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healing, and a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.



**May 7, 2023**

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Staff

Director of Music: William H. Searcy, Jr.

Church Administrator: Melissa Campbell

Sexton: Gary Putnam

*Please silence your mobile device. At the Chiming of the Hour, please take your seats and quietly reflect on the coming service. Thank you.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" Smith

\*Processional Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymnal no.92

Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We are calling on the God of Moses.

**People: The one who opened up the ocean.**

Leader: We need You now to do the same thing for us.

**People: O God, my God, we need You now. O Rock, o Rock of Ages, we're standing on Your faithfulness.**

\*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Oh Lord, may we see you when you come near, may we see you in the interpretation of scriptures, may we see you when you are in our homes, and if we still can't see you, may we see you in the breaking of the bread. 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.**

(Whether it be thanksgiving, smiles, forgiveness, embraces, waves from across the church, or encouragement, we pray your soul finds the peace it needs at this time.)

Welcome and Announcements

### Word and Response

Children's Sermon

Following the children's sermon, we invite our K3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**May the words and deeds of Jesus between resurrection and ascension draw us closer to him and call us into a more excellent way of life. Amen.**

\* Scripture Reading                      Luke 24:13-35                      NRSV (pg. 84 NT)  
Sermon Series                      "W.W. (The Resurrected) J.D."  
Part 3                      "Walk to Emmaus"  
Anthem                      "A Servant's Heart"                      McDonald  
Chancel Choir

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.**

Offertory

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.**

\*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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal p.12

**\*Giving the Bread and Cup**

The ushers will direct you to come forward in small groups and kneel at the altar rail. You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of juice to eat and drink with your group. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may remain in prayer, then return to your seat via the outside aisles.

**Closing Prayer**

Sending

\*Closing Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" Hymnal no.618

**\*Benediction**

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

Postlude "Celebrate" Saylor

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**Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts**

<b>Giving for 04/30/2023</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$1,737.00	04/30/2023
Other Funds	\$518.33	In-person: 60
<b>Total Giving:</b>	<b>\$2,255.33</b>	Online Views: 92

**Today's Servers:**

Reader: John Tate

Crucifer: Neal Franks

Acolyte: Payton Franks

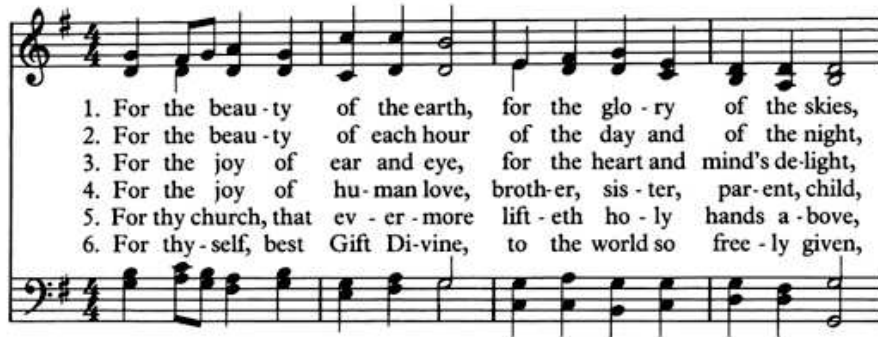
Children's Worship: Not available today

Nursery: Not available today

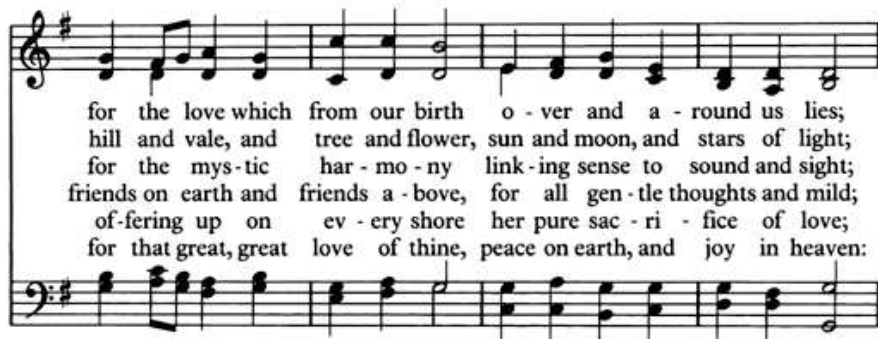
**We raised \$556.33 for the Senior Action Center. Thank you for your generous giving!**

## For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,  
 6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,



for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies;  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;  
 friends on earth and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild;  
 of-fering up on ev-ery shore her pure sac-ri-fice of love;  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.  
 \* Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac-ri-fice of praise.

