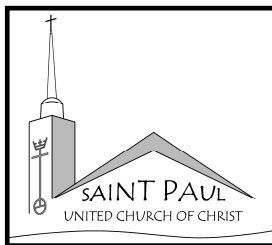




ALL ATE AND WERE FILLED; AND
THEY TOOK UP WHAT WAS LEFT OVER
OF THE BROKEN PIECES, TWELVE
BASKETS FULL.

Matthew 14



“No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”

Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

9 am Worship ~ online

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Virtual Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on stpauluccorg (our website - and watched at your convenience), and heard on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
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WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Faith Formation & Care</i>	Craig Bielke
<i>Music Director</i>	Dr. Bill Wade
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OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament † Please stand if able

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:8-10, 13)

The Lord is merciful and compassionate,
very patient, and full of faithful love.

The Lord is good to everyone and everything;
God's compassion extends to all God's handiwork!

All that you have made gives thanks to you, Lord;
all your faithful ones bless you!

Come, let us worship our God,
Whose faithfulness endures forever.

PRELUDE

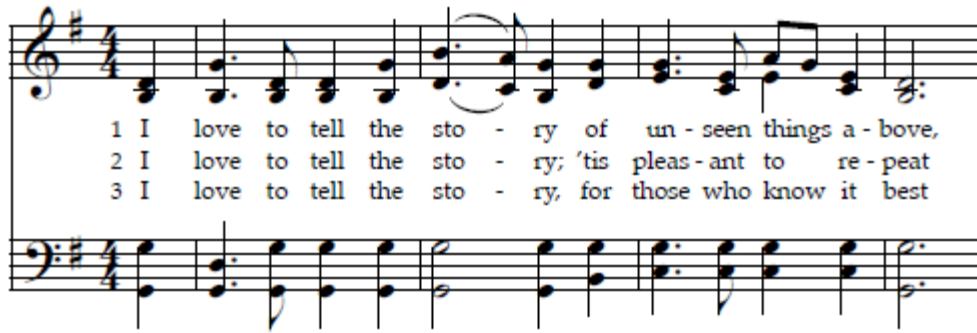
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W. A. Mozart (1756-1791) arr by Schreiner (1901-1987)

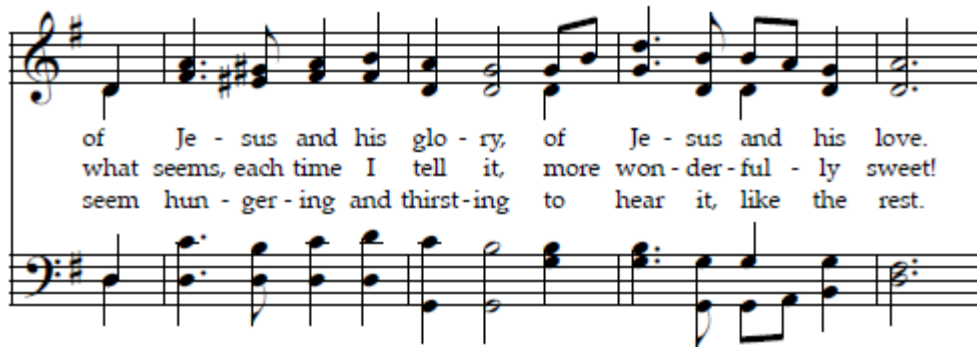
INVOCATION

God of Purpose, You created the earth out of the formless. You created the world out of chaos. You made order out of disorder. You set boundaries to the earth, the sky, the seas. You made everything with intention. Even when we cannot feel it, O God, You have formed us out of love. Even when we cannot perceive it, O God, You have given us wisdom to seek Your ways. Even when we fail to recognize it, O God, You have shown us Your ways of justice and mercy and peace. Help us to seek You, the Great Creator, who made the entire universe with purpose, and made each of us with the intention of love. Amen.

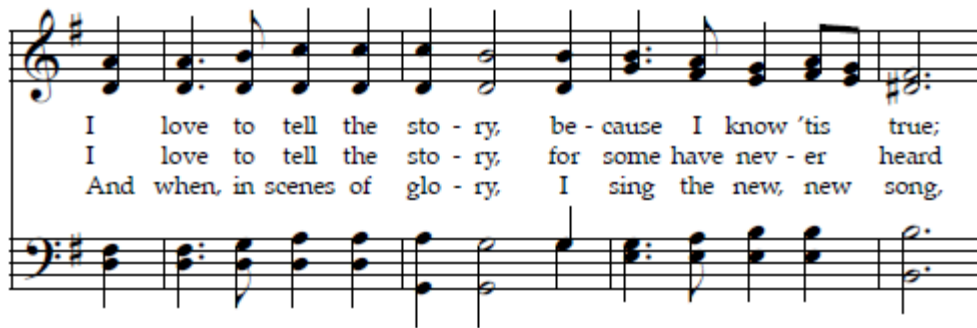
OPENING HYMN *I Love To Tell the Story* (HANKEY)



