

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE COUNTRY

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

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

June 24, 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 "My Lord What a Morning" (spiritual arr. Thygerson)

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH 519

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Samuel 17, Psalm 9)

Leader: Sing praises to God,

People: our courage and our strength.

Leader: Sing praises to God,

People: who is faithful and true.

Leader: Wing praises to God,

People: that we may be steadfast in our faith and true in our discipleship.

*OPENING PRAYER (1 Samuel 17, Psalm 9, Mark 4)

Mighty God, we come to sing your praises and to strengthen our faith. Help us find our courage and strength when we need it most. Help us reclaim our faithfulness when we are filled with doubt. Help us discover our hope when we are plagued by worry and despair. May our songs and praises rise to heaven. May they also rise in our hearts and strengthen us each and every day. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sunshine and Joy Medley" (arr. Mark Hayes)

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

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 3: 26-28 HB 944

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 15: 21-28 HB 797

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

* HYMN "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" UMH 122

SERMON "Jesus and the Underdog" Rev. Dr. David Highfield

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" (arr. Lani Smith)

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

OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" TFWS 2146

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Peace Be With You" (Shubert, arr. L.N. Poter)

* 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. Dr. David Highfield, Guest Pastor; Marian Goettee, Guest Organist.

The flowers on the altar are given by Ruth Ridgely in memory of Ted Ridgely and loved ones.

This Week at St. Paul UMC:

June 24: Financial Peace University 2:00 pm

June 27: Food Pantry 5:30 – 7:00 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm

July 1: Financial Peace University 2:00 pm

Pastor Shari McCourt will be on vacation June 7 – June 30. We have the privilege of Pastor Dave Highfield in the pulpit today, June 24. During Pastor Shari's absence, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Mary Buzby at (410) 635-2371 or New_Hope_Pastor_Mary@live.com

We are forming a **Worship and Sound Team** to help run the sound system and Powerpoint presentations on Sunday mornings during worship. We would like a team of at least 4 individuals who can rotate Sundays, everyone serving one Sunday a month. You will be fully trained on all equipment. If you are interested, please call Kenna in the church office at 410-635-2442.

"Land of the Free" is being presented by the Choir and Community of Linwood Brethren Church. 575 McKinstry's Mill Road (between New Windsor and Union Bridge) on TODAY, Sunday, June 24 at 3:00 p. m. Please join them for this free patriotic message in music.

St. Paul will be hosting informal **"Cluster Meetings with Pastor Shari"** in several of our members' homes again this summer. Four dates have been selected: July 11, July 17, July 31 and August 1, all beginning at 6:30 pm. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for these meetings. Please select a time and date that works for you.

Church Directory is coming! St. Paul is making a new family church directory. Thanks to everyone who has had their portraits taken. If you have not had yours done yet, we have appointments available on Tuesday, July 10 from 2:00 – 9:00 pm. Every individual or family photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a pictorial church directory. Please schedule your portrait time during refreshment time following church on Sundays in June, or you may call the church office to reserve your time. Bring a food donation for our Food Pantry and receive \$5.00 off of your portrait purchase!

It's Crab Cake Time! Our annual crab cake sale starts now! Order forms are available in the back of the church. Orders and money are due by Sunday, July 8th, and crab cakes will be available for pick up on Thursday, July 19th at Windsor Station Fire Hall.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – June month-to-date offering: \$6577.00

Attendance June 10 - 56 – June 17 - 47

Church Office: 410-635-2442 • Office Hours Monday 9:00 – 3:00 and Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 pm
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