

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

5 June 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 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ... Traditional American 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

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia**

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

**Our life is hidden with Christ in God.**

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,  
that he might fill all things.

**When Christ, our Life, appears,**

**we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!<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. 308

“Thine Be the Glory”

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Let us Pray:*

**Almighty God, great have been your gifts in sending your Son to be among us. Astonishing has been your power in raising him from the dead. Beyond comprehension has been your love in lifting him once again unto Yourself. And on this day when we rejoice in the coming of your Son, our King, the Risen Christ, we know that our acts and gifts are meager and do not compare. We pray that you receive them now as symbols of our love, of our participation in the grandeur of salvation through your Son, and of our readiness to commit these resources to your work in the world. Our gifts are brought forth in the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen<sup>3</sup>**

OFFERTORY

“Face to Face”

...arr. Bruce Carleton

\*THE DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

*Children K3 through 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*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!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.<sup>4</sup>**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24:44-53

THE ANTHEM

“I Will Follow Thee”

... Roosevelt Miller

EPISTLE LESSON

ACTS 1:1-11

SERMON

“You Will Be My Witnesses”

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

HYMNAL, Page 39

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. 605

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

\*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

“Postlude in G”

... R. S. Morrison

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*Today we celebrate the Baptism of Leighton Elizabeth Cooper,  
the daughter of Ashley and Bob Cooper, the sister of Crosby Cooper  
and the granddaughter of Kathy and Bob Weathers and Mary Ann Hughston..  
We welcome Leighton Elizabeth as one of the baptized and pledge to demonstrate  
the love of Jesus Christ to her as she grows in body and spirit.*

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.immanuelepiscopal.org/baptismalministry.html>

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