



SAINT PAUL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Promotion Sunday **September 10, 2023**

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Live-streaming Worship Service at 11:00am at www.facebook.com/saintpaulumcsc/

Pastor: Rev. Matthew Greer

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Vimeo.com/saintpaulumc

Podcast: podomatic.com/podcasts/saintpaulumc1107

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 seat and quietly reflect on the coming service. Thank you.

*Please stand as you are able.

Gathering

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Seeking the Christ" Rand

*Processional Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Hymnal no.158
Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship from Habakkuk 2:18-20

Leader: "Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman? Or an image that teaches lies?

People: For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak.

Leader: Wo to him who says to wood, 'Come to life!' Or to lifeless stone, 'Wake up!'

People: Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it."

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple;

People: let all the earth be silent before him.

*Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Thanks be to God; You give us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. May nothing move us; may that kind of love keep us firm. So that we may give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord; a labor that is never in vain. 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.

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.

Presentation of the Bibles

Leader: The Bible's stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God. Receive these the Word of God with your hands, hearts, and minds. Learn its stories and study its words.

Students: We will.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. 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.

*Sermon Scripture 1 Samuel 4:1-11 NRSV (pg.236 OT)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: "Battle of Aphek"

Anthem "Remind Me Dear Lord" Rambo

Bill Searcy, tenor

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.

Offertory

We will be collecting for The Betty Bunch and Breast Cancer Awareness this month. Please drop your coins in the buckets or give through our online platforms.

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

"Are Ye Able"

Hymnal no.530

*Benediction

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

Postlude

"Tell It Out With Gladness"

Beethoven

Our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

Giving for 09/03/2023	Amount	Attendance
General Fund Memorials & Honorariums	\$2276.50	09/03/2023
Other Funds	\$20.00	In-person: 29
Total Giving	\$2296.50	Online: Not streamed

Today's Servers:

Reader: Richard or Matha Ball

Crucifer: Neal Franks

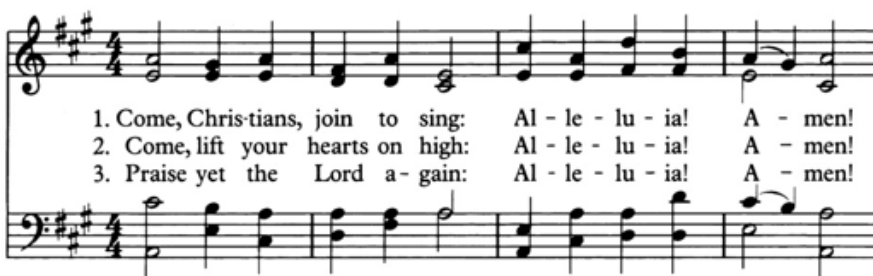
Acolyte: Payton Franks

Children's Worship: Raina Newman &

Nursery: Lauren Searcy

Lauren Searcy

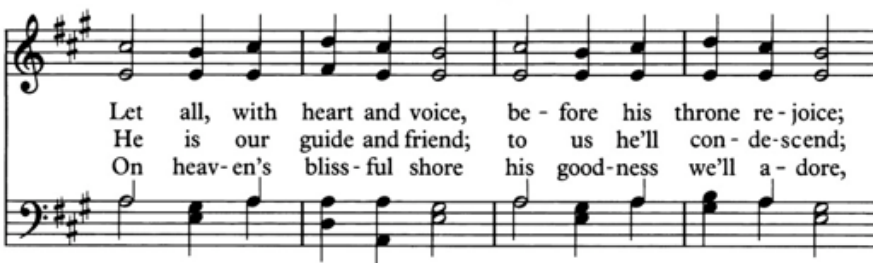
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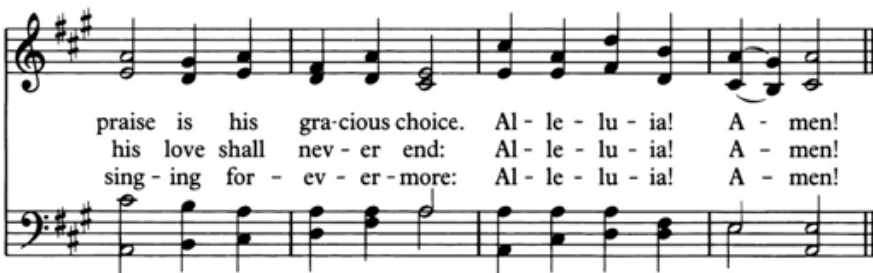
1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Are Ye Able

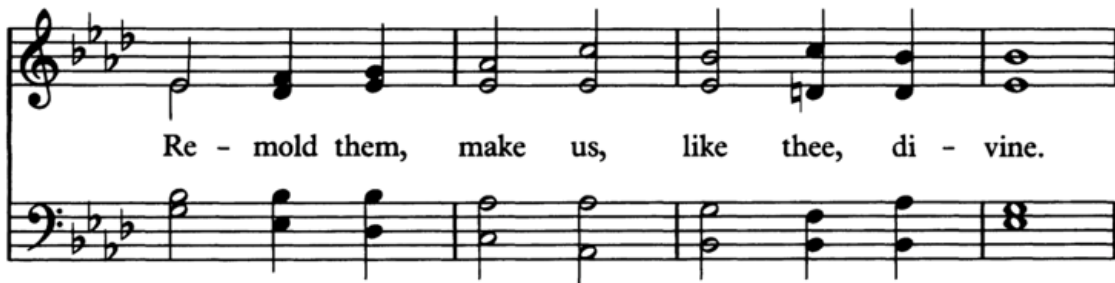
1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be
 2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a
 3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -
 4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis - pers

cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers
 thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is
 round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it
 down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its


an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."
 wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?
 tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?
 an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

Refrain

Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.



Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.



Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be



a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

WORDS: Earl Marlatt, 1926 (Mark 10:35-40)
MUSIC: Harry S. Mason, 1924

BEACON HILL
Irr.

Important Dates to Remember

Sun, 9/10	Grandparents are Great Pancake Breakfast 10:00am Betty's Bunch to Fight Breast Cancer Promotion Sunday	In
worship		
Mon, 9/11	Trustees meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm
Tues, 9/12	Fellowship Luncheon: 4Aces Kitchen	11:30am
Wed, 9/13	Chancel Choir rehearsal: Saint Paul Youth Parent meeting: Zoom	7:00pm 8:00pm
Upcoming events:		
Sun, 9/17	Sunday School is back in session Youth Group resumes: Saint Paul	10:00am TBD
Mon, 9/18	Finance Committee meeting: Saint Paul/Zoom	7:00pm
Tues, 9/19	Men's Community: Todaro Pizza	7:00pm
Thurs, 9/21	Golden Girls Bible Study Luncheon: Saint Paul	11:30am
Sun, 9/24	Wear Pink! Pumpkin Patch set-up: Northside UMC	11:00am

From Pastor Matt

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

In order to make Youth ministry at Saint Paul more excellent, we are looking for people that can:

- 1) Provide/prepare meals for the youth and leaders,**
- 2) Spend time with the group to make sure that Safe Sanctuary is being practiced and,**
- 3) Lead lessons and facilitate group discussions.**

Please let me or Edna Patterson know if these are things you'd like to do on a monthly basis or even just give it a try once or twice throughout the year. Thank you!

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.

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 Cares

Happy Birthday: Fowler Roper 9/11; Charmaine Pool 9/12; Daniel Roper 9/13; Jacob Cox 9/15; Frankie Caughman 9/16

Happy Anniversary: Ray & Jere Byington 9/17

In your prayers, please remember:

Roger Barrett, Chelsea Biggers, Annette Bostic, 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, Sue Howard, Bill Huff, Dot Huff, Lee Jenkinson, Carol Johnson, Jean Jones, Larry Jones, Brent Kanipe, Tinsley Lyles, Chuck McLesky, Betty McWhite, Allison Miller, Karsyn Miller, Alan Myers, Faye Mulligan, Ronnie Roberts, Diane Robertson, Beth Rogers, Joyce Searcy, Nancy Smith, Suzanne Sprinkle, *Kathy Weather*, 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)

Praise be Given:

Upcoming Meetings



Trustees: Will be meeting on 9/11 at 7pm at Saint Paul with a Zoom option. Members are John Smith, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, Deborah Goodwin, Chris Cox, Neal Franks, and John Sprinkle. All are welcome!



S/PPRC: Will not be meeting in September. Members are Rebecca Roper, Troy Gamble, Steve Vaughn, Edna Patterson, and Christine Hall. This is a closed meeting.



Finance Committee: Will be meeting on 9/18 at 7pm at Saint Paul with a Zoom option. Members are Becky Hollifield, David Knobloch, Tommy Head, Stephen Newman, Eugenia Vicars, Edna Patterson, Jimmie-Lou Vaughn, and Tracey Biggers. All are welcome!



Church Council: Will be meeting on 9/25 at 8pm via Zoom. Members are Tracey Biggers, Heather Storey, Peggy Whitmire, Collins Cheshire, Eugenia Vicars, David Knobeloch, Becky Hollifield, Carol Head, MaryAnn Stephens, Bill Searcy, Edna Patterson, Elaine Byers, Davis Lupo, and Mary Anne Terminato. All are welcome!



Charge Conference: We will be hosting our Charge Conference on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7pm at Saint Paul. To prepare, we have started the budget planning process and all those with a budget line should have received the renewal information via email and mail. For those needing to complete specific forms and reports, those will be sent out next week. All committees and teams need to meet to go over budget details. Thank you for helping us prepare.

Announcements & Upcoming Events



Fellowship Luncheon: It's back! Please mark your calendar for 9/12 to join us for lunch at 11:30 at 4Aces Kitchen on Pelham Road. RSVP:

<https://forms.gle/XHqi8VzfNNo2cHTV9>



Youth Parent meeting: All youth parents will be meeting on 9/13 at 8pm via Zoom. A link will be sent to you in the Weekly Update. Please join us as we discuss the coming year for our youth.



Youth Group Resumes on September 17, 2023.

Opportunities to Serve



Project Host Service Sundays: We will be helping with the meal service on October 8th from 9am to 1pm. We currently have enough volunteers for this event.



September is Breast Cancer Awareness: We will be collecting money to help find a cure and help those in our area. We will kick off this year's fund raising at the Grandparent's Breakfast on 9/10 and will pass the pink buckets during the offering time this month.



October Block Party: It's back. Come out for a fun time with the neighborhood as we host our Block Party on 10/29 from 2 to 5pm. There will be trunk-or-treating,



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.



Sunday School Schedule

Beginning September 17, the Sunday School classes will resume meeting every Sunday. Hope everyone has had a great summer. Look forward to seeing everyone back in September.

