

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE COUNTRY

Our mission is to share Jesus Christ with everyone we meet.

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

April 29, 2018

10:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL! *You are welcome to enjoy the refreshments in the back of the sanctuary before the Welcome and after the Postlude. If you are a guest, please fill out a guest card and put it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and hope you will prayerfully consider making St. Paul your spiritual home.*

** Please stand, as able.*

Forms for Joys & Concerns are located in the Narthex & will be collected at the beginning of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (arr. Jack Schrader)

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN "Great Is the Lord" TFWS 2022

*CALL TO WORSHIP (John 15)

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

People: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.

Leader: Drink from the waters of life.

People: We live in the light of God's grace.

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

People: All are welcome here.

*OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION (John 15)

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Heart to Love You More" (Stan Pethel) St. Paul Choir

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN "Go, Make of All Disciples" UMH 571

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 John 4: 7-21 HB 988

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15: 1-8 HB 876

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURES Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Vine Grower" Rev. Shari McCourt

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "The Lord of Life, a Vine Is He" (John Carter)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" TFWS 2223

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lord, Be Glorified" (Bob Kilpatrick)

* MEETING AND GREETING

As the postlude ends, please take a minute to greet one another, especially those who are our guests today. You are encouraged to continue fellowship at the back of the sanctuary, with refreshments.

*GOING FORTH AS NEIGHBORHOOD MISSIONARIES

Serving in Worship today: Rev. Shari McCourt, Pastor; Ela Wiswakarma, Director of Music; Sena Roop, Announcements; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer.

This Week at St. Paul UMC:

Apr. 29: Lay Speaker Commissioning Service 2:30 pm

May 2: Community Food Bank open 5:30 – 7:00 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm; Trustees 7:00 pm

May 3: Choir Practice 7:30 pm

May 5: Plant and Sidewalk Sale and Love Offering Breakfast 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

May 6: Plant Pickup

Adult Sunday School is exploring a study on Peter, led by Wally Wolff, Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. All are welcome to join in the class.

May Day Flower and Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 5, beginning at 7:00 am. A love offering breakfast will be served from 7am – 11:00 am with a menu of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy, hot apples, juice, coffee and milk. The flower sale will feature both hanging baskets as well as potting plants. A side walk sale will also be held. Sign up sheets are on the back table for donations, helpers to prepare, cook, serve and clean up. Serve where the Lord leads you.

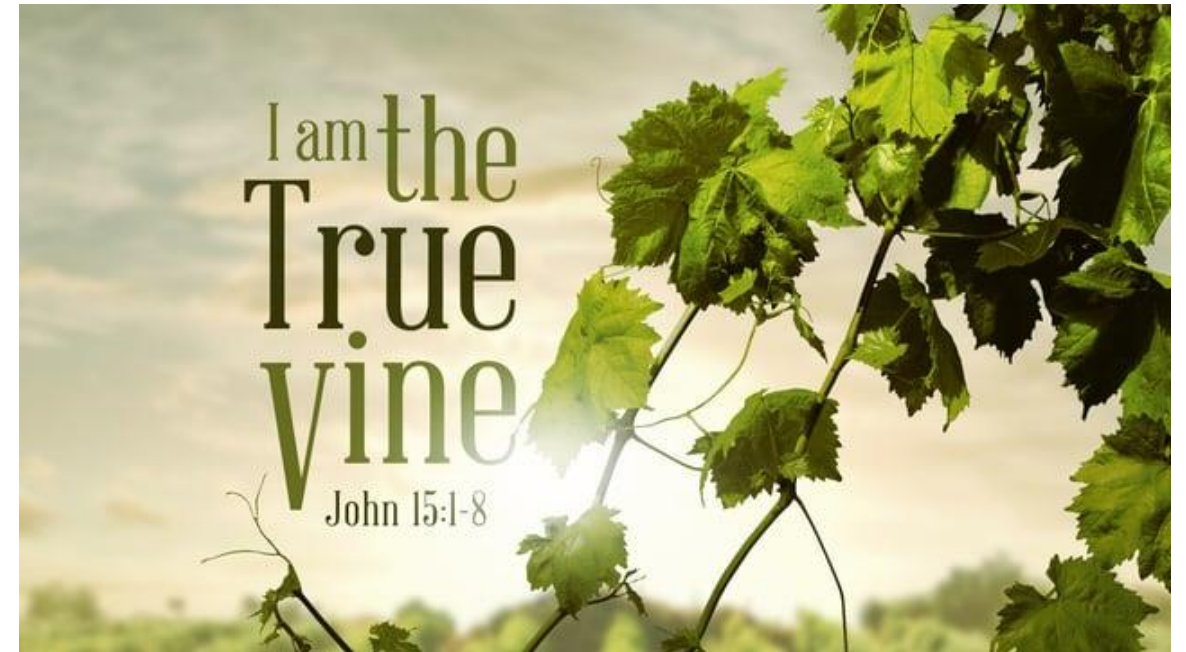
Gospel Concert, I Sing Because I'm Happy will be presented by Carroll Singers on Saturday, May 5th at 7:30 pm and Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 pm at Westminster High School. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults in advance, \$12.00 at the door and Students are \$7.00 in advance, \$9.00 at the door. Advance tickets are available at The Arts Council, Coffey Music, Menchey Music and from the members of Carroll Singers.

Pastor Shari would like to hold **Cluster Meetings** again starting in July and August. We are looking for people willing to host these small gatherings in their homes. If you would like to host one of these meetings, please call Kenna in the church office. A date will be coordinated between you and Pastor Shari to be held this summer.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – April month-to-date offering: \$8070.00

Attendance April 15 - 55 April 22 – 65

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