloak, which had fallen when he was taken up. Then Elisha returned to the bank of the Jordan River. ¹⁴He struck the water with Elijah’s cloak and cried out, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” Then the river divided, and Elisha went across.

⁵¹As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵²He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival. ⁵³But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, “Lord, should

we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?" ⁵⁵But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶So they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head."

⁵⁹He said to another person, "Come, follow me."

The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father."

⁶⁰But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God."

⁶¹Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family."

⁶²But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #347 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Spirit Song

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

"Tag, You're It"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Caprice

Florence B. Price

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

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFRUEN

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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.**

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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. You may open it and consume it here in the Sanctuary. 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 packets 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 #572 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Pass It On

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

Trumpet Tune in D major

David N. Johnson



WORSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

9:00AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

2 Kings 5:1-14

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Renovation News to Know – *Out of Service*: Parking lot areas closest to the church, the parking lot door, and nearby sidewalks are unavailable. Restrooms in the office wing, including the accessible family restroom, are unavailable. Some phones are disconnected. We are unable to take drop-off/pick-up items in the office. The Octagon is closed. *This week*: Please use the front doors on Armory Ave. or the Office door on Mitchell St. to access the building for worship. Available restrooms include the Narthex (beside the cloak area), near Fellowship Hall, and the MultiPurpose wing.

Offices Closed During Renovation – We do plan to hold worship each Sunday in-person in the Sanctuary as regularly scheduled. However, for safety reasons, church offices will be closed on weekdays. Access to the building is by appointment only. Staff will flex hours on-site or work from home. Email is the best way to reach staff.

Peace with Justice Sunday – *June 26*. From the "Book Blessings" program serving at-risk children in Calhoun GA to environmental justice & sustainable agriculture projects in the East Mindanao Philippines, Peace With Justice grants enable UMC churches and partners to make the world a more just place. Fifty percent of this Special Sunday offering supports projects close to home through our annual conference, while the other half is combined with other UMC offerings for programs around the globe. Read more about PWJ-funded

projects and donate at stpaulsk.org/giving. To give, please make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Peace with Justice" on the memo, and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Kids with Compassion – *June 26*. While traditional Sunday School is on summer break, children will be able to participate in a variety of community service activities during the 10:30 worship hour. Today we will pack Smart Sacks, a program that provides hungry school children in Montgomery County with healthy food items for the weekend when school meals are not available. At 10:30, adults should escort children to the Parlor across from Fellowship Hall. Note: nursery care will also be in the Parlor and is available at both worship services. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

June Choir – *June 26*. Relax and join us for June Choir! We invite anyone who wants to sing to come to Room 211 (Choir Room) at 9:30 AM. We rehearse together before singing in the 10:30 AM worship service with music specifically chosen by Director Tom Pedersen to be meaningful and accessible to this community of singers.

Sorry, We Are Experiencing Technical Difficulties – St. Paul's staff are currently dealing with workflow difficulties caused by our aging computer network and server. Many of the usual tasks that staff manage on a day-to-day and week-to-week basis may be delayed. This is an unexpected computer interruption above and beyond what we expected with the building renovation. Thank you for your patience while we work it out!

Independence Day Holiday – *July 4*. St. Paul's will be closed and staff will be unavailable on Monday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Welcoming Pastor Joey – *July 10*. Rev. Joey Heath-Mason will begin as the Associate Pastor of St. Paul's with his first Sunday on July 10. The SPRC is currently planning a casual welcome reception – stay tuned for details. You can find Pastor Joey's bio and photo at stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page.

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 and will hold a single Sunday service at 10:30 AM. While the usual 9:00 and 10:30 worship formats differ somewhat and each is valuable, it is also valuable to gather all our members and friends together as one community, singing and praying together. Join us on July 31 at 10:30 AM!

St. Paul's Online Shop – We're now offering two completely new, colorful T-shirt designs. Very soon you will be able to purchase other items with the St. Paul's logo. All proceeds from sales support St. Paul's! Visit stpaulsk.myspreadshop.com.

SPY News – St. Paul's Youth are now on summer break! There are still some spots for youth hikers and adult chaperones on Wilderness Trail. For more info, visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth or contact Mr. Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

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.

Hunger Ministry Needs – Your donations of non-perishable items feed hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code! Find the list of pantry items at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. 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!

Still Wednesday – *Wednesdays in June, 7:00-8:00 PM.* Still Wednesday, a time of contemplative practice, will continue to meet through June, plus July 13 & August 17. The exact format varies week to week, 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.

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.

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* These live online sessions are held once a week, reminding us to keep us calm and connected through a time of sharing, prayer, or music with St. Paul's leaders. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

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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