

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

+ Hymn of Praise to the Triune God

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life UMH 427

Frank Mason North was one of the first Methodist pastors involved in Methodist social action.

Passing of the Peace

FORMING

Life of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

+ Hymn of Preparation

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast UMH 339 (stanzas 1-2) Charles Wesley, one of the early leaders

+ Scripture Lesson 1 John 4:7-12

of the Methodist movement, wrote this hymn.

+ Hymn of Preparation Concludes

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast UMH 339 (stanza 3)

Sermon

Act of Praise

Draw the Circle Wide

Mark A. Miller

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michael Sauer, director

A-714641: CCLI 435430 and CRL030829.

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Hymn of Communion

A Place at the Table
(see slides and insert)
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Passing of the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257 (b, c, d)

Giving the Bread and the Cup

Music During Communion

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
Healey Willan

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

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Invitation to Gather

Blessing

Going Forth

Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace and Fugue from Sonata 2 Felix Mendelssohn Dr. Mark Baumann, CAGO, organ

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WELCOME ALL! We gather to worship God, whose nature is love. And because God's love knows no bounds, all are welcome here. **All** ages, races, abilities, ethnicities, life circumstances, gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations. We joyfully celebrate the diversity of All God's children as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to love as Jesus loves. Welcome to God's extravagant, inclusive love! **Welcome to St. Paul's!**





FAMILY COMMUNION Families and children are welcome to join us on the first Sunday of every month, starting today, for a time of music, storytelling, and communion. This brief, informal gathering will take place from 10:30 to 11:00 am in the Children's Parlor on the 3rd floor.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH CONFERENCE Our church conference will be held with our circuit churches at 2:00 pm on October 6th at Lovely Lane UMC (2424 42nd Street NE, Cedar Rapids). A church conference is an annual meeting where local church leadership and St. Paul's professing members discuss and decide on administrative and ministry matters.

BASS FARMS- DATE CHANGE Please note that we have changed the date of this outing to October 9th. Join the Family Ministry Team for Fall fun at Bass Farms (840 Bass Lane, Mt Vernon). The event is free, and all ages are welcome! We ask that children 12 years old and younger have a parent or guardian with them for the duration of the event.

CEDAR RAPIDS CROP HUNGER WALK Join St. Paul's team at Thomas Park on October 13th at 1:30 pm for the Cedar Rapids CROP Hunger Walk and raise funds to provide meals for those in need. All ages are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Bruce Nesmith (brucefnesmith@gmail.com).

CANDY AND TRUNKS NEEDED FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT Don't forget St. Paul's Trunk-or-Treat! We need candy donations and volunteers to decorate their trunks. Contact Becca at rnims@stpaulsumc.org if you can help. *The event is on Saturday, October 19th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.*

HOLIDAY FAIR THEME TABLE Our Thursday Theme Table luncheon for Holiday Fair 2024 is coming soon! This event is always a highlight of the Fair with its lovely and fun table decor. We would love to hear from you if you would like to decorate a table this year! Any theme is welcome - whimsical to elegant. If you have questions about this or want to volunteer, please get in touch with Allison Traicoff (allisonwitters@gmail.com) or Marilyn Lodge (mlodge1896@aol.com).

CHANCEL FLOWERS The Sanctuary Choir presents Doreen Meier with flowers in recognition of her 50+ years of singing in the choir.

CHANCEL FLOWERS Mary Jane Overmann and family give flowers in celebration of Rich's 85th birthday.

WE CELEBRATE seven members who joined St. Paul's on Sunday! Welcome Quinn Anton Jensen, Matthew Mitchell O'Conner, Aaron Akimana, Divine Gusenga Ntiranyibagira, Yohana Ntiranyibagir, Beatrice Hamisi, Esperance Niyubushobozi GOD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER For those putting their lives back together after Hurricane Helene. FOR HEALING AND GRACE: Fred Horn (Mary); Chris Crilley (Mike); Brytta Fitzgibbons; Marianne Mickle; Linda Martin (Wayne) IN HOSPICE CARE: Duane Nesetril (Kay) IN MEMORY OF: Helen Westcot; Jon Novak (Sue); Myrtle Heifner (Pastor Jonathan's grandmother)

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS Rev. Jonathan Heifner, Lead Pastor; Rev. Ryan Roth-Klinck, Associate Pastor of Discipleship; Rev. Daniel Niyonzima, Associate Pastor, African Nationals; Dr. Mark Baumann, CAGO, Coordinator of Music Ministries; Dr. Michael Sauer, Director of Sanctuary Choir; Kelly Truax, accompanist; Michelle LeCompte and Cleo Sullivan, Liturgists; Laura Azelborn, Slide Presenter; Keith Williams, Videographer; Kevin Lodge, Video Streaming; Craig Dove, Audio

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Children's squirms, laughs, and even cries remind us of the whole family of God. We embrace and celebrate that. However, if it makes sense for your family, the nursery is staffed and open for children during worship and the Sunday School hour.