



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

WHAT REALLY MATTERS?



July 31, 2022

10:30 A.M.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 31, 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

Lay Leader

Prelude

Variations on "Nettleton"

Undine Smith Moore

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: For Beloved Community near and far,

People: or the invitation to love and to be loved,

L: For abundant opportunities to begin again,

P: For spiritual practices that ground us,

L: For play that enlivens us,

**P: For Wisdom that invites us to expansive living —
we give thanks to the Holy One for these sustaining gifts.**

Let us worship God, our Provider and Friend

*Hymn #128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Nurturing Caretaker, your name is holy. May your kin-dom of flourishing bloom in our spirits and communities. Give us each day the spiritual and physical sustenance we need. Forgive us when we get it wrong and cause harm. Open our hearts to compassion for others and bathe all Your creation in mercy. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

Colossians 3:1-11 (The Message)

Lay Reader

¹⁻²So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ — that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

³⁻⁴Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life — even though invisible to spectators — is with Christ in God. He is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too — the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

⁵⁻⁸And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

⁹⁻¹¹Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

Luke 12:13-21 (New Revised Standard Version)

Lay Reader

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then

he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Sermon

"What Really Matters?"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory

Buoyantly - With a lilt - With rhythmic vitality

Jon Spong

*Hymn #94

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFRUEN

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

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

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread & Cup

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

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 #133

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude

Majestically

Jon Spong



WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

9:00 AND 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by **Rich & Marge Higgins** in celebration of family and welcome to new granddaughter **Finley Josephine**.

JOY

The flowers on the altar are given today to celebrate the births of

Andre Thomas, son of **Rev. Joey & Matthew Heath-Mason**

and

Rosemary, grandchild of **Tony & Mary Revenis**,

and child of their daughter Christine and husband Dan.



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

Renovation News to Know – This Week: The Narthex is now undergoing renovation work; please use caution! For Sunday worship, use the front doors on Armory Avenue or the office door on Mitchell Street to access the building. Accessing the church from the parking lot will require a detour. Available restrooms are near Fellowship Hall, near the MultiPurpose Room, or take the elevator to the third floor of the education wing for accessible restrooms. Please visit spaulsk.org/community/renovation for more information and behind-the-scenes photos.

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 – *July 31*. Children are invited to be in worship with their loved ones today and experience the rhythm of the worship service. We encourage all those who worship to live into the vows we share at baptism when we promise to embrace young ones as part of the family of God and help them to learn to walk in the ways of faith. There will be no Sunday children's programming in the month of August, although childcare will be available in the Nursery for infants and preschoolers during both the 9:00 & 10:30 worship services. "Busy Bags" for kids are available at the Welcome Desk. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Meal Train for Pastor Joey's Family – Rev. Joey Heath-Mason and his husband Matthew just welcomed new baby Andre to their family! Help support them during the exciting but exhausting first days of infancy by taking them a meal. There are dates available now through the end of August. Details and sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/g99krm>

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).

Updates by Video and Letter – Thank you to those who have responded to our recent financial update by sharing your intent or remitting your pledge. Your willingness and faithfulness is greatly appreciated. Don't forget that if for some reason you are unable to honor your pledge, please contact Pastor Pat. You can still find a 7-minute video update and the *pdf of the Finance Update letter at stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page.

A Note from Pastor Joey – Exciting news to share! We have added a new little one, Andre Thomas, to our family. We knew this would happen eventually, but these things always come in their own time. I also want to share with you our plan as approved by the SPRC: I will be taking 8 weeks of paternity leave while we adjust, bond, and settle in together, and will return in mid-September. I am grateful to have this important time and would appreciate your prayers and invite you to prayer for Pastor Pat and the entire staff as they fill in during my absence. Thank you for your understanding and I look forward to continuing to get to know you just as soon as I return.

Staff Changes – We have bid farewell to our treasurer, Mrs. Michelle Gregonis. The SPRC is working collaboratively with Pastor Pat to explore options and opportunities to ensure the responsibilities of the treasurer's position are cared for. Mr. Micah Smartt is still with us, and Pastor Pat and SPRC are also working with him to determine a new position description that provides for our ministry needs as well as Micah's.

Phone System – As is the case with most electronic systems, our phone system has come to the end of its life cycle at St. Paul's! We are in the process of identifying and procuring a new system and once that is done and installed, we will let you know. Until then, please know there is no operating phone system at the church.

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.

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.* Our Daily Breath meditations will 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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