



# St. Paul's United Methodist Church

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*Eleventh 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**

*Be Still, My Soul*  
(Sibelius, arr. DeCou)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Linda Berrey**

**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.**

(After this time, our K-5th grade are invited to go to Children's Church.  
They will return to the sanctuary for Holy Communion.)

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us bow before the holy One.

**Come, let us confess God's might.**

Come, let us feel God's mercy.

**Come, let us live in God's light.**

As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

**Glory to you, gracious and loving God!**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

***Come! Come! Everybody Worship***

**TFWS #2271**

*Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!*

*Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!*

*Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day.*

*Take a rest and think of God; put your work away!*

*Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!*

*Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!*

*Worship and remember the Lord's unending care,  
reaching out to love and help people everywhere!*

*Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!*

*Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!*

*Worship and remember that God is like a light,  
showing you the way to go; ever burning bright!*

*Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!*

*Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!*

**\*\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when**

**we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love.**

**\*\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away. Hear these words of forgiveness. Be strengthened to walk as disciples. Trust in God's mercy. **Amen.**

**\*\*NICAEA**

**UMH #64**

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

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**READING FROM THE PSALTER**

**Psalm 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right  
and teaches the humble his way.

**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**

**Rev. Kathy Brown**

Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayers.**

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

Kathy will pray over each one throughout the week.

Prayer crosses are also available.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Standing on the Promises*  
(R Carter)

**Troy Gleyre, Dynda Post,  
Barry & Cindy Solomon**

**READING FROM THE EPISTLE**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

**2** If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

**6** who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,

**7** but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

**8** he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**9** Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,

**10** so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**11** and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**12** Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**SERMON**

*Sure, Jan*

**Rev. Emily Robnett**  
Executive Director  
Tulsa University Wesley Foundation

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

**See Insert**

*Our communion bread is gluten free so that we may all share in the same loaf.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Adapted from the Reconciling Ministries Network*

The Lord be with you-  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts-  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and good to give our thanks and praise!**

Blessed are you God of all creation-

You formed us in your image and breathed life into us.  
When we forget that you are God-  
You wait patiently for us to remember.  
The stars remind us that we are but a grain of sand in your hands.  
The sun reminds us that your son is our Light,  
in him there is no darkness.  
With all creation and heaven's company  
we sing to you with praise and glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ,  
who came to heal, to find, to restore your broken world.  
He healed the sick; ate with the outcast and condemned;  
and lifted up the oppressed.

By his baptism, suffering, death and resurrection you gave birth to  
your church and delivered us from sin and death.  
By your stripes, we are healed.  
By your death, we know life that rises from the grave.

We remember the night Jesus was betrayed;  
How he took the bread of the table, lifted it up, gave thanks to you,  
broke the bread and said to his followers-

*Take and eat this bread. It is my body, given for you.  
Remember. Remember me.*

After the meal he took their cup, lifted it up, gave thanks to you,  
blessed it and passed it among those gathered and said-

*Drink from this cup. This is the cup of the New Covenant  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin.  
Remember. Remember me.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of  
bread and wine. Fill us with your grace as we eat and drink. Knit  
us together into your wounded, healing body- redeemed by your love,  
so that we may be for the world the body of Christ.

As we rise from this table, fill us with conviction of the Saints and  
Martyrs to live the love that perseveres, to demand the justice that  
has been denied, and to boldly proclaim your kingdom is the  
kingdom for all your people. Through your Son Jesus Christ, in  
your Holy Church by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and  
glory is yours, Almighty God, both now and forever more. Amen.

And now, as children of God- each one of us- we are bold to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, they 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.**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

***Come to the Table of Grace***

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.  
(v.2 Come to the table of peace; v.3 love; v.4 joy)*

**PRAYER OF RESPONSE**

***Let Us Be Bread***

*Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.*

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Rev. Marcia Shoemaker**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

***Consider the Lilies***  
(E. H Packard)

**Barry & Cindy Solomon**

**\*\*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**

**TFWS #2223**

***They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love***  
*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Emily Robnett**

## **TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*\*DEPARTING CHORUS**

*Song of Hope*

**TFWS #2186**

*May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear God's call.*

**POSTLUDE**

*May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

(Barnaby, arr. DeCou)

*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.**