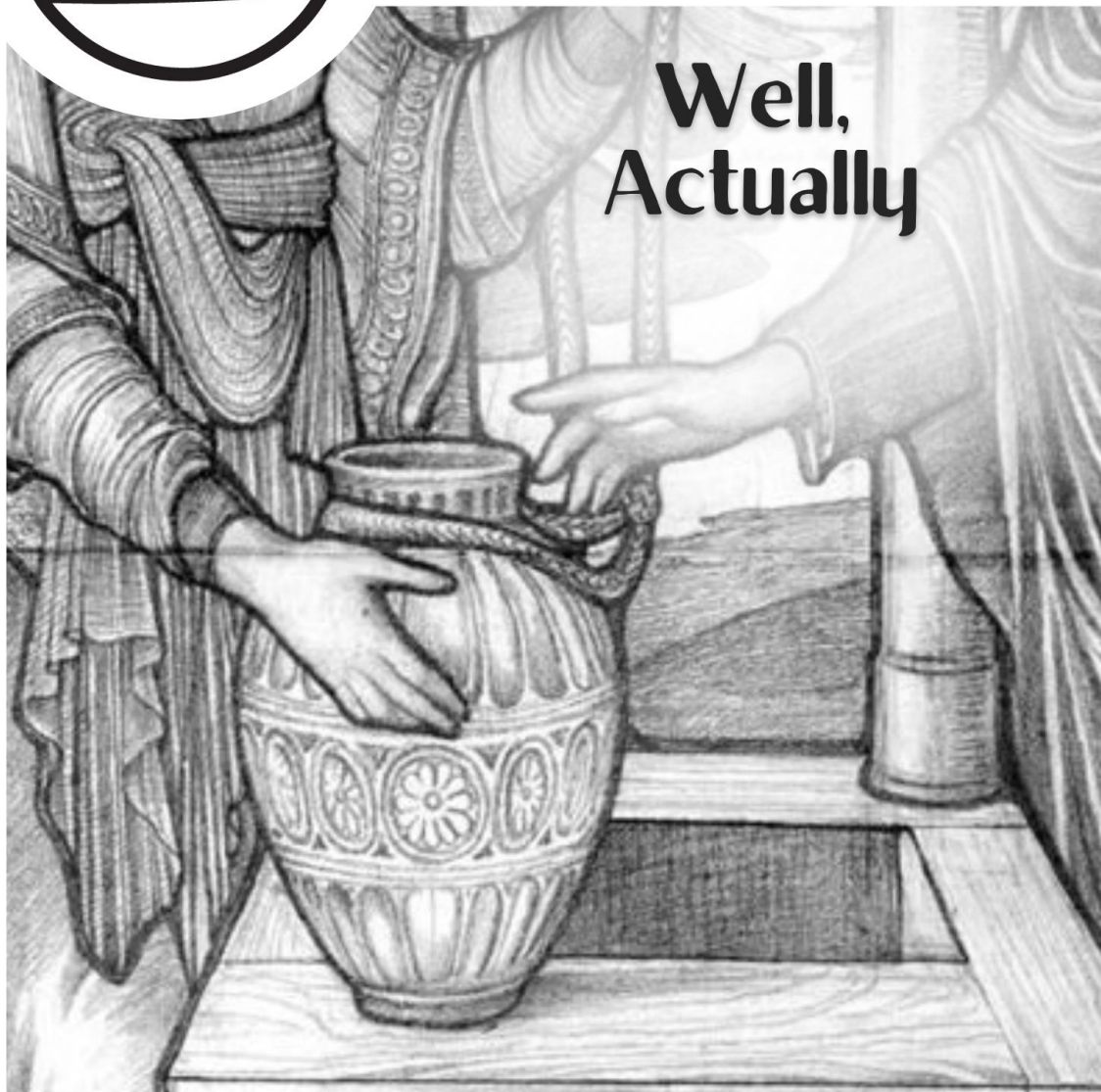




St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

**Well,
Actually**



March 12, 2023

9:00 & 10:30 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 12, 2023

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Welcome to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we invite and affirm you as one of God's children into our community of God's unbounded love. All are celebrated here and all are safe. Announcements and helpful information can be found on the pages following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

11. *Kyrie (ultimo)*

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Call to Worship (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

Leader: We come to the well of fear and doubt.

All: We have drawn deeply of those waters.

Leader: We come to the well of anger and hate.

All: These waters flourish in all the land.

Leader: Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.

All: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. Amen.

*Hymn #479 (9:00 & 10:30)

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Prayer of Confession (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Our thirst mounts daily, seeking to be quenched by your redeeming love. Yet, when that love is offered to us, we again turn away, unable to truly believe that you would actually heal and love us. We have behaved in very unloving ways. We have chosen to ignore those in need or to deal only passively with them. Our hearts are not placed in service to others, but rather in self-serving motives. Heal us, merciful God. Wash us again in the living water. Help us be faithful servants. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 AM only)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Naming of Names & Intercessory Lenten Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

During this moment of worship, you may speak aloud the names of persons whom you wish our prayers to support. You are also invited to submit a written prayer request for yourself, others, or the world by coming forward to place it in our wooden prayer bowl. Please feel welcome to kneel at the chancel rail at any time during this time of prayer.

