

**Weekly Readings:**

Monday John 14:1-14  
Tuesday Matthew 11:1-15  
Wednesday Hebrews 10:19-25  
Thursday Matthew 8:18-27  
Friday Luke 5:27-39  
Saturday John 12:20-36

**Announcements:**

Newsletter Articles due Tue., Aug. 25 @ 9 am  
Meekness Circle Tue., Aug. 25 @ 7 pm  
Fall Church Clean-up date ~Sept. 12 & 13  
Rally Day ~ Sept. 13 @ 8:45 am  
Youth Group meets Sept. 16 after school

**Prayers:** Ashton Mullen, upcoming open heart surgery,  
Those dealing with storm damage

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# ***St. Paul***

## ***United Methodist Church***

### ***Sunday, August 23, 2020***



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**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude ~ Bringing the Light of Christ**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Opening Song:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Pg. 140

**Psalm Reading:** Psalm 124 Pg. 498

**Call To Worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**We belong to God.**

When we feel overwhelmed,

**God is on our side.**

When we are afraid,

**God will keep us safe.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Blessed be the Lord!**

**Opening Prayer**

Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 1:8-2:10 Pg. 43

**\*Hymn of Praise:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Pg. 127

**\*Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts. Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone. Forgive our neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance:**

The Lord is on our side, offering words of forgiveness, protecting us from danger. We are a forgiven people, bound together in God's love. We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free.

**\*Gloria Patri** Pg. 70

**\*Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father, 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.**

**Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

**\*Doxology:** #95

**\*Offertory Prayer:** (unison)

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 12:1-8 Pg. 922

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 16:13-20 Pg. 798

**Message:** by Pastor Allen

**\*Closing Hymn:** "My Hope Is Built" Pg. 368

**\*Benediction:**

**Postlude**

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