



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

Journeying Together Since 1885

9:00 & 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

OCTOBER 8, 2023

Thank you for worshiping 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 bulletin will guide our service today. More helpful information can be found following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Prelude (10:30 only)

from Partita on Showalter

Jon Spong

I. Buoyantly - II. With rhythmic vitality - IV. Trio

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

Lay Reader

Leader: The time for harvest is close at hand.

What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

ALL: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

Leader: Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

ALL: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Leader: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

ALL: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

*Hymn #133 (9:00 & 10:30) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

**ALL: God of power and mercy,
only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise.
May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Anthem (10:30 only)

What Gifts Can We Bring
Sanctuary Choir

Jane Marshall

*What gifts can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?
Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for mission
That bids us turn prayer into deed.
Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring.
The Word is our promise, now and forever,
We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.
This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise.*

SPRC Moment (9:00 & 10:30)

Jenny Lipford

Proclamation of the Word

Matthew 25:14 - 30 (NRSVUE)

Pew Bible: New Testament page 28-29

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #467 (9:00 & 10:30)

Trust and Obey

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

“Multiplying Our Impact”

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 (10:30 only)

*Reverie for Celestes
from Suite Sebastianne*

Thomas H. Kerr, Jr.

*Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30)

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*Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Holy Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

The United Methodist Hymnal

The Invitation

Confession & Pardon (*UM Hymnal* p. 12)

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving – Musical Setting A (*UM Hymnal* p. 17-18)

The Lord's Prayer (*UM Hymnal*, #895)

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (*Communion bread is gluten-free.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (9:00 & 10:30)

All: 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 #374 (9:00 & 10:30)

Standing on the Promises

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 only)

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given today by **The Holland Family,**

in loving memory of **Ross Winslow Holland** (July 5, 1963 – Oct. 8, 1983)

upon the 60th anniversary of his baptism at St. Paul's

and 40th anniversary of his funeral.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly News – Visit stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news or scan the QR code to find all the announcements in our Weekly News, or contact the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org). Here are some featured upcoming events:



- Children's Choir today after 10:30 worship – contact Christina Griffin
- Interfaith Hoppy Hour at Babycat Brewery, Oct. 8 – contact Pastor Joey
- Sign Up for 6-Week Study on Courage, begins Oct. 11 – contact Meg Baker
- Holiday Giving Coordinators Needed by Oct. 15 – contact Grace Graham
- All Saints Sunday Memorial Booklet, names due by Oct. 16 – contact Erin Steele
- Taste & Sing (new date!) Oct. 24 – contact Meg Baker
- Funeral for Del Moyer, Oct. 28 at 10:00 AM
- Youth Pizza & Game Night, Oct. 29 – contact Pastor Joey

Welcome Visitors! – **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. **Children** in grades K-5 are welcome in

Sunday School at 10:30 AM; care for infants and preschoolers is available in the Nursery. To receive Sunday School updates by email, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org. **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.



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Lay Leader: Marge Higgins

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Lay Reader (9:00): Deanna Hodgson

Lay Reader (10:30): Anne Dean





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