



ST. PAUL'S

United Methodist Church of Odessa

Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost - Theme: Service
October 17, 2021 – 8:30 AM Service with ASL Interpretation,
11 AM Traditional Service and Virtual Worship
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** Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

WE ENTER GOD'S GATES WITH PRAISE

WELCOME WITH MUSIC AND IMAGES

PRELUDE

Duane Dillard (8:30)

Amy Brown (11:00)

Mark Holden, Photographer & Curator

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Servants of God, lift up your heads—

Congregation: That the Lord of life may behold our eyes!

Liturgist: Servants of God, lift up your hands—

Congregation: That the Lord of life may bless our works!

Liturgist: Servants of God, lift up your hearts—

Congregation: That the Lord of life may abide within!

All: The Lord of life will abide within!

***OPENING HYMN**

From the Rising of the Sun (8:30)

Black Hymnal, 2024

How Great Thou Art (11:00)

Red Hymnal, 77

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (8:30)*

Green Hymnal, 2088

Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us. You came

**from heaven to earth. To show the way. From the earth to the cross,
My debt to pay. From the cross to the grave. From the grave to the
sky. Lord I lift Your name on high.**

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, v.1 (11:00)

Red Hymnal, 277

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to
tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories
of Jesus, tell them to me.**

Brian McNelis (8:30 & 11:00—in person) shares a blessing with our
children!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (11:00)**

**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 Patri (11:00)

Red Hymnal, 70

**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.**

PRAYER FOR INSPIRATION: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus, v.1*

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

EPISTLE READING: *Hebrews 5:1-10*

5 Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed
to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and
sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are
ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to
weakness. 3 This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as
well as for the sins of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor on
himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 In
the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a

high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”[a] 6 And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”[b] 7 During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

*GOSPEL READING: *Mark 10:35-45*

“The Request of James and John”

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” 36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. 37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” 38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” 39 “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” 41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

One: May this story inspire us all.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Glory to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Glory to God! For the Lord Most High is worthy of glory and praise. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Glory to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Glory to God!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Open Our Eyes (8:30)

Black Hymnal, 2086

Make Me a Servant (11:00)

Black Hymnal, 2176

THE MESSAGE: *Service*

Rev. Kevin Benjamin

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Kevin Benjamin

God of Grace and Mercy, you call us to be servants in your Son's holy name. While popular culture often diminishes self-sacrifice, we know that being a servant leader is a worthwhile calling. Help us to focus on the Christian practice of hospitality by freely giving to others in your name. Accept this offering as a profound gesture of our desire to serve you today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE OFFERING

<http://www.stpaulsodessa.org/VANCOOnlineGiving>

Today's **Yellow Hat** mission offering supports Habitat for Humanity.

Instrumental (8:30)

Duane Dillard

One Bread, One Body (11:00)

Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 up lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kevin Benjamin

We are so competitive, Lord. We want to know who will be best and first, and we hope that it is each one of us. You call us special, and we interpret it to mean "the best." And we feel that we are entitled to all that is due to the "best." Jesus reminded us that the best of us will be the servants, will be those who are willing to help and witness to others, not for their own honor but for God's honor and praise. Far too long, we have decided that we know what is best for the whole world. We want to run the "whole show," but we don't want to listen to you, God. You want us to bring peace, to listen to others needs and wants. We want to impose our wills on everyone. We have gotten way off the track of discipleship. Bring us back, patient God. Shake the dust of arrogance from us and nourish us with humility and joy. Help us to be the kind of disciples that serve you faithfully. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kevin Benjamin

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
AMEN.

INVITATION FOR COMMUNION (Mark 10)

In this meal, Christ fills the hungry. All are welcome—rich and poor, old and young, healthy and sick. You, who long to taste heaven's goodness, come. Come to our Lord's table and be fed.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Kevin Benjamin

Pastor Kevin: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Communion Song (8:30)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Reader 1: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Please take your wafer and commune along with me.

Reader 2: When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Please take your juice and commune along with me.

Reader 1 & 2: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Kevin: Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

WE GO IN THE SPIRIT

SENDING HYMN

When We All Get to Heaven (8:30)

Red Hymnal, 701

Are Ye Able (11:00)

Red Hymnal, 430

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Rev. Kevin Benjamin

Go to the world in confidence, for there the table of the Lord is spread. Draw near; drink from its cup and receive the mercy of God. Draw near; partake of its bread and find the grace of God. Go, and the feast shall be to you as you shall be to your neighbor a very present help in time of trouble.

POSTLUDE

Duane Dillard (8:30)

Amy Brown (11:00)

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY (8:30 AM)

Ushers: Dick & Ellie Leuliette

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Liturgist: Brian McNelis

Communion Servants: Carlotta Cline & Paul Loder

Musicians: Duane Dillard and the Worship Ensemble

ASL Interpreter: Gail Garner

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE (11:00 AM)

Ushers: June Stemmler, Denis Shaffer & John Harmon

Audio/Video: Charlii Miller & John Littell

Liturgist: Ann Newswanger

Communion Servants: Mary Ingram & Charlotte Miller

Musician: Amy Brown, Music Director and the Chancel Choir

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WEEKLY GATHERINGS

- ✦ **Office Hours Tuesday-Thursday 9 AM-2 PM**
- ✦ Boy Scouts – Mondays 7-8:30 PM
- ✦ TOPS Meeting – Wednesdays 6 PM
- ✦ St. Paul's Handbell Rehearsal – Wednesdays 6 PM
- ✦ St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays 7:10 PM
- ✦ AA Meeting – Saturdays 7 PM

Wearing masks inside the building at St. Paul's UMC services and events will be optional. This difficult decision was based on a majority vote that took place at the most recent church leadership meeting. Social distancing and hand washing will be continually practiced. Mask wearers and non-masked individuals will be separated by several rows. The most vulnerable are encouraged to socially distance, wear masks and/or take advantage of virtual options. This decision may change based on changes enforced by the Office of the Governor. Church leadership will continue to monitor the situation as a way of ensuring safety. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience.

Pastor Kevin; Steve Johnson & Cathy Blanco, Co-Chair Leadership

Upcoming Yellow Hat Schedule for October:

10/24 – Our Daily Bread

10/31 – El Ayudante Child, Yesprin

4 Free U of D Football Tickets

Ann Baker would like to donate to any congregant 4 U of D football tickets for the home game on Saturday, October 30. I believe the time is 1PM. UD vs Dixie State. Great seats - section C row C! UD has COVID entrance protocol that can be completed online. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

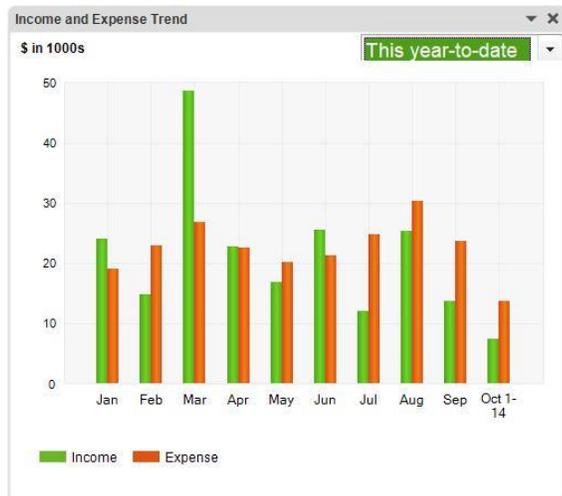
GriefShare Program

It is time again for St. Paul's United Methodist Church to offer GriefShare, a program that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future. GriefShare will be held on Tuesday, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, beginning on November 2 and ending in February. Registration can be completed at the table in the Narthex next Sunday or by calling the church office (302-378-2420), Bob Collins (302) 670-6863, or Pastor Danese (302)745-6336 by October 18. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org>.

Choir & Handbells

Handbells rehearse at 6pm on Wednesdays in the music room, with choir rehearsal immediately following in the Sanctuary at 7:10 pm. Everyone is welcome, and no experience or ability to read music is required.

Finances



VANCO: Manage Your Giving Online

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.stpaulsodessa.org and click on the **VANCO Online Giving** button to the left of the screen.;
- 3) Click on the **Link to Online Giving thru VANCO** button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your **RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS**.

Prayer Walks

Please join us for our Prayer Walks each Saturday starting at 9 AM. All Prayer Walks will leave from the Church. Hope to see you there!

Flowers for Worship

If you are interested in honoring a loved one with flowers at the altar on a particular Sunday, we are asking you to contact Alicia Blackwell, from Wildflowers by Alicia to place your order. Alicia can be reached at (302) 593-9884. Also, please email the church office so we make sure the information is added in the bulletin.

