



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

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UNRAVELED

SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART

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August 7, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

**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 &amp; 10:30)

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 only)

*Voluntary*

Manuel Emilio

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

**People: Hem us in before and behind.**

L: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

**P: Weave us together in hope and praise.**

L: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

**P: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.**

**Draw us together and point us toward you.**

L: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.

**P: Amen.**

\*Hymn #374 (9:00 &amp; 10:30)

Standing on the Promises

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

Lay Reader

**God of the wind and the sea, You invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear. You invite us to trust you, but we'd rather trust wind and gravity. You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that. You invite us to move — to change and take a risk — but we stay planted where we are,**

**afraid of the ways growth might hurt. Forgive us for our self-doubt and fear. We believe, despite our unbelief. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Matthew 14:22-33 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment (10:30 only)

Dr. Meg Baker

\*Hymn #525 (9:00 & 10:30) We'll Understand It Better By and By

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

"Unraveled by Uncertainty"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

### **Response to the Word**

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory (10:30 only)

*Prelude on Jesus is Calling*

Emma Lou Diemer

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

Doxology

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

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 & 10:30)

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 (9:00 & 10:30)

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

*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 & 10:30)

**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 #130 (9:00 & 10:30)      God Will Take Care of You

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

*Gigue*

David Schelat



### **WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022**

9:00 AND 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Luke 19:1-10

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  
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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](http://spaulsk.org/community/renovation) for more information and behind-the-scenes photos.

**Today: Children's Programming – August 7.** Children are invited to be in worship with their loved ones in August 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 is no Sunday morning children's programming this month, although childcare will be available in the Nursery for infants and preschoolers during both worship services. "Busy Bags" with quiet activities are also available at the Welcome Desk.

**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>

**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. The next Q&A session will be Sept. 27 – please email Pastor Pat by Sept. 26 for the Zoom link. In the meantime, here are questions to ponder for August's readings:

- As we read through 2 Kings and 1 Chronicles do you see any parallels between the behaviors of leaders in these readings and accepted leadership practices today?
- Have you ever prayed the Prayer of Jabez? If so, what was your experience?
- When you read Psalm 51 why do you think David says he's only sinned against God?
- Do you think David is trying to minimize the harm he caused Bathsheba?

**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.

**Weekday Closures** – For safety reasons, access to the building during the week is by appointment only. No visitors are allowed in construction 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 are disconnected!

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto:Kenzie@krdesign.net).

**Church Conference Scheduled** – Our annual church conference will be held Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. This is the annual “business” meeting of the local church where decisions are made about our church leadership, updating the church membership roll, hearing the report of the pastor and approving the clergy compensation packages are decided. Since this is a church conference all church members are invited to attend and have a voice and vote. The reports that will be decided at the church conference will be made available electronically, by request for your review a week prior to the conference. Stay tuned for more information.

### **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).

**Summer Break!** – Many activities and groups that usually meet during the programming year are now on summer break. These include: Daily Breath, Sanctuary Choir, Joyful



Ringers! bell ensemble, Read-Thru-the-Bible Q&A Sessions, and St. Paul's Youth. We'll return this Fall!

**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](http://stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry). New volunteers and those able to step in month-by-month are welcome! 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) 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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### **Senior Pastor**

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## Assisting with Worship

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### **Tech Team**

John & Biljana Regan

### **Lay Reader**

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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