



Order of Worship

May 3, 2020

Worship online with us Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Saint Paul's UMC Facebook page

or

Link to the YouTube feed: <https://www.saintpaulsumc.org/sermon/rise-the-art-of-faithful-resilience/>

Prelude *O Worship the King* setting by J. Trivette Gaye Herndon, organ

Welcome

Announcements

THANK YOU Saint Paul's – for the ways that you are reaching out to the most vulnerable in our community. We continue to collect the following (you may bring your donations to the church office Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

ElderCare Services: The current needs are - shampoo and conditioner in standard size bottles and dog and cat food in cans and in small bags.

Manna on Meridian: Until Thursday, May 7 we are collecting cereal (any kind) and canned chicken for our monthly distribution.

Kids – there are still some pollinator kits available for you to pick up in the brown storage bin in our Mosaic Garden. If you have already picked up and planted your kit – post some pictures on our Facebook page when it begins to grow!

We continue to monitor best practices for our eventual return to worshipping together. As of now, we are planning online worship at least through the month of May. Trustees are working hard to be sure that proper hand sanitizing stations are available in all of our public gathering spaces.

FOOD ON THE FLY link for this week (Pulled Pork is on the menu). [Reservations](#) are needed by noon on Tuesday, May 5.

Opening Hymn: *Saranam, Saranam*

Creed: Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39

Leader:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither death nor life,

or angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height,

nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response: *Saranam, Saraham* refrain

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Children's Chat

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12; 16-18 (Regan Block)

Sermon: RISE: The Art of Faithful Resilience

Rev. Kandace Brooks

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.

Closing Hymn: *I Come with Joy*

Closing Prayer

Be with me Lord.

Be the patience when I'm frustrated.

Be the endurance when I am tired.

Be the wisdom when I am uncertain.

Be the inspiration when I'm out of ideas.

Be the comforter when I feel overwhelmed.

Be the energy when I am weary.

Be the guide when I am confused.

Be the forgiver when I get it wrong.

Be with me Lord, today and always. Amen

Postlude: *Be Strong in the Lord* R. Powell