

SAINT PAUL AME CHURCH — ONLINE WORSHIP

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 9:30am

• Eighth Sunday of Kingdombtide — Friends & Family Day •

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
(Psalm 122: 1-2)

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.
(Psalm 98:1,4)

The Worship Hymn

AME Hymnal #75

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!*
- 2. All thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.*
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.*
- 4. Mortals join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o’er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life. AMEN.*

The Worship Prayer

Sister Eugenia Johnson-Smith

Saint Matthew Midway

The Scripture Reading — Romans 8:26-39 (NIV)

Sister Darlene Jackson

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost — Genesis 29:15-28 • Psalm 105:1-11, 45b • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who

justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Decalogue

Sister Susan Johnson

Leader: Let us express our commitment to keep God’s law.

People: **God of our salvation, only you are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice your name O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder or slander. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be false witnesses. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.**

Leader: Hear what Christ our Savior says: “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

The Gloria Patri

AMEC Hymnal #628

*“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.”*

The Sermonic Selections

Sister Wendy Young & Brother Aaron Mason

Saint Matthew Midway

The Sermon

Pastor Joshua C. Hale

Saint Matthew Midway

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Altar Call

Pastor: “Lord in Your Mercy...” ✠ People: “...Hear Our Prayer”

The Offering

1 Chronicles 29:14; AMEC Hymnal #644

“All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own, have we given thee. Amen.”

The Final Remarks

The Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle’s Creed*

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 arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits 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 Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Benediction

Pastor Joshua Hale

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 26, 2020

TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week's Scripture Lessons: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15 • Isaiah 55:1-5 and Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5 • Matthew 14:13-21.

MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study will resume August 5, 2020.
- Trustee Board (Zoom Meeting): Monday, August 3, 2020 – 6pm EDT
- Official Board (Zoom Meeting): Monday, August 3, 2020 – 7pm EDT
- 4th Quarterly Conference (Zoom Meeting) w/Presiding Elder Golphin: Monday, August 31, 2020 – 7pm

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- Special Thanks to all the Angels of Saint Paul who have done, and are doing, and going to do, Angelic things! BLESS YOU!!!
- Choir Rehearsal – *Postponed until further notice.*
- YPD – *Postponed until further notice.*

SUPPORT REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of **\$172.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA172**.
- Conference Claims per member per month is **\$15.00/\$180.00** per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month.

THE CALLING POST

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! *The Calling Post comes on your caller-id as "Oklahoma City"*, phone number (405) 308-4474, so please add that to your contacts as "The Calling Post". Thank you!!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Rita Kirtley	July 9	Bobby Mattingly	July 23
Chantel Bingham	July 14	Pearl Higgins	July 24
Zachary Dockies	July 16	Michael Kirtley	July 30
Xavier Higgins	July 16	Ricardo Kirtley	July 30
Travis Collins	July 18	Sheafan Mattingly	July 30

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Family of the Rev. James E. Smith	Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Armenta Chase	Norman Morton
Christine Collins	Betty Moseley
Lorie Dale	Odes Nash
Phyllis Dockies	Thomas Parrish, Jr.
Lewis Givens	Cora & Nikaleigh Pennie
Jacqueline Greenlee	Mona Amburgey Romaine
Rev. Frederick E. Hale	Renee Scott Smith
Pearl C. Higgins	Russell Thornton
Kenneth Howard	Frances Walker
Mildred Jones	Anna Williams

Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Call, send a card, and let them know you care. Also keep in prayer the families of the bereaved throughout our community and area.

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You only have to use one of these options to join us, choose the one that's right for you!

8am SUNDAY SCHOOL

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- Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/535400285>
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9:30am SUNDAY WORSHIP w/Saint Paul Versailles

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11am SUNDAY WORSHIP w/Commonwealth District

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP w/Saint Paul Versailles — 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & 7pm Bible Study

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For **ALL** of these events you can also join us by using any of these links...

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/pastorwilliamhale
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN_08L11sSyuC2iJsZiReKg
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HalePastor>

Download the Order of Service or Teaching Materials from: <https://spvame.com> and/or <http://cwd.ame13.org>

*Event times are in "Eastern Standard Time"

**The Conference Call is through FreeConference.com. If the Call-In Number is busy, try one of the following to connect... (712) 832-8330, (641) 426-1600, (605) 562-0400, (717) 275-8940 ... *The Access Code is the same* [2913187#]. The Conference Call is set in "Presentation Mode" which means you're automatically muted so can you only listen and not be disturbed by other callers, but just in case, we respectfully request that, if possible, please mute your phones.