



ST. PAUL'S

United Methodist Church of Odessa

Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out

Theme: Overcome

August 30, 2020 – 8:30 AM VIRTUAL WORSHIP

with ASL Interpretation

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WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

Countdown Prelude: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Arr. Robert J Hughes, based on the hymn tune by George W. Webb

Amy Brown

Mark Holden, Photographer & Curator

WORSHIP WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian McNelis

We gather as a community of compassion and hope. Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly. By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus. By our example others may be led to lives of peace. Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word. Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Blessed Assurance*

Duane Dillard, piano & Katelynn Scott, vocals

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;*

*this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

OPENING PRAYER

Brian McNelis

Lord of summer sunshine and autumn harvest, be with us this day as we gather to encounter your word and your way for us. Remind us that we can place our trust in your eternal love. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. These things we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

WELCOME AND BLESSING

CHILDREN'S TIME: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, v.1*

**I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.**

Susie Cate shares a blessing with our children!

WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR INSPIRATION: *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

**Come and find the quiet center
In the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:

Clear the chaos and the clutter,
Clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patria

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE GOOD NEWS: Romans 12:9-21

Brian McNelis, Liturgist

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you

are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

One: May this story inspire us all

All: To walk in the way that leads to life.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Give Thanks*

Duane Dillard, piano & Katelynn Scott, vocals

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. Give Son. (Repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."
And us." (Repeat)**

Give us." Give thanks!

THE MESSAGE: *Overcome*

Rev. Ryan Scott & Gail Garner

Key verse (Romans 12:21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

WE GIVE THANKS

INVITATION TO THE WAY OF CHRIST: *The Summons*

Amy Brown

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you and me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call My Name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

As God has blessed our lives with abundant love and gifts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to this place, seeking to help others, to offer comfort and hope. Let us receive our morning offering.

THE OFFERING:

<http://www.stpaulsodessa.org/VANCOOnlineGiving>
Today's YELLOW HAT mission offering supports Juvenile Diabetes.

Offertory: Sweet Hour of Prayer
Arr. Gene Clark, tune by William Bradbury

Amy Brown, Organ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and mercy, be with us this day. We have faltered in our service to you. We create divisions between various people; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make any attempt to understand. Our lives are in turmoil and we confess that we have turned away from you. It is fear and anger that too often surrounds us and our actions become based on those fears and anger. Slow us down, Lord. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus who loved and healed others who were rejected by "polite" society. Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope for those who feel alienated and lost; we are called to be a home to strangers; to quench thirst and to give nourishment; to welcome and bring

words of hope. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things.
In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Prayers for: Family of Althea Johnston, on loss of sister Althea;
Ginny Guessford; Eleanor Cleaver; Kathy Golden; Bridgette
Stanley; Jenna; Faye Taylor's sister, Pat Bodan; Elsie Everett;
Matt Latocha; Beverly Gordy; Kathy Hoffman; Carol Myers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord, we love the drama of the burning bush. Here is the quaking Moses, telling God that God has made a mistake. Moses does not believe that he can perform the task to which God has called him. But God knows better. God will provide the support structure for this awesome task. We are just like Moses. We tell God that God has made a mistake; we are not able or worthy to undertake the task of hope and peace for this world. We mumble about responsibilities and commitments, but God chides us to be in service by helping others. God will give us the strength, the tools, the support that we need. What do we need to fear? This day we have brought before God the names of people and situations that lay heavily on our hearts. We feel powerless to bring the healing words of hope, and so we offer these situations to God for God's compassionate mercy. Our trust in God is rightly placed. For God hears our prayers and will respond. We can count on God to be present with us and with all those in need. Now it is our turn to respond to God's call with a fervent yes, trusting in God's presence and guidance. Let us go forth to serve joyfully and confidently in God's world. AMEN.

Birthdays: August 30-Janet Rowley; August 31-Louise Sommer; September 1-Johanna Learish; September 3-Christopher Wallace; September 5-Paige Collins

Anniversaries: September 5-Allen & Mary Ingram

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed by thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will 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.**

INVITATION TO AGAPE MEAL

Here at the table, we see most clearly that we are part of the body of Christ. We are no longer divided into people of different ages, different ideas, different backgrounds, different gifts. Here unique individuals become a single body, made richer for the multitude of gifts shared. Here, we feast on one bread and one cup, and become one body in service to the world.

WE GO IN THE SPIRIT

SENDING HYMN: *I'll Fly Away*

Duane Dillard, piano & Katelynn Scott, vocals

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
to a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).**

*I'll fly away, O glory,
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

**When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)**

*I'll fly away, O glory,
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

**Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;**

**to a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)**

*I'll fly away, O glory,
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

A MOMENT IN SIGN

Gail Garner

SENDING FORTH TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!

Perfect (Ed Sheeran, adapted for church)

Gail Garner & John St. Jean

BENEDICTION

Resist the powers that use people. Hear the cries of the weak.
Dare to work for justice. Know that God—Source, Word, and
Spirit—is your help, will keep you safe, and will bring you new
life. You are blessed by God and sent to serve.