St. Paul's Church Website Page

We are looking for youth, young adults, and the young at heart who are computer savvy and would like to redesign our church website. We would like to put together a team who have computer skills and can create a new vision for our website. Please contact the church office if you have an interest.

Prayer Group Ministry

Carole Harmon hosts a prayer circle, Thursday mornings at 10 AM in-person. Please contact Carole if you are interested in joining the group or have a special prayer request. You can also find prayer request cards on the table in the Narthex.

Virtual Children's Sunday School

Sunday School is held at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday via Zoom. If your child would like to participate, please fill out the registration form found on the church website and email it to Tracy.Walls.Pulling@gmail.com. Materials for the upcoming lesson will be delivered to your home on Thursday or Friday each week, so we need to plan ahead in order for us to make a delivery for your child. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tracy via the email above or call or text her at 302-561-4211.

Children's Lesson Announcement

If you are interested in being part of our children's lesson rotation for the Fall, please contact Janice Thompson (janicethompson2007@gmail.com). We're looking for volunteers at both 8:30 and 11am services. Thank you!

2022 WAVE (formerly "Youth Rally") in Ocean City, Maryland – January 7 – 9

- 1) Check Out the Details
- 2) Register Online NOW at: <https://waveoc.org>
- 3) Let Janice know you've registered janicethompson2007@gmail.com

The cost is \$69 (ends 11/7) per person, so reserve your spot ASAP. Since tickets increase in price as the time gets closer to the event, mark your calendars. Then stay tuned for lodging and transportation details. **Please note that ALL state and local guidelines/protocols pertaining to COVID will be followed by the venue.**

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will be on Zoom at 10-10:45 am each Sunday. The Zoom link will be on the church website.

St. Paul's UMM Bible Study

St. Paul's UMM Bible Study will continue each Tuesday in the month of October from 9-10 AM. The study scripture will be the Hebrews and Hap Bonham has graciously agreed to lead us!

Love Thy Neighbor Fund

The *Love Thy Neighbor Fund* has helped 2 families with burial costs who have tragically lost loved ones in the prime of their life. Thanks for *Reaching Out* with your generous gift.

Deep Roots

Nadine Johnson & Karen Ellis continue to work with the "Deep Roots" mission. This group works with families who are disconnected through homelessness and provides transitional shelter and other services to families in need. They need your help as they continue to contact members of the church to help with making meals once a month feeding approximately 50+ individuals. Here's hoping you will be able to help us with this very important and necessary mission. Thanks so much!

Neighborhood House Needs

Here are some pantry needs for the Neighborhood House: Pasta; Pasta sauce; Small peanut butter; Small jelly; Tuna or Hamberger Helper; and Mac'n cheese

Our Daily Bread Needs

Donations are accepted on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM. Thank you so much!

Water - individual bottles and/or juice bags; individual bags of salty snacks; individual packages of sweet snacks; individual fruit cups or applesauce; fresh fruit; canned meats; spaghetti & sauce; baked beans; cereal (small boxes); instant mashed potatoes; peanut butter & jelly; mustard & ketchup; individual microwavable food (i.e., mac & cheese, Spaghetti O's, beef stew, Chef Boyardee, Hormel Complete meals)

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 contact Mark@maholden.com or call 802-279-8100.

Adopt A Family

Once again, we will be supporting the MOT area with adopting 15 families through the Neighborhood House. Please purchase \$25 Walmart Gift Cards to contribute to each individual family member by Sunday, December 12th. Thanks so much for your generous support in this important mission.

JOYS & CONCERNS: If you know someone you'd like to add to our prayer list, please email the church office or visit the church website (www.stpaulsodessa.org) to complete a prayer request. Please email the office when someone can be taken OFF the list. If you or a loved one needs a pastoral visit, please call or email the church office to schedule.

Prayers for: Kimberly Ogden; Mary Beth; Matthew Smith; Naomi Betts; Cheryl Buckworth; Dave Corby; Edith Chas; Jerrod Bolline; Sue Holden's sister, Betsey Snipes; Dana Atwell; Bill Smith; Beth; Matt & Louise Latocha; Carol Myers; Darryl Dillard; Kathy Golden; Eva Larkin

Birthdays: October 19-Cathy Blanco; October 20-Nancy Halloran