



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

Marvel on the Mountain



June 4, 2023

10:30 AM

CONFIRMATION & BLUEGRASS SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

JUNE 4, 2023

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. Announcements and helpful information can be found on the pages following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(- please stand in body or spirit)*

Announcements

Prelude

Turn Your Radio On
St. Paul's Bluegrass Ensemble

Albert E. Brumley

Come and listen in to the radio station where the mighty hosts of heaven sing,
Turn your radio on, turn your radio on;
If you want to hear the songs of Zion coming from the land of endless spring,
Get in touch with God, turn your radio on.

Refrain: Turn your radio on, and listen to the music in the air,
Turn your radio on, heaven's glory share;
Turn the lights down low and listen to the Master's radio,
Get in touch with God, turn your radio on.

Brother, listen in to the glory-land chorus, listen to the glad hosannas roll,
Turn your radio on, turn your radio on!
Get a little taste of joy awaiting, get a little Heaven in your soul,
Get in touch with God, turn your radio on. *(Refrain)*

Listen to the songs of the fathers and mothers and the many friends gone on before,
Turn your radio on, turn your radio on;
Some eternal morning we shall meet them over on the hallelujah shore,
Get in touch with God, turn your radio on. *(Refrain)*

Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: We have gathered in this place to worship,

All: because Jesus invites us to come!

L: We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts, with our successes and our failures,

All: because Jesus invites us to come!

L: We come with what we have, bringing with us the events and experiences of this past week,

All: because Jesus invites us to come.

L: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

All: Let's worship God together.

Music

Washed in the Blood
St. Paul's Bluegrass Ensemble

Elisha Hoffman

Refrain: Are you washed in the blood, in the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow'r?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? (*Refrain*)

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each moment in the Crucified? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? (*Refrain*)

When the bride-groom cometh will your robes be white? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Will your soul be ready for the mansion bright, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb? (*Refrain*)

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin, And be washed in the blood of the Lamb. There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean, Oh be washed in the blood of the Lamb! (*Refrain.*)

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

Most gracious and loving God, we have tasted your goodness in days gone by and it has satisfied us, but now with this new day we turn to you again for the bread of life that you have prepared for us and for the wine of the Spirit that you pour out for your people.

Help us Lord, to empty ourselves of those things that hinder us from knowing the fullness of your love and fill us with those things that tend to make us all that you want us to be.

We need your presence Lord. We need your anointing. Touch us, we pray, and make us whole. We ask it through Christ Jesus your Son. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

*Passing of the Peace

Proclamation of the Word

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NRSVUE)

Lay Reader

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE)

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

All God's Critters

*Children will be invited forward and will learn the Refrain for the song,
then will join in singing with the Bluegrass Ensemble.*

Refrain: All God's critters got a place in the choir.

Some sing low and some sing higher,

Some sing out loud on a telephone wire.

Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they've got.

Choir: Listen to the top where the little bird sings and the melodies and the high notes risin' and the hoot owl cries over everything and the blackbird disagrees. Singing in the night time, singing in the day, when the little duck quacks and he's on his way, and the otter hasn't got much anything to say, and porcupine talks to himself.

(Refrain)

Choir: Dogs and cats, they take up the middle where the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles. The donkey brays and the pony neighs and the old gray badger sighs. Listen to the bass, it's the one in the bottom, where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus moans and groans with a big to-do, and the old cow just goes moo.

(Refrain)

Choir: It's a simple song, a little song everywhere by the ox and the fox and grizzly bear, the dopey alligator and the hawk above, the sly old weasel and the turtle dove. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(Refrain)

Sermon

"Marvel on the Mountain"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word

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

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

Daddy Sang Bass
St. Paul's Bluegrass Ensemble

arr. Kirby Shaw

Daddy sang bass, Mama sang tenor.
Me and little brother would join right in there.
I remember when I was a lad,
Times were hard and things were bad,
But there's a silver lining behind every cloud.
Just poor people that's all we were,
Trying to make a living out of black land dirt,
We'd get together in a family circle singin' loud.

