



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A safe place to be authentic and to experience acceptance, healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022

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Pastor: Rev. Michael Goldston

Staff

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.

Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Sexton: Gary Putnam

Please silence and turn off Wi-Fi on your mobile device to ensure we have the bandwidth to livestream today's service. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

Whitworth

*Processional Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal no.139

Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

2 Samuel 22:3, 29, 47

Leader: He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior

People: You are my lamp, O Lord; you lighten my darkness.

Leader: The Lord lives!

All: Blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation!

*Opening Prayer

Philippians 2:1-8

Leader: Let us pray

All: Living God, give to us encouragement in Christ, consolation from love, sharing in the Spirit, and compassion and sympathy. Make our joy complete: make us of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Let us do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than ourselves. Let each of us look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Let us pass God's peace with each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please remain in your seat. Make signs of peace to those with you in person and connect with your phone with other live viewers through Facebook "comments.")

Welcome and Announcements

Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Children will come forward and sit on the dots.

Following the children's sermon, we invite our K3 to 2nd grade children to follow the designated adult upstairs for a lesson and craft. Please follow the instructions on the name tag found in the back of your pew. At the end of the Prayers of the People, the adult leaders will bring them back to the sanctuary and ensure they return to their parent/guardian.

Prayer for Illumination

Shine in our hearts, O Master who loves humanity, the pure light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our mind that we may comprehend the proclamations of Your Word. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

NRSV (pg. 159 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UM Hymnal #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Hymnal no.70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

CEB (pg.163 NT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Normal Is Overrated"

Anthem

"Here I Am to Worship"

Hughes

Mary Grace and Michael Goldston

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Response: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Mission Moment:

Logan Kanipe

Autism & Developmental Disabilities Awareness

Offertory

Special offering for the Autism & Developmental Disabilities Awareness

Giving Links:

PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=Y9NV28ABLG5LW>

Realm - <https://onrealm.org/StPaulUMC1107/give/now>

*The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95

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.

Sending

*Closing Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Hymnal no.454

*Benediction

(As you leave, please respect the social distancing needs of others.)

Postlude

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Whitworth

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 05/15/2022	Amount	Attendance
General Fund		05/15/2022
Memorials & Honorariums		
SALT Class		In-person: 80
Total Giving:		Streaming households: 7
		*Viewers reached: 59

*"Streaming households" is the number of screens tuned in during the live broadcast on Sunday. "Viewers" are the number of screens that watched the service for at least 3 seconds

Today's Servers:

Reader: Deborah Goodwin

Crucifer: Collins Cheshire

Acolyte: Anna Cheshire

Children's Worship: Lori Cheshire

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

Katie Knobloch

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy life and re - store
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 ing bears thee on ea - gle's wings, c'er in his keep - ing main -
 thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 thee, fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be -
 him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
 tain - ing. God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up -
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 fore thee. Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 holds. Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
 do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 speed, spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
 gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863
 st. 2 by S. Paul Schilling, 1986; st. 4 by Rupert E. Davies, 1983 (Ps. 103:1-6; 150)
 MUSIC: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. by William Sterndale Bennett, 1864

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454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - cry - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain
 that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 5/22	Salt Class Baseball Outing: Greenville Drive	2:00pm
	Joint Youth Group: Saint Paul	6:30pm
Mon, 5/23	Legacy Bag Packing: Saint Paul	9:00am
	Church Council meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/24	Women's Community: Home of Jeannine Cox	7:00pm
Thurs, 5/26	Golden Girls Gathering: Home of Mary Pool	11:30am

Upcoming events:

Mon, 5/30	Memorial Day: Office Closed	
Satu, 6/4	Youth Group Pool Party: Home of Edna Patterson	2-4:00pm
6/5 – 6/8	Virtual Annual Conference	
Fri, 6/10	Parents Night Out: Saint Paul	6–9:00pm
6/12 to 6/16	Vacation Bible School	

From Pastor Michael

(You can always reach me at 864-979-2435 or megoldston@umcsc.org)

Office Hours: We are open from 8:15am until 1:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:00 to 12:30 on Wednesday. I am available at the above contact info and Melissa is available through the church email and phone.

My last Sunday preaching will be June 12. I will be present in worship for the VBS celebration on June 19 and a hymn sing on June 26. Pastor Matt Greer's first Sunday will be July 3.

Sunday Worship Safety Protocols

1. **Cloth or surgical face masks** covering the nose and mouth are **optional** for all times, places, and events. Masks are required for everyone aged 3 and older in the balcony.
2. "Do unto others what you would have them do to you." This means putting yourself in the shoes of your neighbor, who may be wearing a mask, or may be immune-compromised, or may be unvaccinated; treat each person with the dignity of a child of God to respect their personal space and personal decisions. If you don't personally know someone's needs, give them space in seating and standing.
3. If you feel sick in any way, please worship from home.

Saint Paul Cares

Happy Birthday: Willa Bell, 5/24; Linda Bruce, 5/27; Samuel Howard, Branham Biggers, 5/29

Happy Anniversary: There are no anniversaries this week.

