

# SAINT PAUL'S

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**August 24, 2025**

**Just Love**

**"Lessons from Sports: The Cost of Winning"**

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

# Order of Worship: Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services of Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

\*stand as you are able

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

**Prelude**

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

setting by W. Wold

**Lighting of the Candles**

Acolytes

**\*Opening Prayer**

Dora Thomas and Congregation

Loving God, You call us to turn away from our own selfish interests,  
to take up our cross, and to follow after You—  
to find our lives by giving them up to Your greater purpose.

So we come before You this morning with open hearts and open hands,  
eager to hear Your Word, and eager to know Your will.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, move within us and among us as  
we worship.

Open our eyes to Your presence; open our ears to Your call,  
open our hearts to one another.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

UMH 419

**\*Affirmation of Faith  
Response**

The Apostle's Creed  
*Glory Be to the Father*

UMH 881  
UMH 70

**\*Passing of the Peace**

(Please join in signing the chorus of "O How I Love Jesus" No. 170, as you return to your seat)

**Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Piccioni

**Anthem (11:00)**

*Shout Amen!*  
Covenant Chancel Choir

J. Althouse

**Children's Chat**

Rev. Piccioni

**The Offering**

**Offering Prayer  
Offertory**

Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor  
*Be Still and Know*  
Se'lah  
arr. L. Larson

**\*Doxology**

UMH 95, Old 100th

<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 16:24-26 (NRSV) & 1 Corinthians 9:24-26a (CEB) Dora Thomas	
<b>Sermon</b>	“Lessons from Sports: The Cost of Winning” Rev. Carolyn Williamson	
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>	TFWS 2129/ on screen
<b>*Sending Forth</b>		Rev. Williamson
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Trumpeting on ‘Azmon’</i>	H. Livingston

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and the choir’s gifts under the direction of Cynthia Prescott.

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**Flowers On The Altar**

The flowers on the altar today are given by  
The Clark and Caparello families  
to the glory of God.

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**ATTENDANCE PADS**

In each pew you will find a black folder containing a sign-in. We would love for  
you to let us know you are here. You can also share your contact information,  
request info on various ministries, sign up for Wednesday night dinner or  
request a name tag.

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Thank you for joining us in worship today! This QR code will take  
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NOTES and give safely and securely online to support the ministries  
of Saint Paul’s UMC.



## THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

**Sunday, Aug. 24** - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

New Member Class, 9:45 a.m., Room 325

Contemporary Service, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

**Monday, Aug. 25** - Governing Board, 6:30 p.m., Parlor

**Tuesday, Aug. 26** - Men's Reading Community, 8:00 a.m., Ology Northside

Covenant Chancel Choir, 6:15 p.m., Choir Room

Selah, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

**Wednesday, Aug. 27** - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom

PreSchool Music, 5:10 p.m., Room 200

Wednesday Night Dinner (Meatloaf), 5:15 p.m., Sanders Hall

Town Hall Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

Wednesday Night Youth Rooted, 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Kids@Art Music, 6:00 p.m., Room 200

Youth Rooted, 6:00 p.m., Parlor

Youth Choir, 7:00 p.m., Room 200

**Friday, Aug. 29** - Alzheimer's Respite, 9:00 a.m., Parlor

Crafty Crop, 4:00 p.m., Parlor

**Saturday, Aug. 30** - Soul Food Distribution, 9:30 a.m., Lake Ella

Crafty Crop, 10:00 a.m., Parlor

**Sunday, Aug. 31** - 5th Sunday—Noisy Offering

Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Handbell Choir, 5:45 p.m., Sanctuary

Contemporary Service, 6:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

### LARGE PRINT HYMNALS

Large print hymnals are available to those who would like to use them during worship. Please ask an usher.

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