

St. Paul's Church

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Sunday | July 23, 2017 | 9:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND *GREETING

Please return to your seats when the bells are rung.
*(Visitors are asked to fill out the card in the pew rack
and place in the offering plate.)*

PRELUDE “This Is My Father’s World” Hobby

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful
noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God’s presence with thanks-
giving; let us make a joyful noise with songs
of praise.**

*HYMN NO. 64 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*INVOCATION

SHARING

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:12-25 N.T. pg. 158

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Dave McMillan

*(After Children’s Message, children age 3—2nd grade are invited to attend
“Children’s Hour” in the Luke Room.)*

RESPONSE “Jesus Loves Me”

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: Guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

HYMN NO. 393 “Spirit of the Living God”

SPECIAL MUSIC “Draw Us To You” Burkhardt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

As we offer our tithes and gifts, let us remember these words of scripture: “Freely you have received, freely give.”

OFFERTORY “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Held

*DOXOLOGY “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (vs. 4)
FWS NO. 2223

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our
love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Yours, O Lord are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory. All in heaven and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*HYMN NO. 144 “This Is My Father’s World”

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Leader: O Lord, give us ears to hear what your Spirit is saying to the Church this day. Amen.

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 N.T. pg. 14

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “The Wheat and the Tares” Pastor Dave McMillan

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN NO. 418** “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Holy, Holy, Holy” Trapp

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

We thank Bill Robinson for being our substitute organist this morning.

Welcome

Welcome to this warm and caring family of believers in Christ. If you are a first time visitor, we hope that you will return to worship with us again.

- Prayer concerns may be placed on the prayer chain by calling Lucy Rawson, 475-0610, or Shirley Stout, 478-9495; or send an e-mail to PrayerRequest@stpaulsumcde.org.
- Difficulty hearing? Hearing aids with telecoils (a “T” switch) can now serve as in-the-ear loudspeakers.
- Need a wheelchair? One is available - speak to an usher.
- **Large print** bulletins and hymnals are available - ask an usher.
- Need nursery care? Please see an Usher for directions to the Nursery.

Serving God and Us Today

Greeters

Sue & Joe Marvian

Acolyte

Zach Smith

Lector

Steve Rulon

Altar Guild

Beverly Zehr

Sound Crew

David McIlvaine

Video Crew

Katie Domenick

Candidate for Ministry

Gregory Brandon Harris

Ushers

Carl Clark, Joe Gloyd, Bob Lengel, Mike Pollack

Altar Flowers

Today the flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of J. Philip Crowe,
by Chris, Linda, John Philip, Ryan, and Bridget Fisher.

*If you would like to donate Altar Flowers,
please contact Barb Crawford at 302-999-0462.*

Rev. David T. McMillan
Senior Pastor

Rev. David M. Finch
Congregational Care

Rev. Constance Hastings
United Methodist Deacon

Rob Kennan
Director of Music

Kathleen Kennan
*Director of Youth
& Family Ministries*

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