SPECIAL VIDEO – RECAPPING THE SUMMER

BLESSING AND POSTLUDE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again Arr. Rankin and Tomer
Postlude Amy Brown

Next Sunday's Theme: Invest – Romans 13:8-14

Key verse: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves
another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

**For the season of Pentecost (August 2 – September 6) we will be focusing on
Romans 9-13. The series theme: Embrace**

August 2 – Entrust – Romans 9:1-5 (key verse: 9:3)

August 9 – Extend – Romans 10:5-15 (key verse: 10:12)

August 16 – Savor – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (key verse: 11:29)

August 23 – Fortify – Romans 12:1-8 (key verse: 12:5)

August 30 – Overcome – Romans 12:9-21 (key verse: 12:21)

September 6 – Invest – Romans 13:8-14 (key verse: 13:8)

Adult Bible Study Worship starting after Labor Day

(All links will be available on our website, stpaulsodessa.org and Facebook site, St.
Paul's UMC Odessa – Zoom invitations and passwords will be sent via email)

Join us each Wednesday for noon prayer, via Zoom

The Scott's host a weekly Wednesday evening (6:30)

Bible Study on Mark (Zoom)

**Carole Harmon hosts a prayer group Thursday afternoons at 1 PM
(please contact Carole or the church office for a Zoom invitation)**

**Next Sunday, September 6
Livestream Worship at 8:30 am (YouTube)**

**ALL WEEKLY AND SPECIAL IN-PERSON GATHERINGS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED
AND THE OFFICE IS CLOSED DURING THE QUARANTINE.**

**ST. PAUL'S STAFF ARE WORKING REMOTELY AND CAN BE CONTACTED USING
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**The Task Force Committee has planned an outdoor Sunday evening service
on September 13 at 6 PM in the Grove. More information coming soon.
Volunteers need!!! If you are interested in volunteering please contact Steve
Johnson: SJohn82602@aol.com or Cathy Blanco: cblanco19@verizon.net**

**Charge Conference for St. Paul's UMC, Odessa is scheduled for
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7 PM via Zoom**

Yellow Hat – Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

Type I Diabetes is an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly, making them insulin dependent for life. My Granddaughter, Sydney, was diagnosed when she was two. She is now eighteen. We are committed to finding a cure for the millions living with Type I Diabetes. I would truly appreciate your support.

Barbara Lynn Manlove

Saturday Morning Service - Walk & Social Distance Gathering

Saturday mornings at 9:00 am, I am extending an invitation for St. Paul's family to join me in a 30-minute walk throughout the historical district of Odessa. At 9:30 am, we will meet on the church lawn for a 15-minute social distancing gathering that will include worship, communion, fellowship and a grab and go breakfast. Masks are strongly recommended and social distancing is to be observed. Weather permitting, I plan to meet there every Saturday from now until the end of September. *Pastor Kevin*

Please pray for Carlotta. Her farm was hit by yesterday's tornado.
Greg & Marissa Apps were also impacted.



If you haven't had the chance and are still interested in making a donation to support the storm damage at C-Line Stables, we are extending for one more week. Carlotta Cline kindly donated her property for over 8 years to the St. Paul's Covenant Garden, which provided vegetables for the Neighborhood House to many families in need. Also, our St. Paul's Youth have benefited from horse-riding instruction located on her same property. Let us come together once again as a community of gracious servant hearts! Your generous donations by checks can be made payable to St. Paul's UMC and please write "**Special Donation-C-Line Stables**" on the memo line. Thank you and God Bless!

Family Life - Virtual Sunday School

Hello everyone! It's hard to believe summer is coming to a close and it is back to school time already. Sunday School will begin September 13 and will be virtual at this point. We will be using Holy Moly curriculum for PK-6th grade (and for anyone else who is interested). There will be a video each week with familiar characters, a story and lesson led by a variety of St. Paul's teachers and a craft to go along with the lessons. Craft packets are divided into PK-2nd grade and 3rd-6th grade. Be sure you get the appropriate aged packet. The packets are ready to be picked up just inside the back door of St. Paul's. Thank you to Marisa Apps for helping to organize and assemble them! Your teachers this year are Marisa and Greg Apps, Janet Rowley, Laura Widger, and Pam Root. Check us out each Sunday on the St. Paul's website (www.stpaulsodessa.org) for the specific link. Hope you all have a great year! *Vicki Spence*

PFLAG Meeting

Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Thursdays of each month, presently via Zoom. Please join us if you would like to be supported or offer support and please spread the word to all corners of our Communities. We are currently working on a system which will help youth who have been rejected by their parents, find families who will help them. Please join us we would love your input. Please contact Mark Holden at Mark@maholden.com or call 802-279-8100. Mark Holden

Memory Book Gifted to Pastor Bo

A copy of the memory book that was gifted to Pastor Bo is in the Narthex for viewing. Please be courteous and remember to wash hands prior to viewing to avoid spreading germs. Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex. Thank you, *Cathy Blanco*

Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread continues to accept the following items:

- individually packed potato chips, cookies, sweets, other snacks
- individually packed crackers, breakfast/granola bars
- fresh fruit (apples, bananas, oranges) & desserts (store bought)
- bottled water or other beverages (apple juice, lemonade, etc.)
- bread & milk (1/2 gallon)
- Non-perishables - PB&J, canned veggies, soup, mac & cheese, canned fruits, Pasta & sauce, canned chicken & tuna, etc.