

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

October 4, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Bishop

Mary Virginia Taylor

District Superintendent

Dr. Charles Johnson

Pastor

Rev. James F. Patterson

Director of Music

William H. Searcy, Jr.

Ushers

Captain - Calvin Bostic

Lori Evans
Rebecca Howard
H. W. MacMillan
Elise Patterson

Counters

Calvin Bostic
H. W. MacMillan



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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Litany for World Communion

Leader: Let us give thanks for the churches that, together, form our Lord's whole church.
People: There is one Body and one Spirit, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

Leader: We are grateful, O God, for the Roman Catholic church,
People: gloriously renewed in our century, open to unity in witness and service.

Leader: We praise you for the churches of Eastern Orthodoxy:
People: for the mystic beauty of their liturgies, their vivid sense of the Risen Lord, their profound communal experience.

Leader: We thank you for the churches named after your servant, Martin Luther:
People: for their witness to the primacy of your Word and of your gift of faith, by which alone we are justified.

Leader: We glorify you for the churches of the Reformed/Presbyterian family:
People: for their stress on your sovereignty and our responsibility, and for their devotion to liberty within order.

Leader: We thank you for the Anglican church:
People: for her inclusiveness, her flexibility, her unfaltering commitment to reconciliation and reunion.

Leader: We praise you for churches of the Baptist tradition:
People: for their insistence on the freedom of your Spirit and on our need to be reborn by that Spirit.

Leader: We are grateful, O God, for the churches of Methodism:
People: for their testimony on behalf of a disciplined Christian life and for their courageous pursuit of social justice.

Leader: We praise you for your people known as Friends:
People: for the simple dignity of their meetings, their respect for the Inner Light, their commitment to nonviolence.

Leader: We praise you for the churches of Pentecostalism:
People: for their emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit.

Leader: We thank you for churches independent and those of smaller denomination,
People: who are on fire to share the faith.

Leader: We thank you for the young churches of Africa, Asia and the Pacific Basin:
People: for their evangelistic vigor, their service to the poor, their witness on behalf of human liberation.

Leader: We glorify you for the pioneers of the twentieth-century Ecumenical Movement fostering cooperation and reunion in the place of strangeness and frequent, unseemly rivalry.
People: O God, whose divine Son prayed that we might all be one in him, accept our thanksgiving for the spiritual riches inherent in the diversity of his churches, but remind us even more of the reality of his one ecumenical church, for "there is one Body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." Amen