\*For Holy Communion

# 618 Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)  
 (2. Let us) drink wine to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)  
 (3. Let us) praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me) 2. Let us  
 3. Let us

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\*May end after stanza 3

me)4. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees, (on our knees)

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

*Fine*

WORDS: African American spiritual (Acts 2:42)  
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by  
 William Farley Smith, 1986  
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LET US BREAK BREAD  
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### Important Dates to Remember

Current week:

Sun, 5/7	Youth Group: Saint Paul	5:30pm
Mon, 5/8	S/PPRC Meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/9	Fellowship Luncheon: Blockhouse	11:30am
Wed, 5/10	Fellowship Dinner: Saint Paul	5:30pm
	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul	7:00pm
Fri, 5/12	Parents' Night Out: Saint Paul	6-9:00pm

Upcoming events:

Sun, 5/14	Mother's Day	
Mon, 5/15	Finance Committee meeting: Zoom	8:00pm
Tues, 5/16	Men's Community: TBD	7:00pm
Thurs, 5/18	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Pool's	11:30am
Sun, 5/21	Church Picnic: McPherson Park	4:30pm

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#### From Pastor Matt

(You can always reach me at 864-421-3800 or [matthewegreer@gmail.com](mailto:matthewegreer@gmail.com))

Thanks for being here today! I believe the number one reason for high church attendance is church attendance; your presence makes this a more excellent place to be on Sunday mornings.

**On May 28, let's celebrate Pentecost by welcoming new members. If you are not yet a member, feel free to reach out over the next couple of weeks at the number above, and let's talk about what it looks like for you to officially join the Saint Paul UMC family.**

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**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/or contact the office via the church email and phone during these hours. The office will be closed on 5/29 for Memorial Day.

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#### 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](#)



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## Saint Paul Cares

**Happy Birthday:** Alexandra Johnson 5/7; Matthew Roberts 5/9; Larkin Johnson, Connie Cox 5/10; Pat Tompkins 5/14

**Happy Anniversary:** There are no anniversaries this week.

### In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Linda Bruce, William Bruce (Bruce/Terminato family), Ray Byington, Connie Cox, Natalie Davis, Jesse Franks, *Catherine Gilstrap*, Marie Good, Debbie Goodwin, Doris Goodwin, Carol Head, Amos Horne, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Allison Miller, Karsyn Miller, Tavane Reposo, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, Tristan Taylor, Joe Whitmire, 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)

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## Upcoming Meetings



**Trustees:** Will be meeting on 6/5 at 7pm at Saint Paul and via Zoom. Members are John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Deborah Goodwin, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, and John Sprinkle. All are welcome!



**S/PPRC:** Will be meeting on 5/8 at 8pm via Zoom. They will meet again in April. Members are Rebecca Roper, Tennille Crnobrnja, Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, and Christine Hall. This is a closed meeting.



**Finance Committee:** Will be meeting on 5/15 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, Edna Patterson, Jimmie-Lou Vanughn, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



**Church Council:** Will be meeting on 5/22 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, Davis Lupo, and Mary Anne Terminato. All are welcome!

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## Announcements & Upcoming Events



**Joint Youth Group:** Will be meeting at Saint Paul on 5/7. This is our last meeting before the summer break. We would love to see you here!



**Fellowship Luncheon:** We will be gathering on 5/9 at 11:30am at Blockhouse on Augusta Street. Please join us for a lunch time of laughter, fellowship, and conversation. See you

there!



