



**ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

235 South Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664

Office: (540) 459-3643

Sunday School: 9:45 A.M. Worship: 11:00 A.M.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18, 2021

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

Rev. Joel Walkley – Guest Minister

Alisha Williams – Lay Leader

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

“Let All things Now Living”

(During the prelude, let us be in silence preparing our hearts for worship.)

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

“But God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Spend a few minutes reflecting on God's mercy and grace in your life. End with a prayer of thanksgiving.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alisha Williams

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ - members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another. There are no outsiders here among us, no one has any special standing or bragging rights. For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus. Let's join together in worship!

*** OPENING MUSIC #202 (1st vs)**

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The words we speak all too often do not show you in our lives, God of our pilgrimage. We spend so much time boasting to others, they imagine we have no need for you. We grumble impatiently when you don't respond immediately to our requests, but are slow to sing your praises. We mutter under our breath about the behavior of those around us, when we could be asking them if there is some way we could serve them.

It is on our journey to the cross and the tomb that you fill us with the riches of your mercy, Steadfast Love! You do so, not because of anything we have done, but because of the compassion which flows from your heart wounded by our failings. As we open our lives to receive your forgiveness, may we turn to the Light which brings us life, following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.

*** WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI #734**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Joel Walkley

ANTHEM

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
From Camp Strawderman

played by Valerie Webdell

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

read by Meg Trott

SERMON

Rev. Joel Walkley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

(inside hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

***DOXOLOGY #34**

***OFFERING DEDICATION**

***CLOSING MUSIC #391 (1st verse)**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints"

Organist: Barbara Strong

Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME to our family! We hope you will feel the friendliness as you worship God with us today.

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF SAINT PAUL'S UCC, Woodstock VA is to recognize God as our Father, friend to all, and with his help teach the Bible as God's inspired word; to promote and encourage Christianity as the centerpiece in the lives of individuals, families, and the world community.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by David and Susan Brill in honor of her mom, Dickie Hinchee.

WELCOME REV. JOEL: We are so excited to have you with us! Many thanks for joining us today! Joel Walkley is an ordained UCC pastor and social worker living in the Shenandoah Valley with his wife Katie and three children: Penny, Ellie, and Gus. He is a "tent-making" pastor, keeping full-time work outside of the church.

REMINDERS:

July 18 – Guest speaker, Rev. Joel Walkley
21 – 3:00 p.m. Sacred Seasons
24 – 8:15 a.m. Men's Breakfast at the Brewhouse

POLO SHIRT ORDER FORMS are on the table in the Narthex. Due date is July 30.

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

July 20 – Joyce Golladay
21 – George Swecker
22 – Wayne Cullers, Bailee Sollenberger
25 – Ashley Bray

ANNIVERSARIES for this week:

July 20 – Dan and Bonnie Bowman
21 – Kline (KM) and Gayle Wilkins

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Melissa Andrews
Donna Babcock
The family of Deacon Steven Clifford
Margie Cook
Martin Cullers
Carol Czarneski
Dr. Jerry Germroth
Randy and Valorie Hockman
Wes Irvin
Jake Johnson

Daniel Rohne Kasten
Nora Long (had a stroke but is
home doing well)
Cheri May
Spencer McIntosh
Jessie Payne
Linda Sheetz
Craig Smith
Jack Sullivan
Pete Wright

Victims of the building collapse in Surfside, FL

Prayers for peace and unity for all

