



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

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July 3, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JULY 3, 2022

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**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 AM)

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

*Prelude on Many and Great,  
O God, Are Thy Things*

Emma Lou Diemer

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

Lay Reader

**Leader:** Freedom is coming!

**People:** **We can hear it in the voices of the oppressed.**

**L:** Hope is coming!

**P:** **We can see it in the eyes of all those who despair.**

**L:** God is here!

**P:** **We count on God's presence with us,  
to guide, heal, and uplift our spirits. Amen.**

\*Hymn #519 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Lift Every Voice and Sing

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

Lay Reader

**God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction this morning. We are so busy with the holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet the words of anguish arise around us. News of tragedy and war blare at us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come and comfort and heal our wounds. Open our hearts this day that we might become people who bring peace and**

**hope to those in despair. For we ask these things in the name of the master healer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Children's Message (10:30 AM only)

Dr. Meg Baker

## **Proclamation of the Word**

2 Kings 5:1-14 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

<sup>1</sup>Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

<sup>2</sup>Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

<sup>4</sup>Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. <sup>5</sup>"By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. <sup>6</sup>The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

<sup>7</sup>As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

<sup>8</sup>When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

<sup>11</sup>But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

<sup>13</sup>Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Lay Reader

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup>He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup>Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup>Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup>"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup>If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup>"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

<sup>18</sup>He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup>However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Litany for Independence Day (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

Leader: God of love and mercy,

You have lavished your creative might on this land,

giving us an abundance of natural beauty and resources.

**People:** Lord, may we always remember that this earth is yours and we are its caretakers. Guide us that we may use what you have given us with care and thanksgiving.

**L:** God of love and mercy,  
You shower us with mercy not condemnation,  
with love not hate, with acceptance not fear.

**P:** Lord, may we always remember that justice is more than law.  
Give us the wisdom to see injustice disguised as "protection,"  
and the courage and knowledge to challenge such laws.

**L:** God of love and mercy, You have blessed this land of ours  
with more riches than most of the world can comprehend,  
and with an energy and vitality that can produce wonders and marvels.

**P:** Lord, may we always act to share our wealth, taking the gifts you have  
given us to the world, reaching out to friend and foe, alike.

**L:** God of love and mercy, You have blessed this land,  
making it a great and wonderful place to live and work and play.

**P:** Instill in us the humility which comes from the knowledge that we have  
done nothing to deserve the blessings we have. Sensitize us to the  
dignity of all people that we may respect their individuality of culture  
and spirituality. Lead us to understand their needs within the context of  
their lives. Supply us with the wisdom to assist them without imposing  
our customs upon them. Continue to direct and enlighten us that we  
may be servants to the world and all peoples. We ask this in Jesus'  
name, who is God yet servant to us all. Amen.

\*Hymn #593 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)      Here I Am, Lord

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)      "Oh Freedom"      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)      *Prelude on Deep River*      Adolphus Hailstork

\*Hymn #94 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)      Doxology      LASST UNS ERFRUEN

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Leader: The Holy One be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

L: Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

**P: We open our hearts to you, O God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together.

**P: To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, concluding:*

L: Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth  
and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you:

**P: Holy, Holy, Holy One, God of justice and love,  
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder. Hosanna, among us.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:*

L: In remembrance of all you have done to save us,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**P: Christ was birthed among us.  
Christ was killed among us.  
Christ rises again among us.**

*The pastor continues and concludes:*

L: In collective longing for a taste of your Kindom on earth,  
we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

**P: Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kindom  
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  
trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the Kindom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

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

*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 & 10:30 AM)

**God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you make us one body. Bind us together by your spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so.**

## **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn #696 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)    *America the Beautiful*

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

**When symbols of hollow freedom wave in our communities, let us resolve to set one another deeply free. When songs hailing what we can do alone fill the air, let us amaze ourselves at what we can do together. When politicians talk about how God loves some places more than others, let us celebrate Love that flows beyond all borders. Go with God who goes with us.**

Postlude (10:30 AM only)    *The Stars and Stripes Forever*

John Phillip Sousa / Mills



**WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022**

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

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason, preaching



## **JOY**

We celebrate the birth of **Charlie Beck-Naylor** born June 20,  
son of **Lauren Beck & James Naylor** and grandson of **Paul & Sarah Beck**.

## **SYMPATHY**

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of

**Nathalie Silver**, following her death on June 27;

**Marge Novinsky**, following her death on June 16;

**Luree Wagner**, following her death on May 27;

**Betty Lu Long**, following her death on April 16;

and to members and friends

**Valerie Ramsey**, following the death of her father **Frederic Winkler**, on May 31;  
**Beth Seabreeze**, following the death of her grandmother **Sylvia Gibbs**.  
*To send condolences, please find the Congregational Care list at the welcome desk.*



*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)*

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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, the Memorial Garden & Columbarium, 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.

**Today: Kids with Compassion** – *July 3*. Children should come directly to the Sanctuary with their families today for worship at 10:30. Busy Bags with quiet activities are available at the Welcome Desk. Following the Children's Message, children will be invited to transition to Kids with Compassion, held in the Parlor (across from Fellowship Hall on the 2nd floor). Today we will assemble hygiene kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. These kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Childcare for infants and preschoolers will also be held in the Parlor during both worship services. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**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.

**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!

**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. Please join us for a casual welcome reception in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 AM worship service, sponsored by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. You can find Pastor Joey's bio at [stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page](http://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!

**Daily Breath** – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* These live online sessions are offered by pastors, staff, or lay members once a week, reminding us to keep us calm and connected through a time of sharing, prayer, or music. Daily Breath will continue through July then take a break in August before resuming on September 7. Visit [facebook.com/stpaulskensington](https://facebook.com/stpaulskensington).

**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](http://stpaulsk.myspreadshop.com).

**Still Wednesday** – *July 13 & Aug 17.* Still Wednesday, a time of contemplative practice, will meet once a month for the rest of the summer. 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](mailto:Kenzie@krdesign.net).

**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](http://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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry). To volunteer, email [hunger@stpaulsk.org](mailto:hunger@stpaulsk.org). To make a financial donation, visit [stpaulsk.org/giving](http://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](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)) to learn more.

**Yarn Ministry** – Meeting by Zoom twice a month. All crafters welcome! Contact Karen Codner ([kdc811@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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## Assisting with Worship

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### **Tech Team**

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### **Lay Readers**

9:00 AM - Kenzie Raulin  
10:30 AM - Anne Dean

### **Usher Coordinator**

Nathan Bazawada

### **Lay Leader**

Marge Higgins

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Please use staff email addresses listed above!

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