

# SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**March 8, 2026**  
**"The Demon Possessed"**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

# Order of Worship: Sunday, March 8, 2026

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

\*stand as you are able

**Welcome & Announcements** Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

**Prelude** *Wondrous Love* D. Wood

**Lighting of the Candles** Acolytes

**\*Opening Prayer** Ryan Kline / Don Griesheimer & People

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,  
bringing new life out of destruction,  
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.  
Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,  
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,  
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

Ruth Duck, U.S.A., 20th cent.

**\*Opening Hymn** *Jesus! the Name High over All* UMH 193, tune AZMON

**\*Prayer of Confession** Ryan Kline / Don Griesheimer & People

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer  
bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement,

Set us free from a past we cannot change;

open to us a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. ©1986 UCC

**Response** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402, vs. 4

**\*Passing of the Peace**

(Please join in singing *Spirit of the Living God*, UMH 393 as you return to your seat.)

**Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer** Rev. Piccioni

**Anthem (11:00)** *Here I Am, Lord* arr. J. Schrader

Covenant Chancel Choir

**Children's Chat** Rev. Piccioni

<b>The Offering</b>		
<b>Offering Prayer</b>		Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Whiter Than Snow</i>	arr. Dan Shorb
	Cynthia Prescott, soloist	
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95, Old 100th
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 8:26-39	Ryan Kline / Don Griesheimer
<b>Sermon</b>	"The Demon Possessed"	Rev. Carolyn Williamson
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH 140
<b>*Sending Forth</b>		Rev. Williamson
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Postlude on AZMON</i>	A.L. Page

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### **Flowers On The Altar**

The flowers on the altar today are given by  
Jan & Dave Cuddington to the glory of God  
and in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary.

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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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## THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

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

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Starting Point Class, 9:45 a.m., Side Narthex

Chili Cook-Off, 12:15 p.m., Sanders Hall

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

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

**Monday, March 9** - Congregational Care, 10:00 a.m., Room 327

Chair Yoga Class, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Daisy Scout Troop, 6:00 p.m., Room 301

**Tuesday, March 10** - Men's Reading Community, 8:30 a.m., Ology Northside

United Women in Faith, 10:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Mindful Moments, 10:00 a.m., Room 327

Covenant Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m., Choir Room

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

**Wednesday, March 11** - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom

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

Wednesday Night Dinner (Raspberry Pork Loin), 5:15 p.m., Sanders Hall

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

Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Room 301

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

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

**Thursday, March 12** - Alzheimer's Early Stage Support, 10:00 a.m., Room 327

Yoga Class, 11:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Guardian Ad Litem Social, 5:30 p.m., Sanders Hall

**Friday, March 13** - Alzheimer's Respite, 9:00 a.m., Parlor

**Saturday, March 14** - Warren Cave Spring Break Event, 12:00 p.m. Sanders Hall

**Sunday, March 15** - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Water Color Society, 2:00 p.m., Parlor

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

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