

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE COUNTRY

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

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

July 15, 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 "Meditation on "How Great Thou Art" (Hine/arr. Carter)

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 85: 8-10)

Leader: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

People: for He will speak peace to His people, to his faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

Leader: Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

*OPENING PRAYER (2 Samuel 6, Psalm 24)

God of all creation, everything that you have made lifts its unique voice to praise you in all of your glory. Even as we worship here, we join our voices to the one true song – the song the morning stars began, the song King David danced, the song the angels echoed at the birth of your Son. Glory to you, Holy God! Glory! Let this hour of worship be wholly to the praise of your glory. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Can Only Imagine" (Bart Millard) Bill O'Brien

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

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" UMH 559

PSALTER READING: Psalm 24 UMH 755-756

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1: 3-14 HB 946-947

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

SERMON "Five Tenets of Adoption" Amb. Blango Ross Jr.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Immortal, Invisible" Welsh Melody (arr. Keveren)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (Wesley)

* 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: Ambassador Blango Ross Jr., Guest Pastor; Diane Jones, Guest Pianist; Bill O'Brien, Vocalist; Sena Roop, Announcements; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer.

