

**Serving in Worship Today      8:30 a.m.      11:00 a.m. Service**

**Greeter**      **Joyce Mentzer**      **Linda Strickler**  
**Head Usher**      **Gary Dull**      **Verne Strickler**

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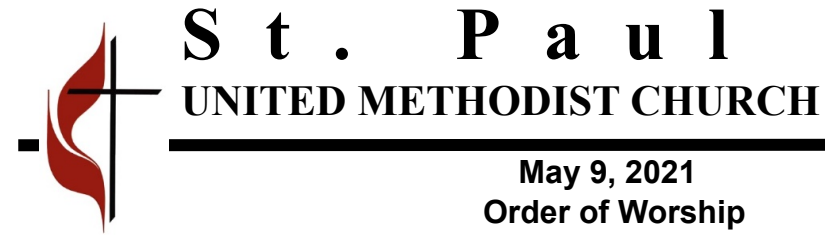
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**Mission Statement**

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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**May 9, 2021**

**Order of Worship**

**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**Mother's Day**

**Introduction and Announcements:**

**Prelude:**      **Hallelujah**      **Leonard Cohen**  
                         **Matt Goehres, cello**

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Our Creator made male and female.

**People:** **Today we celebrate the women in our lives who have shaped our faith and living.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks for those we love who are with us and continue to be a blessing to us.

**People:** **Let us also give thanks for those whom we love but do not see any more in this world.**

**Leader:** Remember that one day we will be together again.

**People:** **We will also remember the lesson of love and life that have been shared with us.**

**Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

Creator and Lord, today we remember that You created us male and female. We celebrate the women in our lives that have helped shape us in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. They served You in a myriad of ways, taught us through the ages, and revealed the power of genuine love. Thank You God for these women, past and present. Thank You for the promise of our grand reunion in Your kingdom. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:**

**Morning Has Broken**

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Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word!

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet  
pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!**

## Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 98

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** **Amazing Grace** **Virginia Harmony**  
**Matt Goehres & Breanna Kratz**

**Prayers of the People – Please text 717-512-9388 with your prayer request.**

## 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.**

## Gospel Lesson: John 15: 9-17

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Preparation:**

**In the Garden**

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I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear  
falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

**(Refrain)**

**And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)**

**I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)**

**Today's Sermon: "Abiding, Courageous Love" Pastor John Kratz**

**Closing Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee** **Page 430**  
**O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret;**  
**help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;**

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace  
that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

## Benediction

**Postlude:**                      **The King of Glory**                      **Stanley Trusselle**

**Special Music Sunday, May 16 – Joyce Mentzer, piano**