



St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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Abundance Abounds

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 a.m.

Welcoming Statement

As a community of faith following God's incredible example in Jesus, we welcome, affirm, and extend our love to everyone of any age, race, income, nationality, life experiences, abilities, sexual orientation, or gender identity and expression. We celebrate God's inclusive love and invite all to join the faith journey at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Cherry Street.

**Please stand or rise in spirit as you are able.
UMH indicates The United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

Bold type indicates congregational response
TFWS indicates The Faith We Sing Hymnal (Black)

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE PEOPLE GATHER
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Finlandia
(Jean Sibelius)

****GATHERING HYMN**

Come to the Church in the Wildwood

See Insert

*There's a church in the valley by the wildwood
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.*

Refrain: (come, come, come, come.....)
*Come to the church by the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.*

*Oh, come to the church in the wildwood,
To the trees where the wild flowers bloom;
Where the parting hymn will be chanted,
We will weep by the side of the tomb.*

Refrain: (come, come, come, come.....)
*Come to the church by the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.*

*How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning,
To list to the clear ringing bell;
Its tones so sweetly are calling,
Oh, come to the church in the vale.*

Refrain: (come, come, come, come.....)
*Come to the church by the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.*

*From the church in the valley by the wildwood,
When day fades away into night,
I would fain from this spot of my childhood
Wing my way to the mansions of light.*

Refrain: (come, come, come, come.....)
*Come to the church by the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale;
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Megan Briscoe

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Rev. Kathy Brown

****PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

St. Paul's United Methodist Church welcomes, affirms, and extends our love to everyone of any age, ethnicity, race, income, life experiences, abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. All are welcome into our family.

You are invited to stand and greet one another with signs of God's peace.

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Here we worship the God of Abundance.

Here we learn of God's goodness and love.

Here we are challenged to love and live as God's children.

Here we put our faith in action.

Here we listen to God's word.

Here we share our time and talents.

Here we see each other as God's children.

Here we eat at Christ's table.

Here we splash in the waters of baptism.

Here we sing praises and laments to our God.

Here we know we are loved.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UHM #384

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,*

*till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

****THE APOSTLES' CREED**

UMH #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.**

****NICAEA**

UMH #64

*Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sloane Bradford

*This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer, and song.
This is where children belong.*

(After this time our children are invited to go downstairs to Children's Church.
They will return at the end of our service.)

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Cares Chorus

TFWS #2215

*I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
And any time that I don't know what to do,*

I will cast all my cares upon you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE HYMN & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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You are invited to leave a prayer request in the Prayer Wall at the back of the sanctuary.

Kathy will hold each one in prayer throughout the week.

Prayer crosses are also available.

*For all who labor without end,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*For all who, lonely, seek a friend,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*For all who grieve and all who fear,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*For all who wait as death draws near,
hear our prayer, O God.*

Holy Healer, your people call your name.

Send your Spirit. Hear our prayer.

Holy Healer, your people call your name.

Send your Spirit. Hear our prayer.

*For all who search for righteousness,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*All live the faith that they confess,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*For those with whom our lives are bound,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*And those we name in silence, sound,
hear our prayer, O God.*

Holy Healer, your people call your name.

Send your Spirit. Hear our prayer.

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Send your Spirit. Hear our prayer.

*That peace may come in our own day,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*That your blest word may light our way,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*Your name be hallowed far and wide,
hear our prayer, O God.*

*Your reign of justice long abide!
hear our prayer, O God.*

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ANTHEM

Until We Sing Again

(Joseph Martin)

Chancel Choir

****READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

John 6:1-21

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

2 A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the

sick. **3** Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4** Now the Passover,

the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

SERMON

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HMYN OF RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto, me!*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Marcia Shoemaker

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Evening Prayer

(E. Humperdinck)

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

****HYMN OF INVITATION & DISCIPLESHIP**

Where Is Bread?

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By Carolyn Winfry Gillette
Tune *Hymn of Promise*

*"Where is bread?" the great crowd murmured
Thousands strong, yet all in need.
"Where is bread?" your people wondered,*

*Faced with such a crowd to feed.
Who, Lord Jesus, could have guessed it?
One small boy brought food to share.
Taking what he gave, you blessed it;
All were fed, with much to spare.*

*Where is bread? We know their yearning;
Every day, we wish for more.
God, in time, we're slowly learning:
All we own can make us poor.
Our possessions can possess us,
Leaving hunger deep inside.
Christ our Bread, come now and bless us;
At your feast, we're satisfied.*

*"Where is bread?" the call is rising;
Millions cry who must be fed.
God, your answer seems surprising:
"You, my Church, you give them bread."
Bread to fill each hungry spirit,
Bread for hungry stomachs, too!
Give us bread and help us share it.
Richly blest, may we serve you.*

****BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kathy Brown

TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

****DEPARTING CHORUS**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

TFWS #2184

*Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. **Repeat***

*The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love,
of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.*

*Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. **Repeat***

POSTLUDE

Petite Pastorale

(Henry Carey)

***As you leave today, remember you are taking the light of Christ into the world.
Make it shine!***

**Large print bulletins and listening devices
are available upon request.**

Please Join Us

Sunday, July 28th at 3:00 p.m.
Tulsa Mayoral Accountability Session
Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday, July 28th at 5:00 p.m.
Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social
SPUMC Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall