

**St. Paul Church**  
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship! Please use the yellow card to communicate with us. We would gladly receive your prayer request or other information you want to share.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024 | 9:00 & 11:00am WORSHIP

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulumcky>

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Darren Brandon

Prelude

Dr. Jim McFarland, piano

\*Call to Worship

Come and worship! **How can we worship in "such a time as this"?**

Yes, the world feels hopeless but come and worship!

**Why should we worship in "such a time as this"?**

Yes, people don't listen to one another. Friends worry about winning at the expense of joy, but come and worship!

**Who is there to worship in "such a time as this"?**

Do not let the world steal your joy! remember God is still on the throne of all creation.

**Where is the joy in "such a time as this"?**

Look around you. God has not left you. God is present in the struggle and in the heartache. God calls most emphatically in "just such a time as this!"

**But it's hard to perceive!** Come and worship anyway!

**We are here. We have come to worship in "just such a time as this!"**

\*Opening Hymn 77

*How Great Thou Art*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Morning Prayer and the 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Dr. Jim McFarland, piano

\*Doxology (Hymn 94)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CCLI Song # 3063266 | Gilbert H. Vieira | Ralph Vaughan Williams | Thomas Ken |  
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\*Prayer of Dedication

### PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Esther 4:9-16 (Old Testament p 775)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

St. Paul Music Camp Kids Present  
**Malice in the Palace: the Story of Esther**

Music by Alan Pote | Lyrics by Tom Long

Setting 483 B.C., Persia

**Crisis in the Palace**

**Beauty Secrets** – Ava Heitz, LeAnn Nettleton, Evie Matheny Haleigh Wissinger, Quartet;  
Riley Squier, Soloist

**Stand Up For What Is Right** – Ethan Norman, soloist

**Wings of the Dawn** – Riley Squier, soloist

**It Would Take a Miracle** – Aria Birchmeier and Elliott Horton, soloists

**This is the Day**

**A Simple Prayer** – Peter Elbert and Wilder Heustis

**God is Our God**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

Dr. Jim McFarland, piano

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**Cast:**

Esther	Riley Squier
Mordecai	Ethan Norman
Narrator	Caroline Frodge
King Xerxes	Kayla Martin
Haman	Elliott Horton
Zaresh	Aria Birchmeier
Harem Keeper	Peter Elbert
Beauty Candidates	Haleigh Wissinger
	Ava Heitz
	LeAnn Nettleton
	Evie Matheny
Record Keeper/Advisor	Estella Groves
Advisor	Melody Krause
Guards	Nate Matheny
	John Miller

**Choir:**

Link Cao	Leo Hurt
Reed Krause	Henry Higdon
Quinn Slaughter	Jack Meadows
Ruby Hall	Elizabeth Bellows
Victor Heitz	Xavier Hurt
Oliver Heitz	Wilder Heustis
Regan Squier	Noah Hall
Davis Wathen	Annie Hall
Ava Walsh	Joey Pulliam
Eleanor Papka	Lola Grimes
Georgina Plymale	Emmanuel Vega

**Youth Assistants**

Emma Banic	Loren Williamson
Patrick McFarland	Samuel Meadows
Phoebe Millard	Kennedy Julian
Story Stevens	MJ Alt
Annabelle Banic	Maci Voigt
Celia Reigelman	Sarah Timm
Ellen Goulder	Hayden Ramsey
Deborah Elbert	Wesley Buchanan

**Instrumentalists**

Piano: Jim McFarland  
Percussion: Evan Price  
Trumpet: Jennifer Kling

**Adult Staff**

Lori Elbert (Drama Director)  
Karla Temple (Musical Director)  
Jim McFarland, D'Anna Switzer (Accompanists)  
Sarah Cleary, Janet Sewell, Cadence Elbert  
(Music Instructors)

Tracy Martin (Games, Costumes, Crafts)  
Anna Dock, Mary Jo Moore (Crafts)  
Karin Pulliam, Sarah Squier (Set)  
Glenda Young, Pam Wright, Sara Ferebee,  
Mary Rohn, Marci Wilson-Bates, Ruthann  
Whitehouse (Snacks)

## WORSHIP TODAY

**TODAY'S ONLINE GREETER** is Sara Ferebee

**CONNECTION CARDS** are a way you can request more information about our church or ask for prayer. You may place your card in the offering plates, give them to ushers at the end of service, or use the flow code to the right.



## LAY READER SCHEDULE

July 21: Psalm 89:20-37—Jon Fleshman (9:00);  
BJ Fore (11:00)

July 28: Ephesians 3:14-21—Melody Medley  
(9:00); Wes Edwards (11:00)

August 4: Psalm 133—Julie Roberts (9:00);  
Alice Abbott-Moore (11:00)

## CHILDREN

**CHILDCARE** is available for infants through pre-k from 8:45am to 12:15pm in room 200.

All children are invited to participate in worship by choosing worship materials from the Children's Worship Center located in the back of the gym.

## TO OUR GUESTS

We are so glad you chose to join us for worship today. If you are looking for a faith community that loves Jesus and loves you, we want to be that place for you. Follow the QR code above to find out more about our community and how you can become involved. All are welcome here!

### Next Week in Worship

Koinonia 9:00am – Gym | Traditional 11:00am – Sanctuary

Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook

Sermon | Rev. Darren Brandon

Scriptures for the Week: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-12; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Lay Reader: Koinonia – Jon Fleshman; Traditional – BJ Fore: Psalm 89:20-37

## SUMMER ACTIVITES

Youth Service Day – July 17

Kids Night Out – July 19

Bats Game (Church wide event) – July 21

Youth Afternoon at the Park – July 28

Youth Trip to Holiday World – August 4

Mobile Resource Center - August 10

Back to School Bash - August 11

SPAMS Bingo and Soup - August 22

Survive and Thrive Mental Health Forum - August 24

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Be sure to check the Tower and [www.stpaulchurchky.org](http://www.stpaulchurchky.org) for more info on these and other summer events still to be announced.

## NO-TIE JULY!

It's summertime, which means road trips, fun activities, and hot summer sun. Here at St. Paul, it also means No-Tie July! (Including no robe for the pastor). Our choir has July off and Music Camp is leading us on July 14, so let's try no ties or robes for the month of July. Find your best casual shirt and invite a friend to join you in church for worship on Sundays in July. Of course, you may always come just as you are, tie or not. But still bring a friend!

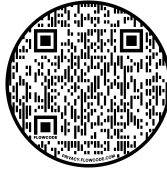
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Please be in prayer for these St. Paul young people headed to Camp Loucon this week:

Jr. High Camp: Peter Elbert & Ethan Norman

High School Camps: Isaiah Chambers, Deborah Elbert, & Sofia Elbert

Check the St. Paul Website ([stpaulchurchky.org](http://stpaulchurchky.org)) for more information on these and other activities or scan the QR code to the right for quick links to lots of St. Paul info!



Prayer requests can be sent to [prayer@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:prayer@stpaulchurchky.org).

Sign up for the St. Paul weekly email and Tower newsletter at the website (bottom of homepage) or by emailing [info@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:info@stpaulchurchky.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Kids Night Out (formerly Parents Night Out)** | Friday, July 19, 5:30-8:30pm | Kids will enjoy a pizza dinner, gym time, and a movie! \$25/first child, \$5/each additional child. RSVP to [tracy@stpaulchurchky.org](mailto:tracy@stpaulchurchky.org) by July 15.

**Louisville Bats Game** | Sunday, July 21 at 6pm, Slugger Field | Join your church family at the ballpark, as the Louisville Bats take on the Columbus Clippers! Tickets are \$5/person. It's Kids Eat Free Night! Please RSVP by Thursday, July 12. Call the church office or sign up at the Information Center.

## SMALL GROUP & SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

As we look toward the fall when church activities ramp up, we are interested in learning more about what types of small group or Sunday school opportunities our congregation would be interested in. Small groups and classes range from monthly special interest groups to weekly Bible-based Sunday school classes. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey: [stpaulchurchky.org/small-groups-sunday-school-survey/](http://stpaulchurchky.org/small-groups-sunday-school-survey/) Please complete the survey by July 31.

## SUNDAY MORNING CONFERENCE SESSIONS

It's been a year of conferencing for the United Methodist Church (three in all), and there's a lot to talk about. We are planning a series of Sunday Morning Conference Sessions beginning on August 4th at 10:05-10:45am in the McAdams Fellowship Hall.

## SERVE

**Prayer Beads** - Today, Noon-1pm - No experience necessary. | Participate and/or Donate | You can help with our Prayer Bead Ministry in two ways:

1. Join us on the second Sunday at noon in the Common Cup to make prayer beads.
2. Donate beads and cross pendants. You can donate old beaded necklaces or you can order supplies from our Amazon wish list: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GGOPKNA5J4UL/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3GGOPKNA5J4UL/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

**United Methodist Mountain Mission** | Donations of clothing and household items for UMMM should be brought to St. Paul no later than Monday, July 15 at 2pm.

**Highlands Community Ministries Back-to-School Drive** | HCM has requested donations of backpacks and \$25 gift cards to Walmart or Target. Backpacks may be dropped off in the designated bins in lobby of either building. Gift cards may be brought to the church office or dropped in the collection plate on Sunday mornings. Deadline: Monday, July 22 at 2pm.

**Blood Drive** | Monday, July 22, 12-5pm, Youth Center | We all have the power to do something good for someone else. Sign up to give blood and help save lives. Schedule your appointment today! [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Sponsor Code: stpaulumclouky

**Habitat Methodist Build** | Habitat for Humanity is planning a "Methodist Build" for October. St. Paul will partner with St. Matthews UMC and other United Methodist churches. Our first step is to raise our share of the cost of construction. Please consider a generous contribution. Raise the Roof dates are October 10-12. The partner family is Innocent and Uwimana and their 6 children; They are natives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo by way of a Refugee Camp in Uganda.

**Book Donations Needed** | In response to a survey of the needs of those at the Open Door Community Ministry, the St. Paul Resource Center is preparing to stock a Little Library at Fourth Ave. UMC. We are requesting donations of books, including novels, nonfiction, puzzle books, adult coloring books, etc. A donation bin will be available in the elevator lobby.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

On August 11 from 5:00-8:00pm, gather with other families for Bouncies, Food, Fun, and Games as we kick off our fall semester of Children and Youth activities. Enjoy time together as we learn about all the great activities and programs we will be offering in the fall. For more info check our our website: [stpaulchurchky.org](http://stpaulchurchky.org)

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