**Fellowship Dinner:** Join us in the social hall on 5/10 at 5:30pm for a dinner of hot dogs, chips, coleslaw, baked beans, dessert and a drink. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/Bu34mos182LQxcC87>



**Parents' Night Out:** Parents drop off the children on 5/12 from 6:00 to 9:00pm and have three hours to run errands, have a date night, or just get a nap! We will provide a meal, treat, and activity for them while you take a moment to just be an adult. Please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/LtD1SimjQRLGqmSq9>



**Church Picnic:** Join us for some fellowship and fun on 5/21 at McPherson Park, 120 East Park Ave in Greenville. Arrive at 4:30pm for fellowship and we will eat a potluck dinner at 5:30. Please plan on bringing a dish or more to share! There is a putt-putt course there if you would like to bring a club and balls and there is a playground for the kids. You may want to bring a chair to sit on, as well. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP: <https://forms.gle/PGfcCa8LhVWp264s7>



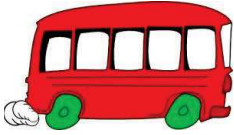
**Men's Community:** The men will be gathering for an evening of fellowship on 5/16 at 7pm. The location is to be determined.



**Mark your Calendars for VBS!** Vacation Bible School will be coming to Saint Paul July 23-27. Mark your calendars and plan to join us. More information will be coming closer to time.

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## Opportunities to Serve



**Senior Action Center Bus:** We collected \$556.33 to help with the bus for the seniors. Thank you for your generous giving!



**Project Host Service Sundays:** Please mark your calendars for our Service Sundays and Project Host this year. We will be helping with the meal service on July 9<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm. Please come support those in our community in need of our service and compassion. **Sign up for July 9<sup>th</sup> here:**  
<https://forms.gle/yepN4S7JYz4WkNuA8>



**School Supplies:** We will be collecting school supplies in May, June, and July. Please see the list below.



**September is Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness:** We will be collecting money to help find a cure. Please consider joining our own "Betty's Bunch" for the walk event.



**October Block Party:** It's back. Come out for a fun time with the neighborhood as we host our Block Party. More details will be coming closer to time.



**November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness:** We will be raising money to donate to help find a cure. Please check their website for ways you can help outside of this collection.

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## Summer Sunday School Schedule

This summer we will have Sunday School on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. This will be for June, July and August. Our attendance is generally low in the summer and this will give our teachers and assistants some time for rest and renewal.

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The Beacon of Light Sunday School Class would like to invite anyone interested in Sunday School to join us this Sunday as we begin our new study.

Sunda, 4/23, the class will begin the study "Signs and Wonders – A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. Each chapter is about a different miracle of Jesus and are independent of each other. Various class members lead the discussion.

Below is a link to the video for Session 1 so you can see if you would be interested in this study. [https://44hmv1lj.r.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/L0/https:%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1hzcOUXjd95kbAq2OH9eMcZEFJClmvy9u%2Fview%3Fusp=share\\_link/1/010001879054d240-2f8314eb-4cb5-4554-baf5-5fc4f75e5fe5-000000/FaODL1FEUvEBmlQIZfxdL7hML5s=317](https://44hmv1lj.r.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/L0/https:%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1hzcOUXjd95kbAq2OH9eMcZEFJClmvy9u%2Fview%3Fusp=share_link/1/010001879054d240-2f8314eb-4cb5-4554-baf5-5fc4f75e5fe5-000000/FaODL1FEUvEBmlQIZfxdL7hML5s=317)

We would love to have you join us in this new six-week study. The class meets at 10:00 – 10:45am each Sunday in the Parlor (across from the church office and Pastor Matt's office).

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Bill Searcy will be celebrating 25 years of service and ministry as our Music Director in June. Please join us on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, following worship, for a luncheon to celebrate. Please RSVP by June 4<sup>th</sup> so we can have an accurate headcount for our caterer. RSVP link: <https://forms.gle/jTX3ycSV2XAk4g4r6>



**Children's Choirs are back! Little Lambs** will be rehearsing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during Sunday School. **Kids4Christ** will be rehearsing on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during Sunday School. Please be sure to have your children here for practice. Thank you!



### School Supply List

- Notebook paper
- 3 ring binder
- Marble cover Composition book
- Spiral bound notebook
- Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- Crayons (Crayola 16 or 24 pack size)
- Washable Markers (Crayola)
- Scissors (Fiskars blunt tip)
- Ink pens
- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer (Large bottle)
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Pocket folders
- Colored pencils