



# St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

*Journeying Together Since 1885*

SUMMERTIME WORSHIP BULLETIN

JULY 9, 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.*

## **Gathering for Worship**

*(\* - please stand in body or spirit)*

Announcements

Prelude

*Prelude on Holy Manna*

Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Living Rock of Abundant Life, the poor cried out;  
you heard, and saved them from all their troubles.

**All: To those who have nothing, your promise is this:  
whatever is needed will be given.**

L: Your eyes are on those who do justice, and your ears are open to their voice.

**All: To those who yearn for peace, your promise is this:  
whatever is needed will be given**

L: Your arms enfold the brokenhearted,  
and rescue those whose spirits are crushed.

**All: To those who fear the future, your promise is this:  
whatever is needed will be given. O taste and see how good God is!  
Happy are those who take refuge in the Living Rock.**

\*Hymn #339

*Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**From deep within us, we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!" In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places. God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

\*Passing of the Peace

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Proverbs 9:1-6 (NRSV)

*Pew Bible: Old Testament page 591-592*

Psalms 34:9-14 (NRSV)

*Pew Bible: Old Testament page 508*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Dr. Meg Baker

*Following the message, children in grades K-5 may move to the Parlor for a community service activity.*

\*Hymn #150

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

Sermon

Soul Food Series: "An Appetite for Instruction" 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](http://stpaulsk.org). Thank you for supporting all of St. Paul's efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.*



Offertory

*Aria from Delaware Suite*

David Schelat

\*Doxology #94

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\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*UM Hymnal* pages 13-14

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 #347

*Spirit Song*

\*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude

*Fugue in g minor, BWV 578*

J. S. Bach



### SUMMER SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM only**

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

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

are given by **Alison and Iris Clark**, in honor of our amazing St. Paul's UMC Staff.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

10:30 AM – 110      online – 60      Total – 170



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Weekly News** – Read all the latest announcements at [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news). Many groups are on summer break! Continuing this month: Kids with Compassion; “Reckless Love” Bible Study; Hunger Ministry; Prayerwaves.

**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 begin in worship and may move to the Kids with Compassion activity; 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 so we may welcome you. **Masks** are optional in almost all St. Paul’s spaces. Please read more at [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://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](http://stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home).*



## LEADING AND SERVING

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