



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

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SUMMERTIME WORSHIP BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 3, 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. Starting September 10, we will have two worship service times: 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

Gathering for Worship

(- please stand in body or spirit)*

Announcements

Prelude

*Prelude on Machs mit mir
(Do With Me, God)*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: From the midst of our lives, vibrant and troubled,

All: God longs to connect with us.

Leader: They meet us with compassion and call us to courage.

All: God entices us all toward deeper relations,

Leader: With land and creature, neighbors and strangers

All: We find our lives entangled and entwined.

For the sake of all life, God summons our attention.

*Hymn #715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Perplexing One, we do not always understand you or what you ask of us. But in your presence, there is something that entices us. That comforts us. That challenges us toward the world we desire.

Though you inevitably call us toward the risky and unfamiliar, may we not let our fears deter us. May curiosity and openness be our practices of faith. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Proclamation of the Word

Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSVUE)

Pew Bible: Old Testament pages 78-79

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 (NRSVUE)

Pew Bible: Old Testament pages 557-558

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Dr. Meg Baker

*Hymn #297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Sermon

**"Building Faithfulness
on the Way to the Promised Land"**

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. Thank you for supporting all of St. Paul's efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory

Cantilène, Op. 29, No. 2

Gabriel Pierné

*Doxology #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Holy Communion

UM Hymnal, pages 12-14

The Invitation & Confession

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

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 #733

Marching to Zion

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude

Maple Leaf Rag

Scott Joplin/Mills



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 10, 2023: *Two service times - 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM*

Offices Closed for Labor Day.

Drop-in office hours this week: *Tuesday–Thursday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM*

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given today by **Carlos, Jennifer, Kristina, and Carlos Falcón**
in honor of **Shannon Braddock**, loving father and grandfather.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly News – Please read all the latest announcements and find links to more info at stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news, or contact the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org) or one of the people listed here.

- Kensington Labor Day Festivities (Sept. 4) – contact Pastor Joey

- SAM Church Leadership Meeting (Sept. 6) – contact Rachel Stalcup
- New Baby Meal Train (now-Sept. 8) – contact Anne Dean
- Pancake Breakfast (Sept. 9) – contact Jerry Watkins
- Confirmation Class Info Session (Sept. 10) – contact Pastor Pat or Pastor Joey
- Hunger Ministry Distribution (Sept. 11) – contact hunger@stpaulsk.org
- Sunday School Begins (Sept. 17) – contact Meg Baker

Welcome Visitors! – **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. **Children** will be in worship with their families today; 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. **Masks** are optional. Please read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.



Livestreaming each week at 10:30 AM. Video feed, sources, and full licensing information available at stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home.



LEADING AND SERVING

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