



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

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August 28, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 28, 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.*

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### Gathering for Worship

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 only)

*Prelude on ein feste Burg*

*Barbara Harbach*

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

Lay Reader

(L) Sometimes life takes us where we don't expect.

**(P) Sometimes, God takes us where we don't expect.**

(L) In worship, we gather to get in touch with God's bigger narrative.

**(P) In worship, we gather to expand our hearts.**

(L) So let us worship the God of unending surprises.

**(P) Let us worship the God of love.**

\*Hymn #110 (9:00 & 10:30)

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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

Lay Reader

**Creator God, being faithful has never been easy. You asked Noah to build a ship. You asked the Israelites to plant gardens and build homes while in exile. You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths. You asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you. And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to. Being faithful has never been easy, and as a result, we often miss the mark. Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans. Forgive us for the times we say no to you so that we can say yes to ourselves. Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 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**

Jeremiah 29:1-7

Lay Reader

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. <sup>2</sup>This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: <sup>4</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

(L)This is the Word of God

**(P)Thanks be to God**

Children's Moment (10:30 only)

Dr. Meg Baker

\*Hymn #518 (9:00 & 10:30)

*O Thou, in Whose Presence*

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

*"When Dreams Unravel "*

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

## Response to the Word

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory (10:30 only)

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

*Emma Lou Diemer*

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

Doxology

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 only)

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

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 only)

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Breaking the Bread (9:00 only)

Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 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 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 #191 (9:00 & 10:30)

*Jesus Loves Me*

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

**If there is righteousness in the heart,  
there will be beauty in the character.  
If there is beauty in the character,  
there will be harmony in the home.  
If there is harmony in the home,  
there will be order in the nation.  
If there is order in the nation,  
there will be peace in the world.  
So let it be.**

Postlude (10:30 only)

*Prelude on Ein fest Burg*

*David Schelat*



**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

9:00 AND 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Acts 9:1-20

*"Discovering A New Path"*

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching



**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God  
by members of the St. Paul's Flower Guild.



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through*

*[stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home](http://stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home)*

*Liturgy and Prayer*



## 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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## St. Paul's Staff

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## Assisting with Worship

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### **Tech Team**

John & Biljana Regan

### **Lay Reader**

Deanna Hodgson - 9:00 AM  
Cathy Knepper - 10:30 AM

### **Usher Coordinator**

Nathan Bazawada

### **Lay Leader**

Marge Higgins

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Office Hours: By Appointment Only during Renovation  
Please use staff email addresses listed above!

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