In your prayers, please remember:

Abbie Barnette, Roger Barrett, Vicki Bolen, Annette Bostic, Tom Boykin, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, Bruce Byington, Paul Campbell, Cheyanne Cantwell, Connie Cox, Patsy Crabtree, Eleanor Cunningham, Natalie Davis, Isaac Ferrell, Catherine Gilstrap, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Lisa Harbin, Carol Head, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Lee Jenkinson, *Carol Johnson*, Jean Jones, Tinsley Lyles, Crystal McCoy, Chuck McLesky, Karsyn Miller, Mackenzie Murphy, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Raymond Rogers. Joyce Searcy, Mary Lee Shirley, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Joe Whitmire, family of Sharon Williams, friends serving in the Armed Services, first responders, and the leaders of the United States of America. (Bold = New, *Italics* = Currently in hospital or rehabilitation)

Missions: Salkehatchie, Empowering Haitians, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Legacy Elementary, Hinton Center

Praise be given:

Upcoming Meetings



Church Council: will be meeting on 5/23 at 8pm via zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Lori Cheshire, Heather Storey, Janet Cook, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, Ed Pool, Jim Storey, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, Davis Lupo, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, Mary Anne Terminato and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!



Trustees: Please watch your bulletin for the next meeting date and time. Members are Ed Pool, Jason Cheshire, John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Debbie Goodwin, and Chris Cox. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Please watch your bulletin for the next meeting date and time. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Jim Storey, Katie Knobloch, Donna Connelly, Troy Gamble, Eugenia Vicars, and Pastor Michael. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 6/20 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Melissa Campbell, Donna Connelly, Tommy Head, Eugenia Vicars, Tracey Biggers, Jason Cheshire, and Pastor Michael. All are welcome!

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Joint Youth Group: will be meeting on 5/22 at 6:30pm and will close the year out with a pool party on June 4 from 2-4pm at Edna's house, 36 Weatherby Drive in Greenville.



Women's Community: We will be gathering on 5/24 at 7pm at the home of Jeannine Cox, 9 Hamilton Ave in Greenville. Come join us for an evening of laughter, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Don't forget to bring a food item to share and your favorite beverage.



Golden Girls: will be gathering on 5/26 at 11:30am at the home of Mary Pool, 216 McDaniel Ave in Greenville. Bring your lunch and join us we study the women of the bible.



S/PPRC will be hosting a pool party to thank and celebrate Pastor Michael, Anna, Mary Grace, and Jack for their time with us at Saint Paul. The party will be at the home of Edna Patterson (36 Weatherby Drive) on Sunday, June 26th at 1:00pm. Lunch will be catered so please ensure you RSVP via the link below. We hope you can come celebrate with us!
<https://forms.gle/mUKfFL7DrweZyV1T7>



Help Needed: We are looking for a couple of volunteers willing to jump in broadcasting our service on Sunday whenever Mary Anne is unavailable. The biggest requirement is being here a little earlier on a Sunday morning and learning the computer system to get us broadcasting. If you are interested, please contact either the office at 864-235-3494 or saintpaulumc1107@gmail.com or talk directly to Mary Anne Terminato after any service. Thank you!

Sunday School News

As Sunday School attendance is usually low during the summer we will have Sunday School two Sundays a month for June, July and August.

June 5 and June 19

July 10 and 24

August 14 and 28.

Lauren will provide Toddler care for Sunday School and Worship each of these Sundays.

Opportunities to Serve



Autism and Developmental Disabilities Awareness:

Bring your dollars! We will be collecting funds for the Autism and Disabilities Awareness starting 4/17 and going through May. Let us help support those in our community with autism and other learning disabilities to achieve the

highest quality of life possible. We will be supporting locally through the Project Hope Foundation for Autism, NAMI Greenville and Thrive Upstate for Developmental Disabilities.



We are still collecting funds for **Legacy Food Bags** in order to finish out our obligation to those students in need for this school year. Please consider giving to our Legacy fund to help purchase the needed food items. Thank you! **We will be packing the last bags for this year on 5/23 at 9am.**



We are continuing to collect non-perishable items for the **Hygiene Bags**. Please leave donations in the shopping cart located in the narthex and they will be stored until needed. Please see the display in the narthex to see what we need. Thank

you!



Please consider helping support Project Host by ordering supplies they need on a regular basis.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2293025SV5Q37?ref=wl_share

Or sign up to volunteer from 9am to 1pm at <https://www.projecthost.org/>.

E-vangelism

Let someone know about our **free wi-fi hotspot** for e-learning!

Network: St. Paul Guest

Password: Guest

[Share our live-stream on your Facebook page.](#)

Take five minutes and write us a **review!** [Facebook](#) or [Google](#)



Saint Paul UMC/Northside UMC Joint VBS

We are on a roll with God and we need chefs to join us for Food Truck Party.

Join us as we "Cook up some fun".

We will learn to serve as the hands of God, ensuring that the needs of others are met.

The party begins Sunday, June 12 and goes to Thursday, June 16.

Watch the video on Facebook and complete the activities with your family during the day.

Each evening chefs will gather in the fellowship hall at Saint Paul UMC

6:00-6:20 pm: Dinner served

6:30 pm: Program begins

to celebrate our daily specials.

Children entering K4-Fifth Grade are invited to attend.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/LAnw21S3k2UmdUMx7>