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

O Saviour of the World
Sanctuary Choir

John Goss

O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,
Save us and help us, save us and help us. *(repeat)* We humbly beseech thee. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

John 4:5-42 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #480 (9:00 & 10:30) O Love That Wilt Not Let Me

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

“Well, Actually”

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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Paul's efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory (10:30 AM only)

The Woman at the Well

James Biery

*Doxology #95 (9:00 & 10:30)

OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 AM only)

The Invitation (9:00 AM only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation and concludes:

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: (Hymnal p. 17) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

L: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: (*Hymnal p. 18*) **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The pastor continues and concludes:

L: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

P: (*Hymnal p. 18*) **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (9:00 AM only)

The United Methodist Hymnal, #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 AM only)

All St. Paul's communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayer after Receiving (9:00 AM only)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Hymn #357 (9:00 & 10:30) Just As I Am, Without One Plea

*Benediction and Dismissal (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only) *Fugue in b minor, BWV 544b*

J. S. Bach



NEXT WEEK: MARCH 19, 2023

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

10:30 AM livestreaming through stpaulsk.org

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

9:00 AM – 33 10:30 AM – 105 online – 44 Total: 182

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by **The Bond Family**
in loving memory of **Carolyn & John Bond**.

SYMPATHY

We share our deepest sympathies with the family of
Jack Lipscomb following his death on March 3, 2023.



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Postludes during Lent

Marvin Mills, organist

Though J. S. Bach was revered as the leading organist of his time, he was seen as old fashioned in his compositional style. This was partly due to his use of older forms, but particularly to the emergence of a new style (the *style gallant*) which signaled the end of the Baroque and the beginnings of the Classical Period. This new style moved away from a contrapuntal (linear) method of composing, as exemplified by Bach, to a more homophonic (vertical) one. The music of Bach represents the apex of the Baroque Period; synthesizing national (Italian, French, and German) and regional (North and South Germanic) influences into a crystalline style which yields outward display while achieving intense contemplation.

Bach's prelude and fugue compositions reached a unique peak of refinement and brilliance during his time as court organist in Weimar (1708-1717). The fugal form can be traced back to the Middle Ages where canons and simple imitative parts evolved in works that were often interchangeable vocally or instrumentally. By the middle Renaissance the fugue had become a distinct form, attesting to the skill of a composer in his crafting of the counterpoint between voices.

Why focus on fugues in minor keys during Lent? The conversational nature of fugue engenders reflection and study, an apropos posture during the season. The tonality of minor keys provides ample opportunity to explore a richer harmonic palette.

Soli Deo Gloria!

March 12 – Fugue in b, BWV 544b

March 19 – Fugue in e, BWV 548b

March 26 – Fugue in a, BWV 543b



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements – News of events and activities at St. Paul's are shared through our Weekly News message. Read the latest message at stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news.

Welcome Visitors! – Thank you for joining us. **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office and down the hall near the water fountain. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary and ushers can provide headsets. **Attendance pads** in the pews provide a space

to share your name and, if you wish, contact information so we may welcome you. **Masks** are now optional in almost all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Today: Sunday School & Nursery – *Sunday, March 12*. Students in Grade 5 and younger begin Sunday School together in the Chapel at 10:30 AM, then move to classrooms. Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered in the Nursery during 10:30 worship. Families in worship with children who need a break are welcome to use the Octagon, the Library, or the “busy bags” found at the Welcome Desk. For email updates, contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

Today: Letter Campaign to Save Moses African Cemetery – *Sunday, March 12*. Visit the Octagon after worship to add your signature to St. Paul's letter in support of efforts to save the Moses African Cemetery along River Road. For more information and links to the Bethesda African Cemetery Coalition, visit stpaulsk.org/service/justice-and-compassion.

Today: Prom Clothes Collection – *Sunday, March 12*. Montgomery Co. Recreation's “Project Prom Dress” provides gently used and new prom dresses, tuxedos, suits, and accessories to enable all county high school students to attend their prom. Bring your items to the Narthex and the Justice & Compassion Team will take them to the county drop-off.

Today: Sipping Ministry – *Sunday, March 12 after 10:30 worship*. Stop by the Octagon for a time of fellowship, coffee, and treats, sponsored this week by the Justice & Compassion Team.

Today: St. Paul's Family Dinners – *Sunday, March 5*. In order to offer more opportunities for fellowship, three St. Paul's families will be hosting dinners at their homes. Sign-up using the sheet in the Narthex. For questions, contact Gregg Molander (greggmolander@gmail.com).

