

## Mission Statement

St. Paul United Methodist Church exists to honor God by making more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 30, 2025

8:30 a.m.

### Welcome and Announcements:

#### Prelude

#### Elegy

#### Biery

#### \*Call to Worship:

Leader: God has many children. Some of us are out wandering and anxiously waiting to return home.

**People: Others of us have stayed close by, but are unable to appreciate God's love for our brothers who chose to leave.**

Leader: God's love is the same for each of us, and we all need forgiveness.

**People: May we discover God's forgiveness and choose to be in the Lord's presence.**

#### \*Opening Prayer:

**Unison: O God, whose arms are outstretched to us as a loving Father in spite of our undesirable qualities: Help us to see where we are when we put ourselves outside of your love. In our self-centered resistance, may we return to know the joy of being loved and forgiven. We pray through your Son, who has revealed your great love to us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Page 400**  
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger,**

wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debt or daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

**First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**Choir Anthem:                      And No Bird Sang                      Douglas Warner**

**\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

**\*Hymn:                      He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought                      Page 128**

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
What-e'er I do, whe-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

**Refrain**

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.  
(Refrain)

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. (Refrain)

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.  
(Refrain)

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer (in unison):**

"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.

**Sermon:                      "Lost and Found"                      The Rev. Dr. Paul L. Yeun**

**The Affirmation of our Stewardship**

**Offertory                      Flute Solo                      Arne**

**\* Congregational Response                      Page 95**

**\* Prayer of Dedication (in unison):** Lord Jesus, who received a lad's lunch to feed a multitude, be please to multiply these humble offerings so that, through our church's worldwide relief program, hungry souls and bodies may be fed in your Name. Amen.

**\*Hymn:                      Lord, I Want to be a Christian                      Page 402**

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

**Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

**\*The Sending Forth and Benediction**

**Postlude:**

**Caprice**

**Purvis**

**Depart to Serve**

**\*Those who are able please stand.**

**Welcome Families with young children!** St. Paul UMC values our children. We strive to teach each child who visits with us more about God and Jesus.

When you enter the Sanctuary or FLC for church, you will see a white rack in the back of the room. On this rack are “Fruits of the Spirit” cloth bags. Inside each bag is an activity book based on Biblical stories. There is also a small notebook, a pen, and a pack of crayons. Please feel free to borrow one of these Children’s Activity bags for the duration of the church service.

When the service ends, we kindly ask you to return all of the materials to the cloth bag and hang the bag back on the white rack before you leave to go home. That way, the bags are there for all children to enjoy. Thank you

**The altar flowers are celebrating Daryl & Diane Mackey’s  
40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (March 30, 1985).**

**Serving in Worship Today**

**Greeter**

**Hayley Dull West & Hunter West**

**Worship Leader**

**Hunter West**

**Head Usher**

**Dave Bowers**

During the service, the nursery is staffed and available for your children on the main floor Sharing room (A9).