

# HOMECOMING

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# *The Worship of God*

## Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Introit

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Chancel Choir

#### \*Call to Worship

Pastor Ellen Hopkins

A community of faith conveys God's good news of love,  
**And leads its members along pathways of faith.**

It sows seeds of life in the soil of our hearts,

**Causing faith and hope to sprout in our souls.**

This congregation has been a vehicle of God's grace,

**Shining God's marvelous light across the years;**

A place for growing in relationship with the Lord,

**For living, loving, and forgiving in the spirit of Christ.**

We celebrate the many members of this family of faith,

**Who have walked with the Lord through their years.**

We remember how they have blessed us so richly,

**Conveying God's gift of love from their hearts to our hearts.**

We celebrate the gift we are to one another,

**As we learn and grow along this spiritual journey.**

We give thanks for the togetherness we feel with one another,

**Sharing in all of life's joys and sorrows, its victories and defeats.**

It is a day of great joy in the life of this congregation,

**As we celebrate the many lives it has already touched.**

We give thanks for the body of Christ that we are today

**And for what God will inspire us to become tomorrow.**

In light of all that God has given us through the gift of this community of faith,

**We joyfully celebrate the anniversary of St. Paul United Methodist Church.**

**Amen and Amen!**

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#### \*Hymn

*Marching to Zion*

UMH 733

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

UMH 881

#### Greeting

Pastor Ellen Hopkins

**Reading and Sharing the Word**

**Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 84

The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Celebration of our Children**

*I Am the Church  
Pray*

Children's Choir

**\*Hymn**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH 117

**Special Music**

*In My Life*

the Paulines

**Sermon**

Rev. Susannah Davis

**Responding to the Word**

**Call to Prayer**

*Total Praise*

Chancel Choir

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Jim Cantrell

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father (Creator) 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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering**

*Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal*

Chancel Choir

**\*The Doxology**

UMH 94

**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!**

**Departing to Love and Serve**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn**

*I'll Fly Away  
Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

TFWS 2282

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Blessing:** *Go Now in Peace*

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**\*The Light Goes Forth**

**Postlude**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

**WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Special Guests: Rev. Dr. Jim Cantrell and Rev. Susannah Davis

Liturgist: Pastor Ellen Hopkins

Sunday Shepherds: Rev. Clara Welch and Henrietta Mitchell

Acolytes: Megan, John and Will Noble

Ushers: Danielle Hanson (Head Usher), Olivia Egerstedt, Marc Gowan,  
Boy Scout Troop 150

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Counters: Ron Rezendes and Michael Solberg

Nursery is available for infants and young toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service. After the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through 2nd grade may go with the Sunday Shepherd to the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.