Refrain: Daddy sang bass, Mama sang tenor.
Me and little brother would join right in there.
Singin' seems to help a troubled soul.
One of these days and it won't be long,
I'll rejoin them in a song,
I'm gonna join the family circle at the Throne.
Oh the circle won't be broken,
bye and bye Lord, bye and bye.
Daddy'll sing bass, Mama'll sing tenor,
Me and little brother will join right in there,
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

Now I remember after work, Mama would call in all of us.
You could hear us singing for a country mile.
Now little brother has done gone on,
But I'll join him in a song,
We'll be together again up yonder in a little while. (*Refrain*)

*Doxology #95

OLD 100TH

St. Paul's Bluegrass Ensemble and Congregation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

St. Paul's Confirmation Class of 2023

*Parker Brown
Ellis Harvey
Colby Hauser
Andrew Mullens
Max Waner
Isabel Woldeab*

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism Mr. Micah Smartt

Presentation of Candidates for Affirmation Mr. Micah Smartt

Presentation of Candidates for Confirmation Mr. Micah Smartt

Renunciation of Sin & Profession of Faith Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

As each confirmand is received into full professing membership of the church, he or she will be praying for the Holy Spirit to move in this milestone moment in a powerful way. Your silent prayers as each young person comes before God will magnify this effort. You may use this prayer or any similar silent invocation: "Holy Spirit, fill [name] with your power now. Forgive [his/her] sins, strangely warm [his/her] heart, and enable [name] to speak with boldness, that all may know of Jesus Christ. Amen."

Reception into The United Methodist Church

Reception into St. Paul's UMC

Commendation and Welcome

Congregational Response

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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 and concludes:

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 the One 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 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

I'll Fly Away

St. Paul's Bluegrass Ensemble and Congregation

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away,
To a home on God's celestial shore. I'll fly away.**

***Refrain:* I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away (in the morning),
When I die, Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.**

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. (*Refrain*)**

**Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.
To a land where joy shall never end. I'll fly away. (*Refrain*)**

*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley



The music for today's worship service has been made possible in part through a generous gift from a member of this congregation and supporter of St. Paul's Music Ministry, and through the Anne and Gene Garrett Memorial Music Fund, named in loving memory of generous donors and life-long music supporters whose legacy provides St. Paul's UMC with the ongoing gift of music.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given today by Diane Kuykendall
in loving memory of **Eugene (Gene) Kuykendall.**

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest condolences to the family of
Mich Kuipers following her death on May 29.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM only

in the Sanctuary and livestreaming through stpaulsk.org

Drop-in Office Hours: Tuesday–Thursday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

9:00 AM – 30 10:30 AM – 94 online – 43

Total: 167



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements – News, events, and activities at St. Paul's are shared through our Weekly News message. Read all the latest announcements at stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news. You can also sign up to receive announcements by email. During the summer, we will not print announcements in the bulletin. Many groups and activities at St. Paul's take a summer break, with plans to return in the fall. Continuing this month: Summer Sunday "Kids with Compassion" Programming; Educational Award (application due June 4); Interfaith Hoppy Hour; "Reckless Love" Summer Bible Study; Hunger Ministry; Prayerwaves; Still Wednesday; Stephen Ministers; SAM meeting; Yarn Ministry; VBS (in partnership with Bethesda UMC); Musical Theatre Camp.

Welcome Visitors! – Thank you for joining us. **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office and down the hall near the water fountain. **Children** grades K-5 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 and ushers can provide headsets. **Say Hello!** Use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and, if you wish, contact information so we may welcome you. **Masks** are optional in almost all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.



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Jim McQueen, fiddle
Neil McFadden, guitar
Randy Barrett, banjo

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Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Additional times available by appointment!

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