

# Women Speak, We Listen

## Friendship

Rev. Melea White

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost | August 4, 2024 | 9:00 am

*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.*

### GATHERING

#### Welcome

#### Prelude

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Robert J. Powell

#### Call to Worship

#### + Hymn of Praise to the Triune God

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

UMH 147

*The author is Cecil Francis Alexander. She was the wife of an Anglican priest and wrote these words to explain the meaning of the first part of the Apostles' Creed (I believe in God, the Father, almighty, Creator of heaven and Earth) to confirmands.*

#### Passing of the Peace

### FORMING

#### Act of Praise

*Find Us Faithful*

words and music by Jon Mohr

#### Life of the Community

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### + Hymn of Preparation

*For All the Faithful Women*

(see slides)

Text: Hemran G. Stuempfle Jr.

Tune: AURELIA (*The Church's One Foundation*)

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#### + Scripture Lessons

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 & Ruth 1:16-18* REB

#### + Hymn of Preparation concludes

*For All the Faithful Women*

(see slides)

#### Sermon

#### Invitation

#### Song of Invitation

*Be Present at Our Table, Lord*

UMH 621

#### Confession and Pardon

#### The Great Thanksgiving

TFWS 2257 (b, c, d)

#### Giving the Bread and the Cup

#### Music During Communion

*You are welcome to sing along with Craig during these songs, please use a book.*

*Sacred the Body*

TFWS 2228

*The text of this song was written by well-known Methodist theologian Ruth Duck.*

*In the Singing*

TFWS 2255

*Shirley Erena Murray, hymn writer from New Zealand, wrote the text for this song.*

### SENDING

#### Invitation to Gather

#### Blessing

#### Going Forth

#### Postlude

*Canzona in G Major*

Dieterich Buxtehude

**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!**

# What's Happening at



SCAN ME

**SUNDAY SWAPS** Every Sunday in August, there will be a “Sunday Swap” in the Welcome Space. Secondhand is a great way to get new (to you) things more sustainably. It saves resources by reducing the need for new items, extends the life of existing ones, and prevents more items from ending up in landfills. Be Healthy. Be Green. The committee is making secondhand fun by putting together themed “Sunday Swaps” every Sunday in August. **Today’s “Sunday Swaps” is Office Supplies & Stationery - including school supplies!**

**“WHERE DID SUMMER GO?” CONCERT** The Cedar Rapids Metro United Methodist Churches are excited to invite you to a summer concert called “Where Did the Summer Go?”. It’s all happening on Sunday, August 18, at Lovely Lane UMC (2424 42nd St NE, Cedar Rapids). We’ll serve hot dogs at 5:00 pm, and the music will kick off at 6:15 pm. We hope to see you there for a fun evening of music and great food!

**NEIGHBORHOOD MEALS INVITATION TO SERVE AUGUST 19-23** St. Paul’s next week to host is coming soon! Check your calendars and plan to sign up to serve the week of August 19-13. Sign up online at [neighborhoodmeals.org](http://neighborhoodmeals.org) or contact Kate Buroker ([brokawkj@aol.com](mailto:brokawkj@aol.com)). It’s fun and rewarding to meet and serve our Wellington Heights neighbors!

**POOL PARTY AT ELLIS POOL** The Family Ministry Teams of Lovely Lane and St. Paul’s have partnered to host a free swim night at Ellis Pool (2000 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids). The event will take place Saturday, August 24, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and all ages are welcome. Children 12 years old and under must have a parent or guardian with them. The cost of this intergenerational event is completely free!

**WOMEN’S RETREAT** Join the Women’s Retreat “Ask the Birds: Lessons from Birds on Faith and Paying Attention” on August 24, 2024, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Prairiewoods. Enjoy learning, fellowship, a bird walk, a delicious lunch, and creative activities. Register by August 8 and pay a \$25 fee at the Office or Connection Center. Open to women of all ages. Sponsored by St. Paul’s United Women in Faith.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** Enjoy this fantastic opportunity to join the St. Paul’s Children and Youth Ministries. We seek warm-hearted individuals to join our Family Ministry Team on Wednesdays and Sundays to help lead our programming. When you volunteer with us, you’ll be positively impacting young lives and joining a supportive team passionate about helping children and youth on their faith journey. It’s a fantastic chance to be part of something special and make a real difference! Contact Becca Nims ([rnims@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:rnims@stpaulsumc.org)) for more information about this opportunity.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL** St. Paul’s United Women in Faith is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 8th, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s UMC. Ice cream, children’s activities, music, and fellowship will be featured, along with a dairy-free ice cream option. Live music and an Open Mic session will be part of the event. Musicians of all ages and levels of experience are welcome to participate. Please get in touch with Bruce Nesmith ([brucefnesmith@gmail.com](mailto:brucefnesmith@gmail.com)) to sign up. Donations will support United Women in Faith projects for women, children, and youth.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** Janet and Steve Schroeder give flowers in honor of and appreciation for the medical staff at PCI Hematology & Oncology.

**GOD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER FOR HEALING AND GRACE:** Arlen Twedt (Karla Twedt-Ball’s father), Fred Horn (Mary); Brytta Fitzgibbons; Linda Mohr, Stan Jacobson

**WORSHIP ATTENDANTS** Rev. Melea White, Cornell College Chaplain; 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; Craig Dove, piano and vocal; Gary Palmer, electric bass; Tom Mackey, percussion; Ann Ghoske, Stephanie Locke, and Becca Nims, Liturgists; Dave Radack, Slide Presenter; Keith Williams, Videographer & Video Streaming; Celeste Downs, Audio

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