

Justice Songs Folk Songs

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 29, 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

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

arr. Benjamin Tucker

Carillonneurs

Call to Worship

+ Hymn of Praise to the Triune God

If You Want a Song

Okee Dokee Brothers

Justin Lansing and Joe Mailander

St. Paul's Folk Ensemble

Passing of the Peace

FORMING

Life of the Community

Hymn of Prayer

Lord, Whose Love

Through Humble Service

UMH 581 (stanzas 1-3)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

+ Hymn of Preparation

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428 (stanzas 1-3)

Scripture Lesson

Amos 5:21-24 NRSV

+ Hymn of Preparation Concludes

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428 (stanza 4)

Sermon

Response to the Word

Reception of New Member

Act of Praise

Let Everything that Hath Breath

Jeffrey Ames

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michael Sauer

Offering Invitation

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

(see insert & slides)

Text: Rory Cooney

Tune: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

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Invitation to Gather

Blessing

Going Forth

Postlude

Toccata on GOOD NEWS

arr. Carl MaultsBy

Based on *Good News, Chariot's Comin'*

and *Ain't That Good News*

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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!**

What's Happening at



SCAN ME

CARRYING ON OUR ESSENTIAL CONVERSATIONS Grab some refreshments in the Gathering Space then join a pastor in the Church Library after worship to share your thoughts, wonderings, questions, and challenges to the sermon offered in worship today. We promise to have you on your way before Sunday School.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS TODAY Pause for a blood pressure check. St. Paul's parish nurse, Mary Horn, hosts monthly checks in the Welcome Center at the top of the stairs. Get your check; this week: before and after the 9:00 am service starting at 8:30 am and 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

INVITATION TO SUNDAY CONVERSATIONS The Serendipity Sunday School class meets at 10:15 am each week to explore the Bible and discuss life's challenges. Starting this Sunday, they will be focusing on "Claiming Identity," examining Esther's life to understand how we find and claim our identity in Christ. You can join in person in Room 317 or via Zoom by contacting Jerry Oakland at joakland@stpaulsumc.org.

WASHINGTON HOMECOMING PARADE Many of our St. Paul's families have connections to Washington High School. Due to the homecoming parade being on October 2nd and wanting everyone to be able to join us at Bass Farm, we have moved our outing to October 9th. We will not have programming at the church on October 2nd. However, **we invite you to enjoy the Washington High School homecoming parade from St. Paul's parsonage (2122 Country Club Pkwy SE, Cedar Rapids). We will gather starting at 5:30 pm. The parade begins at 6:00 pm.**

FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNION Families and children are welcome to join us on the first Sunday of every month (starting on October 6th) 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.

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.

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.

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 Carol Curry gives flowers in memory of her husband and best friend, Ken.

GOD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER FOR HEALING AND GRACE: Fred Horn (Mary); Lois and Roger Huggins; Brytta Fitzgibbons; Kim Truesdell; Mary Milbrath (relative of Judy Fitzgibbons); Marianne Mickle; Linda Martin (Wayne); Ida Laetare (Gary)**IN HOSPICE CARE:** Duane Nesetril (Kay)

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; Folk Ensemble: Bruce Nesmith, guitar; Jane Nesmith, flute; Craig Dove, double bass; Ryan Roth-Klinck, ukelele; Kelly Truax, accompanist; Rev. Jerry Oakland, Prayers of the People; Brytta Fitzgibbons and John Nollsch, Liturgists; Gayle Buroker, Slide Presenter; Maury Anderson, Videographer; Isaac Anderson, Video Streaming; Mike Weaver, Audio



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