

The Historic St. Paul Church
Offers Its 2nd Annual



BACK to SCHOOL BLESSING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 AT 10 AM



INVOCATION PRAYER

Rev. Bernie Dorsey

OPENING SONG "THIS IS THE DAY"

Dr. Patricia Dorsey

WELCOME

Min. Isaac Joemah

PRAYER FOR ALL PARENTS

Houston Dorsey
Isaac Joemah III

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Evang. Melissa Johnson

OFFERING

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HEBREW BIBLE (OLD TESTAMENT)
Genesis 48:8-16 (NIV)

Stella McBride

NEW TESTAMENT
Matthew 7:24-27

Bendu Joemah

SERMON
"MOSH PIT THEOLOGY"

Rev. Bernie Dorsey

BLESSING OF STUDENTS

Rev. Bernie Dorsey

SONG
"THE BENEDICTION SONG"

Nelson Dorsey

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bernie Dorsey

A SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PARENTS

BY HOUSTON DORSEY AND ISAAC JOEMAH III

(HWD): We thank you, Lord, for our parents. They nurture us and provide for our needs every day. We are so grateful for our parents and their love, attention, help, understanding, wisdom, and patience. We know our parents have sacrificed so much for our good and for our family.

(IDJ3): Help us to be as loving to our parents as they have been to us. Open our eyes to ways that we can be a blessing to them. May Your peace reign in our minds and our hearts and grant us the strength and courage to challenge ourselves to increase our knowledge and understanding. In Your Holy name we pray.

-Amen

THE LEADER AND PEOPLE PRAY RESPONSIVELY

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader: For all who are suffering or recovering from the coronavirus.

People: May you bless and comfort them and ensure that proper treatment is administered.

Leader: For all healthcare professionals and hospital workers.

People: May you grant them your grace and love and keep them and their families safe so that they are able to care for those who are sick.

Leader: For those who are working towards finding a vaccine. For the scientists, researchers, and their assistants. For academic and industry lab technicians. For statisticians, and public health and policy workers. For medical writers, trial participants and those who administer the trials.

People: We pray for their continued resilience from failure, joy in problem solving and commitment to science.

Leader: For those who work in the food, retail, delivery, transportation, and other service industries.

People: May they be met with gratitude and respect as they labor and risk for the common good.

Leader: For the teachers for whom teaching is not only a profession but a calling and is prominently featured in Paul's listing of spiritual gifts.

People: May you grant them energy, encouragement, and support as they continue their important work.

Leader: For all who raise their voice against racism and all forms of hate.

People: May you guard and inspire them as they combat prejudice and intolerance and work towards unity and solutions.

Leader: For those who have suffered and lost their lives because of the coronavirus.

People: We honor their lives and thank you as you hold them in your love and grant them peace.

Leader: And, for all people in our daily life at home, work, and school; *For our families, friends, neighbors, and pets.*

People: May you put in us words to express our gratitude for their lives that come from you, and for the love and joy they bring.

People: Though miles may separate us may your love and grace unite us as we lift our concerns to you.

Leader: Thank you, God, for your loving kindness and Grant us peace.

In the name of Yeshua the Messiah, we pray.

Everyone: Amen



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Genesis 48:8-16 (NIV) (Stella McBride)

**Stella: "A reading from the Torah: Genesis 48:8-16;
Hear the Word of the Lord."**

⁸ Then Jacob looked over at the two boys. "Are these your sons?" he asked.

⁹ "Yes," Joseph told him, "these are the sons God has given me here in Egypt."

And Jacob said, "Bring them closer to me, so I can bless them."

¹⁰ Jacob was half blind because of his age and could hardly see. So Joseph brought the boys close to him, and Jacob kissed and embraced them. ¹¹ Then Jacob said to Joseph, "I never thought I would see your face again, but now God has let me see your children, too!"

¹² Joseph moved the boys, who were at their grandfather's knees, and he bowed with his face to the ground. ¹³ Then he positioned the boys in front of Jacob. With his right hand he directed Ephraim toward Jacob's left hand, and with his left hand he put Manasseh at Jacob's right hand. ¹⁴ But Jacob crossed his arms as he reached out to lay his hands on the boys' heads. He put his right hand on the head of Ephraim, though he was the younger boy, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, though he was the firstborn. ¹⁵ Then he blessed Joseph and said,

"May the God before whom my grandfather Abraham and my father, Isaac, walked—the God who has been my shepherd all my life, to this very day, ¹⁶ the Angel who has redeemed me from all harm—may he bless these boys. May they preserve my name and the names of Abraham and Isaac. And may their descendants multiply greatly throughout the earth."

Stella: "The Word of the Lord"

People: "Thanks be to God."

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV) (Bendu Joemah)

Bendu: "A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as written by Matthew in Chapter 7, Verses 24-27. Hear the Word of the Lord."

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Bendu: "The Word of the Lord"

People: "Thanks be to God."