

**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

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11 September 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 “O Stor Gud” ... Swedish Folk Melody

## \*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

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.<sup>2</sup>**

## \*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. 697

“America”

## TEACHER RECOGNITION

(Pastor to church school staff)

You have recognized God's call in your lives.

Will you endeavor to develop your gifts for teaching so as to continue to pass on the Christian faith?

Will you be faithful to the task, taking seriously the commitments of time and talent?

Will you take seriously your role as learner, studying diligently the Scriptures and traditions of the faith?

(Church school staff)

*We have heard God's call to teach and have responded to that call.*

*We teach, trusting in God's promises to support, sustain, and encourage us through gifts sufficient for the task.*

*We teach, relying on prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

*We teach, inviting others to recognize and respond to God's call in their lives.*

*We teach, depending on this congregation to uphold us in this task.*

(Congregation)

**We pledge ourselves to pray for you and for the educational ministry of this congregation.**

**We pledge ourselves to enable, encourage, and love you in this ministry.**

**We pledge ourselves to be learners with you, diligently studying with you the Scriptures and traditions of the faith.<sup>3</sup>**

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Let us Pray:* **Heavenly Father, we know that too often we focus on what is owed us rather than the great abundance that has been provided through you. With your help, we can become generous and grace-filled, using our resources as tools for ministry rather than for our own desires. Help our hearts understand how earthly wealth can be used for Kingdom work. Amen.<sup>4</sup>**

OFFERTORY

“My Father Watches Over Me” ... Charles N. Gabriel

\*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

### PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

THE ANTHEM

“America the Beautiful” ... Steve Vaughn, Bass Soloist

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

SERMON

“Observe the Day in Honor of the Lord”

\*HYMN NO. 431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

\*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

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<sup>1</sup> <http://media.photobucket.com/image/911%20flag%20raising/jodenarichmire/raisingflag1024x768.jpg>

<sup>2</sup> NRSV Psalm 46:1-7

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**In Your Prayers, Please Remember:** Friends serving in the Armed Services: Michael Abowd, John Broom, and Dylan O’Neal, and Jeremy Graham, Michael Gravley, Travis Scott and Paul. (all deployed to Afghanistan), Carroll Anthony, Phillip Baskins, Cliff Belcher, Kiele Binsted, Calvin Bostic, Zonelle Boykin, Edith Branham, Bill and Joe-Ellen Brockman, Ann Brown, Randy and Linda Burchet, Connie Cox, Lilli Curry, David Dolge, Virginia Dowis, Don Everett, Blaine Frazier, Eva Gillespie, Luke Gilliam, *Courtney Dobson Grass*, Walt Hawkins, Jimmy Head, Eunice Hill, Martha Jameson, Frank “Cotton” Jones, Kristina Kimbrell, Pat Larson, Al Lupo, Dot and “Mac” MacMillan, Buddy Miller, Stephanie Morris, Roy Patterson, Rhonda Pearson, Jimmy Senn, Nancy Sizemore, Nancy Smith, David and Madeline Snow, Jane Snyder, Linda Terminato, Eric Thrasher, Belvin and Georgia Ware, Hazel Welborn, the victims of the earthquakes in Japan, those affected by the violent tornados recently, the people in all countries experiencing disasters and the United States of America and our leaders. Names are kept on the Prayer List for 4 weeks. If you wish to keep a name on the list after 4 weeks or to add a new name, please notify the office. **Bold** = New Addition, *Italics* = Currently in Hospital.