Today: Palm Sunday Children's Choir – *Sunday, March 12*. Singers in grades K-5 are invited to prepare a Palm Sunday song. Rehearsals will be held Sundays 11:45-12:30, leading up to Palm Sunday April 2. Join us today or register at <https://tinyurl.com/329xydzs>.

This Week: Yarn Ministry – *Mondays, March 13 & 27*. Knit, crochet, or craft along with friends. We will meet in person in the Library at St. Paul's in March! Contact Karen Codner for details: kdc811@gmail.com.

This Week: Interfaith Hoppy Hour with Temple Emanuel – *Saturday, March 18, 5:00-6:00 PM*. Come to BabyCat Brewery (10241 Kensington Parkway) for engaging conversation about the Bible and related topics from different faith contexts, and to build relationships with our Temple Emanuel neighbors. Contact Pastor Joey for more info: joeyhm@stpaulsk.org.

This Week: Lewis Center Releases Report on Disaffiliating Churches – The Lewis Center for Church Leadership has issued a new report on UMC congregations choosing to leave the

United Methodist Church through disaffiliation. You can find excerpts from the report and links to the full article at stpaulsk.org/community/the-way-forward.

This Week: Zoom Lent Study – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM*. The Wednesday Bible Study group is currently following a six-week Lent study, “Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, & Outlaws.” For more info or receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Next Week: Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, March 21, 12:00-1:00 PM*. Come to the Octagon for a casual hymn-sing, short program exploring the stories behind some of our worship songs, and lunch. No musical expertise necessary!

Next Month: Pancake Breakfast – *Saturday, April 1*. The UMM-led community breakfast will be serving pancakes and other breakfast foods, 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Read more at stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast.

Next Month: Hope in the Shadows – *Thursday, April 5, 7:30 PM*. Our Sanctuary Choir and chamber musicians will present a moving Holy Week experience on Maundy Thursday including communion, hymns, soloists, and text that reflects on Christ’s journey to the cross, sacrifice, and the hope in the shadows to which we cling. Visit stpaulsk.org/worship/music.

Next Month: UMC 101, New & Renewing Members Class – *Sundays, April 16-May 21, 12:00-1:00 PM*. Open to everyone regardless of membership status! Over the course of 5 sessions, we will share information and discussions to refresh or learn for the first time about the UMC and what makes this denomination distinctive. Contact Pastor Joey: joeyhm@stpaulsk.org.

Lenten Resources – To help us journey through the Lenten season of reflection and repentance, we have several resources available in the Narthex, including:

- *Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith* is a weekly devotional from Sanctified Art with commentary, poems, reflections, and more.
- *The Sanctuary for Lent* contains brief readings for each day of the season.
- *What is Lent?* is a coloring and activities book designed for ages 6-9.

District Superintendent News – Our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gerard Green will retire effective July 1. For information on our interim district superintendent, visit the BWC site: www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/vitality-prompts-changes-for-greater-washington-district/.

ONGOING

Hunger Ministry – This signature ministry serves over 100 households each month with pantry staples and grocery store gift cards. Please donate: peanut butter, cold cereal, instant oatmeal, canned fruit/applesauce, soup, rice, pasta, pasta sauce cans or plastic bottles, mac &

cheese, canned fish, cooking oil. Kindly note we cannot give out “expired” food or glass jars. Financial support and volunteers are also welcome! Visit stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry.

SPY News – *Sundays, 4:30-6:00 PM*. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join St. Paul’s Youth for fun and fellowship. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

Still Wednesday – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM*. Gather in-person most Wednesdays in the Sanctuary for quiet prayer and contemplative, creative reflection. For the latest updates on meetings, contact Kenzie Raulin at 301-237-1520 or Kenzie@krdesign.net.

Prayerwaves – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM*. All are welcome at this time of prayer by conference-call over the phone. Dial 425-436-6326, then use the access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM*. Enjoy about 10-20 minutes of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul’s clergy, staff, or volunteer leaders. Go to facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

Tuesday with Friends – *Third Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM*. This group, open to all men and women, meets for fellowship and interesting lessons. Those who would like to stay for Taste & Sing enjoy lunch afterwards. Contact Ginny Hagberg: 301-770-7624.

Lydia Circle – *First Wednesday of each month, 2:30 PM*. Ladies interested in joining the Lydia Circle sisters should contact Susan Schwarz at susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242.

Read-Thru-the-Bible – The pastors offer reflection questions to guide your journey through the Bible. Go to stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education and read along. Jump in at any time!

Altar Flowers in 2023 – The flower chart for 2023 is now available on the bulletin board in the church office. Reserve a date and use the yellow form to sponsor the Sanctuary flowers.

UMM Driver Service – Volunteer drivers are listed on the office bulletin board and are available to take adult St. Paul’s members to medical appointments around the county.

Stephen Ministers – We offer a listening ear to those going through a difficult situation or life change. Contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496).



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Appointments Encouraged
