

# SAINT PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**April 12, 2026**  
**“Ten Years of Faithful Stewardship”**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

# Order of Worship: Sunday, April 12, 2026

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

2nd Sunday of Easter/Creation Care/Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Carolyn Williamson, Senior Pastor

Prelude

*Like the First Bird*

A.V. Fedak

Lighting of the Candles

Acolytes

\*Call to Worship

Cara Fleischer People

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.

**We come to worship the Creator of heaven and earth.**

From gardens to oceans, from forests to fields, God's handiwork surrounds us.

**We gather in gratitude for the beauty and abundance of creation.**

God calls us to be caretakers of all that has been made.

**We come to renew our commitment to love and protect the earth.**

As we celebrate years of faithful stewardship—planting, conserving, restoring—

**We offer thanks for the work of many hands and willing hearts.**

Come, let us worship the God who creates, sustains, and renews all life.

**Let us worship with joy, humility, and hope. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

UMH 62, vs. 1, 4, 7

\*Passing of the Peace

(Please join in singing *He Is Lord*, UMH 177 as you return to your seat.)

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Yvonne Brownlie

Anthem (11:00)

*On Eagle's Wings*  
Covenant Chancel Choir

M. Joncas/arr. D. Wagner

Children's Chat

Jessie Perry

The Offering

Offering Prayer

Rev. Carolyn Williamson

Offertory

*God of the Deep*  
Maggie Ford

E. Berry/D. Forrest

\*Doxology

UMH 94, *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Scripture

Genesis 2:15 (NIV) and Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

Stacey Russell

**Sermon** "Ten Years of Faithful Stewardship" Cara Fleischer

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation/Confession and Pardon** UMH p. 12

**The Great Thanksgiving (for the Easter Season)** UMH p. 15-16

**Breaking the Bread/Giving the Bread and Cup**  
(Music for Communion: Ellen Osborn)

**\*Closing Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92, vs. 1, 2, 6  
with Communion Refrain

**\*Sending Forth** Cara Fleischer

**Postlude** *Postlude: A Litany of Joy* A. Fedak  
(based on Psalm 136)

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

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**Flowers On The Altar**

The sunflowers on the altar today are given by the  
Creation Care team, to the glory of God and in honor  
of all those who have volunteered in the last 10 years of ministry.

*Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.*  
*Matthew 13:43 NIV*

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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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you to our webpage, where you may subscribe to our WEEKLY  
NOTES and give safely and securely online to support the ministries  
of Saint Paul's UMC.



## THIS WEEK AT SAINT PAUL'S

### **Sunday, April 12 - Creation Care Sunday**

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

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

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

VBS Volunteer Pot Luck, 12:15 p.m., Parlor

Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Parlor

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

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

### **Monday, April 13 - Congregational Care Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Room 327**

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

Core Ministry Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Room 327

### **Tuesday, April 14 - 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, 6:15 p.m., Choir Room

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

### **Wednesday, April 15 - Prayer Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Zoom**

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

Wed. Night Dinner (Baked Potato Bar-Youth Cooking), 5:15 p.m., Sanders Hall

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

Contemplative Prayer Class, 6:00 p.m., Room 301

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

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

### **Thursday, April 16 - Circle of Support, 10:00 a.m., Parlor**

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

SPUMC Foundation Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Room 327

### **Friday, April 17 - Alzheimer's Respite, 9:00 a.m., Parlor**

Crafty Crop, 1:00 p.m., Sanders Hall

### **Saturday, April 18 - Manna on Meridian, 8:00 a.m., Faith Presbyterian**

Crafty Crop, 10:00 a.m., Sanders Hall

Date Night, 5:00 p.m., Nursery

### **Sunday, April 19 - Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Parlor

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

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

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