



Be Our Peace, Lord: David and Those Who Seek Solace

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost | October 27, 2024 | 9:00 am

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Promised Land

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Tower Bells

Call to Worship

+ Hymn of Praise to the Triune God

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
UMH 133

Passing of the Peace

FORMING

Life of the Community

Act of Praise

Hope Waits

Karen Marrolli
Dr. Michael Sauer, director

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Psalter Reading

Psalms 23 NRSV

+ Hymn of Preparation

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
UMH 474

Gerry Monk, harmonica

Sermon

Response to the Word

Shepherd Me, O God
TFWS 2058

Connor DeJong, soloist

*Please follow Connor's invitation to periodically
sing the refrain from The Faith We Sing Hymnal
or as indicated on the screens.*

Offering Invitation

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness
UMH 140

Invitation to Gather

Blessing

Going Forth

Postlude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Frederick Swann

Dr. Mark Baumann, CAGO, organ

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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.

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!**



SCAN ME

CALMING CRAFTS Join the Arts Ministry Team for calming crafts after the service today at 10:20 am in the Gathering Space by the library. During this pre-election season, many of us feel anxious about the future. While we can't predict what lies ahead, engaging in simple crafts can help us find solace and peace. We invite you to come and create a way to still your soul and experience healing.

YOUNG ADULT FALL GATHERING today from 6-8 pm at AntonJensen's 1110 Lyndhurst Drive in Hiawatha. Come hang out with post high school young adults for walking tacos (vegetarian options), s'mores at the fire pit, games, and last minute pumpkin painting/carving before Halloween! Bring a snack to share and invite a friend! RSVP to Quinn at 319-440-7129.

MAT WEAVING TIME CHANGE Our Cedar Rapids Metro Churches circuit has created a project to make mats for unhoused people. A team of trainers will be at St. Paul's on October 29th from 4:00-6:00 pm. RSVP by emailing Becca Nims (rnims@stpaulsumc.org) or sign-up in the church office.

FIVE-WEEK BOOK STUDY ABOUT JUSTICE Join Pastor Jonathan for a five-week study of *Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing* on Wednesdays from October 30 to December 11 at either noon or 6:30 pm (hybrid format). This study will deepen our understanding of justice by introducing community organizing tools, and preparing us for future opportunities in 2025. The suggested donation for the book is \$22 (pay what you can; no one turned away). Limited copies are available, so let Pastor Jonathan know if you'd like to participate and visit the church office to order your book.

INTERSECTIONS Join us for the Intersections event on November 1 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC Wesley Center, in-person and virtually. Author Jerry Harrington will discuss *Thunder From the Prairie: The Life of Harold E. Hughes*, highlighting Hughes' impactful tenure as Iowa's governor and U.S. senator, including his opposition to the Vietnam War and efforts to support alcoholics. Please register to participate.

HOLIDAY FAIR - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 Annual Holiday Fair opens at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov 6. Check out delectable baked goods, cookie walk, frozen homemade soups, and craft boutique with creative handmade gifts for all ages. NEW THIS YEAR - Meet St. Nick and learn his story of giving at a Family Story Time, 5:30 - 7:00 in the church library. Enjoy celebrity readers and a photo op with the Saint himself. The first 50 children will receive a free gift book. Family Potato & Nacho bar dinner, 4:00 - 7:00 - free will offering/dine in or carry out. Bring the family for an evening of Joy, Hope & Peace! All proceeds support projects empowering women, children and youth.

HOLIDAY FAIR - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 Annual Holiday Fair, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a spirit of Joy, Hope & Peace to usher in the Holiday season. Shop the creative handmade crafts, delicious baked goods, and a cookie walk. Noon luncheon with decorated theme tables and style show by MODE. Advance luncheon tickets required - 319-363-2058. Come to shop, dine, and meet friends!

THE HARMONY HAWKS BARBERSHOP CHORUS will present their annual Gospel Concert Friday, November 15, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Cedar Rapids. Admission is free. There will be a free-will offering taken to benefit His Hands-free Clinic. For more information, call 319-432-9333.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of loved ones by Ron and Denise Feltes.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GRACE: Fred Horn (Mary); Judy Schatz (Bill); Brytta Fitzgibbons; Marianne Mickle; Linda Martin (Wayne) **IN HOSPICE CARE:** Duane Nesetril (Kay), Kim Truesdell

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; Gerry Monk, harmonica; Connor DeJong, soloist; Quinn Jensen and Jane Smerdon, Liturgists; Gayle Buroker, Slide Presenter; Keith Williams, Videographer & Video Streaming; Craig Dove, Audio