

FREEDOM SUNDAY

July 3, 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 “The Star Spangled Banner” ... Francis Scott Key

*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

 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Righteousness exalts a nation,

But sin is a reproach to any people.

 Bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

Proclaim liberty throughout all the land

Unto all the inhabitants thereof.²

Let us worship the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*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. 698

 “God of the Ages”

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Hymnal No. 881

 “The Apostles’ Creed”

*THE GLORIA PATRI, Hymnal 70

 “Glory Be to the Father

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Let us Pray:

Almighty God, we commit these gifts to you. We commit them and our lives to your glory and your work. Loving and generous God, we ask that you use these gifts to stretch our hands beyond these walls and into your world. Amen³

OFFERTORY

“God Bless America”

...Irving Berlin

*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

Children K3 through First Grade are invited to go out with the Children’s Worship Leader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (*responsive*)

. . . Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Almighty God, ruler of all nations:

we pray for our nation and its people, and for our leaders.

May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will.

Forgive our [sin and the sin of our nation],

purify our hearts

to know the truth that alone can make us free.

Save us from injustice and oppression,

from pride and arrogance,

and from greed and self-centeredness.

Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries

and for the poor and afflicted in our own land,

that we may be a blessing and an example to all nations.

Bring us at last to that day

when the whole world shall know peace and blessedness,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.⁴

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.⁵

THE ANTHEM

“America the Beautiful”

Katharine Lee Bates
Jamie Robinson, Reader

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

“Take My Yoke”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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This is the Lord’s Table. All are invited to partake of the Sacrament.
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 lightly dipped into the cup and eaten.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 697

“America”

*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

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic” ... Julia Ward Howe

¹ <http://cvanheerden.files.wordpress.com/2010/07/ox-yoke.jpg>

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