

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2017

**Forgiveness and mercy characterize
the heart of Christianity.**

Prelude

***Congregation please stand if able**

***The Call to Worship** *Psalm 92: 1-4* **Pg. 811**

***Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* **No. 103**

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Joys and Prayer Concerns of the Congregation
(Please sign attendance pads located at the end of pew)

Ministry Moment Men's Breakfast Randy Lee
(Benny's 15239 S. Dixie Hwy)

The Unison Prayer

Merciful God, thank you for gathering us in your grace and love this day. Bless us with compassion and understanding, that we may be people of forgiveness and acceptance. Strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be unified in mercy and grace for all. In Christ's mercy and grace, we pray. Amen

Silent Prayer Morning Prayer Lord's Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Bind Us Together* **No. 2226 (TFWS)**

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King;

There is only one body, that is why we sing.

Special Music *Christians, We have Met to Worship* arr. Hayes
Jim Nordstrom, Trumpet

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Arr. Hayes

* Doxology (No. 95), Blessing

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Hymn *Grace Greater than Our Sins* **No. 365**

Scripture *Matthew 18: 21-35*

Message A Forgiving People Rev. Evans C. Bentley

* Hymn *Freely, Freely* **No. 389**

The Light of Christ Leads Us In To the World

Benediction

Congregational Response *Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

St. Paul's Staff

Pastor: Evans C. Bentley

Office Manager: Susan Paterson

Director of Music: John C. Tyner

Organist: Inger Oswald

Director of Children's Choirs: John Fedosky

Christian Education Director: Alisha Cooley

Youth Leader: Willie Lass

Greeter: Betsy Bentley

Ushers: Dave Drumm, Robin Simonson,
Jane Drumm, Alisha Cooley

Liturgist: Willie Lass

Worship Attendance Last Sunday – 139

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$208,320

Income \$167,717

Endowment Income and

2016 Carryover used: \$40,603

Walk To Emmaus

Luke 24: 13

He asked them “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” Imagine walking along the road to Emmaus and Jesus meets you on the road. The men discover later that the man is Jesus when he reveals himself to them. It is the same way with us; Jesus meets us where we are in all areas of our lives. The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day journey to grow in your faith, grow in God’s grace and love. You are placed in discussion groups, listen to fifteen talks given by lay people and clergy, have fellowship with one another, and experience praise and worship. This is an amazing experience and I encourage you to pray about this journey of faith.

You will need a sponsor, so if you have questions, please talk to Paula Vergowven, Pastor Evans Bentley, Duane Bair, Susan Fleming, Mary Vergowven or Randall Lee. We will also have an Emmaus introduction video set up in the fellowship hall. The Fall Walks are being held at First United Methodist Church of Saline.

Men: October 5-8 Women: October 19-22

God Loves You and So Do I

Paula Vergowven

This Week at St. Paul’s

Sunday, August 20, 2017

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a. m. – Social

Monday, August 21, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Community Meal

7:00 p.m. – Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club

Thursday, August 24, 2017

10:00 a.m. – Community Singers

Sunday, August 27, 2017

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. - Social

Announcements

Childcare is provided for children, 4 years old and younger in the nursery on Sundays during worship service.

Betty Morris has moved! Her new address is 15850 NW Central Dr., Apt. 103, Portland, OR 97229. Her phone number is 503-906-5977. Thinking of you cards would be welcome!

The pink rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of a daughter, **Everly Jo**, born on August 10, 2017 to Jeff and Tiffany Vergowven. Grandparents are Ken and Mary Vergowven and Aunt is Paula Vergowven.

A BIG thank you to Scott Allen, Kelly Leask, Kyle Leask and Mike McCain for coming to the “mulch party”. In a little over an hour, we were able to spread 7 yards of mulch. I appreciate your help! John

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul's is looking for a new **Chimes Choir Leader for our Youth**. They practice on Wednesday evening. Please contact Alisha Cooley or Pastor Bentley.

THANK YOU to all I the congregation who prayed, volunteered or donated supplies or donated funds for Vacation Bible School! We had a great week learning we are all created by the Maker who has a plan for us all...”For I know the plans I have for you” Jeremiah 29:11.

SUNDAY SCHOOL leaders wanted! Do you hear the call? Join our Christian Education ministry by leading children’s Sunday school. We are in need of leaders for middle and upper elementary grade classes. We need your help to make disciples of our kids! Please see Alisha Cooley or Pastor Bentley; or email:alisha@cooleyservices.com or call: church office 734-242-3000.

“Are you looking for a reason to bake?” Be excited, for 2017-2018 there is another confirmation class. This year it will include 7th, 8th, and 9th grade confirmands. Over the course of the year there will be opportunities to participate, potentially as a guest or even as a mentor. Please consider adopting the group on a Sunday with a snack and or drinks as a show of agape love and support for their efforts and devotion.

Thanks to those who have helped to weed and care for the flower beds. However, there is still plenty of summer left and several opportunities to sign up to help. Thank You.

Leadership (Nominations) Committee will meet in the church library for one hour (or less); Tuesday August 29th at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. Bring names of those who you believe need a place of service to our church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

St. Paul's UMW is gearing up for the fall salad luncheons. Once again, everyone's support is needed. There is a wonderful group of volunteers in place who are helping to provide our community outreach. You can join them. We appreciate all the willing supporters for this effort. How might you help? First, you can come to enjoy lunch and fellowship with others. The cost is \$6.00. Bring your friends! Second, you can provide a salad. Pick one of your favorites or try something new. As in the past, hot chicken salad, Betty Salad, Strawberry-Spinach Salad, meatballs, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, and sausage and sauerkraut will be provided. We'll continue with the "Build Your Own Salad" bar, with sides. The UMW Executive Board will provide desserts. On the days of the luncheons, beginning at 9:45 a.m., there will be volunteers at the parking lot door to take your salad into the kitchen for you. You may also bring your salad to the church on Wednesday evenings between 5:00 and 7:00p.m. (when Christ's Kids and/or the choir is meeting). Third, if you are available and interested in joining a work crew, contact Kathy Heatherly at (457-0622). If you have garden produce that you would like to contribute to our luncheon extras, it can be brought to the church Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. It will be put out on a table and individuals can take it for a donation to UMW missions. Please join us as we provide community outreach, raise money for UMW mission giving, and have a lot of fun. Thank you, St. Paul's United Methodist Women.