

Celebration of Worship

✠ Stand as you are able.

We Gather as God's People

*We welcome you on this fourth Sunday in Lent, **March 11th, 2018.***

Prelude

Greetings, Welcome Visitors, and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the red folder in your row.)

✠ **Congregation Introit** no. 473
Lead Me, Lord

✠ Call to Worship

- L: In our richness, we have believed we are the ones who have all the answers to life's problems.
- P: But when those who have little, offer all they have; we are put to shame.**
- L: In our power, we believe might is right.
- P: But when those who are powerless offer love and mercy; we are put to shame.**
- L: Joy fills our lives, when we center our lives on Jesus Christ.
- P: Hope fills our hearts, when we focus on our Savior.**
- L: Comfort fills our spirits, when we believe in the Lord.
- P: Peace fills our souls, when we seek to do God's Work. In Jesus' name, AMEN.**

We Give Ourselves to God

✠ **Praise Hymn** no. 384
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

We Pray Together (Unison):

Lord, as we gather here, remind us You have shared with us Your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us model our lives after His messages of compassion and service to You and to all Your world. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Activities — Week of March 11, 2018

Sunday, March 11

- 9 A.M.
- 9⁴⁵ A.M.

UMCOR — Special Offering

Sunday School	Youth - Lower Level Classroom	
Worship Service		Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 13

- 10 A.M.

Lenten Study		Parlor
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Wednesday, March 14

- 10 A.M.

Prayer Meeting		Parlor
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Thursday, March 15

- 7 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal		Choir Room
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Meeting Our 2018 Ministry Goals and Obligations, as of March 4th:

General Budget	
Needed Weekly:	\$2,611
Received Last Sunday:	\$3,646
Needed Year-to-Date:	\$23,499
Received Year-to-Date:	\$22,440
Attendance March 4th:	38
Roof Repair:	\$663
2018 Coins for Mission:	\$17

Assisting Next Week (March 18th):

Counters:	Bill Lee, Lisa Sweeder
Liturgist:	Scott Sweeder
Nursery:	Kim Hinkle
Hospitality:	Nurture Team
Trustee on Duty:	Brian Johns
Ushers:	Brian Johns, Jeff Leitch

Sermon Notes and Reflections

"Let Go and Let God"

Mark 18: 15-20 (NT pp. 18, 19)

1. Rectify your relationship.

Sermon Notes and Reflections

2. Clarify your partnership.

3. Testify about discipleship.

Activities and Announcements



UMCOR Special Offering — Today!

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. However, UMCOR simply cannot do it without us.



Lenten Bible Study

Embracing the Uncertain invites readers this Lent to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them. The class will run until March 27th, 10 A.M. at St. Paul. Hazel Park is the same dates, 7 P.M.



Dorothy Gilbert turns 100 on March 16th!

Please send Dorothy a birthday greeting, or you may drop a card off in the office/mail slot, and they will be sent to her. Let's show her what an amazing time this is. Her address is: C/O Canterbury on the Lake, 5601 Hatchery, Waterford, 48329



UM Women's Breakfast (Leo's Coney Island)

Saturday, March 31st, 8³⁰ A.M.

Please join the ladies for our monthly fellowship and a delightful first meal of the day. Bon Appétit!



First Sunday FISH Collection — April 1st

The FISH pantry is still in need of non-perishables. Your donations do make a difference. Thank you for supporting this cause.



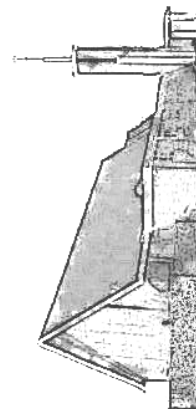
UM Men's Breakfast — Saturday, April 7th, 9 A.M.

Gentlemen, please join us for breakfast. We will have a delicious, hearty meal at Dixie Diner, 4983 Dixie Highway in Waterford.

Please keep the Pastor and office updated on members of the congregation, who are sick and may be in need of a call.

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"Celebrating the love of God through worship and service"

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Welcome!! If you came this morning seeking, we pray you will leave having found faith, hope, love, friendship — **Christ!** If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our faith community. Childcare for infants through first grade is located off the hall on the north side of the sanctuary, if you prefer this option.

We are a congregation that welcomes all, regardless of any human difference or religious affiliation. In worship, we blend the old and the new, the familiar and unfamiliar, in ways that are in keeping with the spirit and history of the early church and the best of church traditions, always with the goal of meeting today's needs. Each Sunday, we are part of a welcoming community where we learn and have our faith stretched, as well.

Please remember to wear your nametag in worship! Nametags are an important sign of hospitality to guests and newcomers and say, "We want you to get to know us and feel welcome here." **Newer attendees are welcome to request a printed nametag at any time;** either ask on the attendance registry or stop by the office.

Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 A.M. — 3 P.M.

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesdays: 9³⁰ A.M. — 12 P.M. (Feel free to visit.)

Staff:

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, III
Administrative Assistant:	Laura Ferguson
Director of Music:	Judy White
Choir Director:	Doug Sweeder
Ministers:	All Members
Custodians:	Laura & Randy Ferguson

Assisting This Week (March 11th):

Counters:	Fay Alston, Joyce McClelland
Liturgist:	Scott Sweeder
Nursery:	Kecia Brown
Hospitality:	Nurture Team
Trustee on Duty:	Brian Johns
Ushers:	Barb Casper, Dick Casper, Marcus Kelley

Celebration of Worship

Witness: We share our joys, connections, and concerns with Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Loose change offerings go toward mission projects SPUMC supports.

Offertory

Rainbow Song

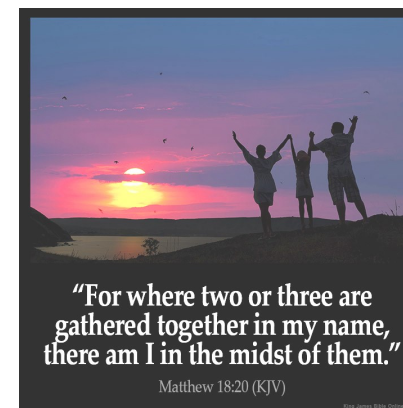
Shannah Schall

✠ **Doxology**

✠ **Offertory Prayer**

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 18: 15-20 (NT pp. 18, 19)



We Hear God's Word

Anthem

Such Love

Kendrick/Schrader

Message

"Let Go And Let God"

Sermon Text:

Matthew 18: 15-20 (NT pp. 18, 19)

We Respond with Our Lives

✠ **Hymn of Invitation**

Bind Us Together

no. 2226

✠ **Benediction**

✠ **Pass the Peace:**

"The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."