

**3RD SUNDAY
of EASTER**

8 May 2011
11:00 am

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Saint Paul United Methodist Church is to be the people of God who praise God in worship, celebrating God’s love and healing presence in Jesus Christ. We are called to be signs of hope and healing to all people in our community and the world, reaching out in ministries of love, compassion and care as we seek to follow the example of Jesus Christ.

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The Order of Worship

Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*PRELUDE "Melodie Sacra" David Paxton

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP "Oh, the Glory of Your Presence" Choir and Congregation

"Oh, the glory of Your presence, We, Your temple, give You reverence.
Come and rise to Your rest and be blest by our praise as we glory in Your embrace;
As Your presence now fills this place."

*GREETING

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia

By your cross you destroyed the curse of the tree.

By your burial you slayed the dominion of death.

By your rising, you enlightened the human race.

O benefactor, Christ our God, glory to you.²

*INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us pray . . .

*HYMN NO. 133 "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Hymnal No. 888
"Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20"

*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70 "Glory Be to the Father"

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Let us Pray:

God of our life journeys, you can turn our despair into joy, our sorrow into recognition of your living presence. Thank you for your love that conquers even death! As Jesus did with the bread, we pray that you will take our lives, bless them, break them open, and use them as gifts to others to convey your transforming life. Use these gifts that we bring for your gracious purposes in this, your world. Amen.³

OFFERTORY

“Variants on ‘Saint Columbia’”

Russell Schulz-Widmar

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (*responsive*)

. . . Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

[Yet, we have sinned against you and failed to see you in our midst.]

Illuminate [our homes and hearts] with the light of your love,

granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,

endurance to those who care for sick family members,

and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.

We thank you for gifts of love we have received

from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.

As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.⁴

Bless all who have been mothers to us,

that they may be strengthened in Christ.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

[Forgive us and correct us when we sin

by dishonoring you and those made in your image.]

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.⁵

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the

Righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only

but also for the sins of the whole world.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.⁶

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

THE ANTHEM

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”
Voices of Praise, Ladies Ensemble

Arr. Tom Fettke

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

“The Journey of Emmaus In Worship”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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This is the Lord’s Table. All are invited to partake of the Sacrament. Gluten free bread is available upon request to the server. Receive the bread as it is placed in the palm of your hand and hold it until the cup is presented to you. The bread is dipped lightly into the cup and eaten.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 613

“O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread”

*BENEDICTION

“Go My Children With My Blessing” Choir and Congregation

“I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.
I the Lord will be Creator, Savior, Comforter, Sustainer
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

*POSTLUDE

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

G Winston Cassler

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⁴ *The United Methodist Book of Worship*. 437

⁵ *ibid* 335

⁶ *ibid*. 27