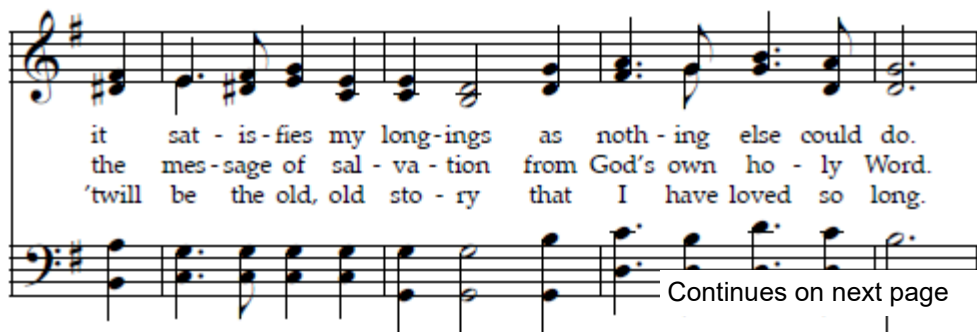
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

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Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

God of Everlasting Change, we confess that we are stubborn. We don't like change. We want things to stay as they once were. Sometimes we have grown comfortable with the status quo instead of remembering that You have called us into liberation. Transform our hearts, O God. Open us to listen for Your Wisdom. Help us to know Your transformative love. Guide us to move into Your ways of compassion, justice, healing, and hope. In the name of Christ, who calls us all into resurrection, into new life now and forever, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

You are a child of God. You are made in the image of God, carefully created to bring God's light and love into this world. Even when you go astray of God's intention, God is here to help you find your way back. God's love is steadfast forever, and there is nothing you can do to change that. So accept that you are beloved of God, and forgiveness, grace, and peace, are yours, now and always. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME with Craig Bielke

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Mary Kay Parrish (b. 1940)

Guest Musician is Jeffrey White from Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Souland, MO
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

From a Seed to a Great Banquet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

REFLECTION ON GIVING

When resources were short, did Christ worry?
No! Christ saw the gifts, and Christ multiplied them!
This is the miracle we witness every time we give to the church.
God will take what we have, and God will do good things with it.
You are invited to give, and even to participate in the miracle
of God's multiplying acts.

In gratitude, we pray together

God of increase and bounty, Source of all good things:
we offer these gifts as a portion of that which you have given us.
May these gifts be as loaves and fishes
for those who find themselves in poverty or hunger.

May this act of giving bring about change:
change in our lives,
change in the lives we touch,
change in the systems that harm.

Through Christ, who gave so much to save. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

This is the joyful feast remembering the life and ministry of Jesus. Each of us has travelled our own road to gather together around this table. We come seeking communion with God and with each other. This table is open to all who wish to know God more deeply, to live in love and faithfulness as Jesus did and to share in the community of God's people.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, at this time we come to the space, away from the chills of an unjust world, away from words of discouragement. We come to this space to imagine a future filled with hope for all people. We come to this space to see the loving presence of Christ. Help us to nourish each other and attend to the concerns of our hearts. Open our eyes to the image of God within the person next to us, the stranger, the enemy and even within ourselves. After our time together here today, lead us to a place where we, too, can spread the love of Christ, feed the hungry, resist injustices by being a voice for the voiceless and take chances to create fairness in our world. Amen.

Prayer of Communion

Holy One, You who know and love each of us completely, we gather here to share this food and drink and in doing so remember the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

May our sharing and building up of one another empower us to live boldly and to speak out against injustice and oppression. We pray for the strength to resist the evils of our time, evils which divide us from each other.

Help us to stand for what is life-giving even at the risk of suffering for our beliefs and actions as Jesus did. Give us courage to love others as you love us especially when loving others comes with a price.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice.

Through your Holy Spirit, bless this bread and cup. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the Christ in our midst. Bless those who do not eat with us here now but still remain part of the extended table.

Gracious God, we thank you for your goodness and your constant presence with us as we remember Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

On the night of the Passover, Jesus asked for his friends to meet in a room - a room away from the chaos of the outside world to celebrate friendship, share concerns, rest with friends, build the body and soul. The bread was blessed and broken by Jesus who share the bread with his friends. Those present were thankful for the time and space of the feast.

We eat this bread in remembrance of the celebration between Jesus and his friends and the life-changing love of Christ.

At the wedding at Cana, as the wine vats ran dry, Mary knew the value of hospitality. The tables were to be filled, and the cups overflowing. Jesus blessed the vats filled with water, turning them into wine. The best refreshment was enjoyed by all.

We drink from our cups to celebrate the presence of Christ with those he loves. As we partake, we remember the new covenant.

As many were fed by the words of Jesus, they hungered for food. The loaves and fish were blessed and shared by Jesus, and thousands were fed! We eat this meal in the presence of Christ knowing that we must go forward with courage, feeding others with foods that sustain the souls and bodies of those who hunger.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, thank you for being refreshed at this meal that we have shared together. Through Scriptures and this meal, we have been reminded of the importance of staying closely connected with You in spirit and with others in community. Now send us out refreshed, renewed and ready to proclaim and embody your love for all people as Jesus did. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (BREAD OF LIFE)

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

BENEDICTION

God's peace: carry, keep and hold you.

God's love: nourish, bless and enfold you.

God's spirit: inspire, lift and mold you.

Almighty God: + Triune, holy and blessed

Be with you now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Llanfair

Tune by Robert Williams, arr. by Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

Note - This creative and chromatic setting of the hymn of the same name represents the ever-changing world as it ebbs and flows through inevitable metamorphosis. Just when a new sonorous destination is reached, Rev. Carlson leads us, harmonically, to unexpected and exhilarating vistas.

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Reflection on Giving and Benediction Written by the Rev. Kaji S. Douša, Senior Minister



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Contact the Church office if you would like one!!

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