



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



Full to the Brim

The Ripple Effect

April 14, 2022

Maundy Thursday

7:00 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 14, 2022

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. As we gather in-person, we will err on the side of caution and expect all those present today to wear masks, covering the mouth and nose, regardless of vaccination status. Other announcements and more helpful information can be found on the following pages.

Gathering for Worship

(- please stand in body or spirit)*

Choral Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessings in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way;
As the Light descending from the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!

*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

One: A call to worship is a call to presence.

All: **We long to be fully present here, and to feel God's presence here.**

One: Notice the space around us, the way it looks, smells, and sounds.

All: **With all our senses, we recognize a sacred space
and our belonging in it.**

One: We gather as good creation, wonderfully made.

**All: We join our bodies into one body as we remember the life,
death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

*Hymn #616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:26-30 (NRSV)

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Prayer of Confession

Lay Reader

**Loving God, you pour out grace upon us exactly as we are,
but we confess we are suspicious and react from fear of scarcity.**

**You invite us to take our shoes off
and receive the care our bodies need,
but we sit on our heels.**

**We sort bodies into worthy and unworthy ones
to mask our insecurities.**

**We reject and punish fat bodies,
disabled bodies,
transgender bodies,
and racialized bodies —
even when these bodies are our very own.**

God, remind us that we are made in your image.

**Help us learn to receive from your abundance
so we can share all that we have with others.**

**Let us see that the cups we longingly hold out are already full.
May they overflow so that all will have enough!**

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Open your hearts.

P: We open them to God and to one another.

L: Let us give thanks to the God of all.

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

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

L: Joining our voices with those of every time and place who have sung a song of love and hope, we sing:

**P: Holy, holy, holy God. You are Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
All that you have made proclaims the goodness you have instilled.
Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is the One who embodies love
and justice! Hosanna in the Highest!**

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

L: Remembering the life that could not be destroyed, we remain steadfast in our hope.

**P: Dying, Christ destroyed death.
Rising, Christ restores life.
Living, Christ will make all things new.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Giving the Bread & Cup

*Please receive the wafer and juice packet. You may choose to take it with you and
consume it prayerfully and safely at home, or you may open it and consume it here*

in the Sanctuary. If you choose to partake here, be sure to place empty wrappers in the waste bins provided. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you have welcomed us to this table as your beloved children and nourished us with the love of Christ embodied in bread and cup. Strengthen us with courage as we leave this table to embrace all whom you love as beloved children. May your love through us reconcile us to one another, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord and through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Anthem

Come Home

arr. Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

Mollie Weikert, soprano, and Noah Beye, baritone

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me?
Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.

O for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
Come home, come home, you who are weary come home.

Homily

"The Ripple Effect"

Mr. Micah Smartt

Anthem

Our Father

Sanctuary Choir

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 and ever. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:36-46 (NRSV)

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Invitation to Triduum

Mr. Micah Smartt

*Hymn #290

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Benediction and Dismissal

Mr. Micah Smartt

Choral Postlude

Lamb of God
Sanctuary Choir

John Reim

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Grant us peace, grant us peace.
The Lord has placed on you the iniquity of all.
The chastisement of our peace was upon you.
You were despised, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.
You were despised and we esteemed you not.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Those in worship are encouraged to exit the Sanctuary in silence following the service.



UPCOMING WORSHIP: HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross: Monday, April 11 - Friday, April 15: Self-guided experience in the Octagon, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM & 5:00-7:00 PM.

Good Friday: April 15, 2022: 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at stpaulsk.org. Featuring music selections from Marvin Mills and visio divina curated by Grace Graham.

Easter Sunday: April 17, 2022

- 7:00 AM - outdoors in Clum-Kennedy Park (parking available across the street at Old Town Market & Johnson's Flowers in Kensington)
- 9:00 AM - Sanctuary at St. Paul's
- 10:30 AM - Sanctuary at St. Paul's and livestreamed at stpaulsk.org
- Scripture: Luke 24:1-12. Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton, preaching
- Kids' Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:30 worship service.



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services and special evening services
are streamed through stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Easter Schedule – All are welcome at Holy Week and Easter events! Please see the schedule immediately following the order of worship. Note that church offices will be closed on Monday, April 18.

Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, April 19, 12:00 noon.* Please contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext 104 if you will attend. This month our casual time of food and song will feature an Easter hymn sing! There is no musical experience needed, and no cost to attend (although donations for lunch are welcome).

J&C Earth Day Clean Up – *April 23, 12:00-3:00 PM.* Our Justice & Compassion team invites you to join with the Potomac Riverkeeper Network and Friends of Oxon Run to celebrate Earth Day by removing single-use plastics and trash along the shoreline of Oxon Cove and Oxon Run. Email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org for details.

Heritage Sunday and Coffee Hour – *Sunday, April 24.* On Heritage Sunday, we will recognize those who have been members of St. Paul's for 50 years or more. We will also welcome guest preacher Rev. Karin Walker (senior pastor at St. Paul's 2003-2007) and celebrate some of our faithful volunteers who keep the church going. A special coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall will follow the 10:30 AM worship service.

Wednesday Study: The Lord's Prayer – *Beginning April 27.* Join us for *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught.* Pastor and renowned author Adam

Hamilton guides us to really know and really pray the Lord's Prayer by illuminating what we ask of God and of ourselves through its words. To participate, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext 104.

Read through the Bible – The 2-year journey to read through the Bible together continues. The reading schedule is available at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education and in the Epistle. Email Pastor Kate by April 27 (kfulton@stpaulsk.org) to RSVP for the monthly Q&A, then share your thoughts or questions on April 28 at 6:30 PM.

Ruskin-Best Wedding Ceremony – May 7, 3:30 PM. Halcyon Ruskin and Ian Best invite their St. Paul's friends and family to attend their wedding ceremony. The service will take place in the Sanctuary of St. Paul's at 3:30 PM on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Renovation Update – Contractors will begin work at St. Paul's on our long-awaited building renovation starting Monday, May 9. Temporary challenges to our operations are sure to occur during the construction period, projected to last 4-5 months. We will share weekly updates in our email newsletter and will post pictures and video!

St. Paul's Educational Award – *Deadline to apply: May 15.* The Educational Award is presented annually to one or more graduating High School seniors! Only those who apply can be considered! Apply at stpaulsk.org/community/youth in the section titled "Youth Forms." Award funds are made available through our operating budget and generous donors! To contribute, make checks out to St. Paul's UMC with "Ed Award" in the memo line, or go to stpaulsk.org/giving and scroll down to Additional Contribution Options.

Sanctuary Flowers – To sponsor Sanctuary flowers, sign up on the flower chart in the main office. The cost is \$45 and dedication forms are available next to the chart. Following 10:30 AM worship, you may take home your flower arrangement or flowers may be delivered to members of our community who could use some extra cheer. Please contact Erin Steele in the church office if you have questions.

VBS Update – Due to the long-awaited building renovations that will be underway this summer, our popular in-person Vacation Bible School program will not be held in 2022. We are looking forward to VBS 2023 in our renovated facilities!

Musical Theatre Camp – Musical theatre camp hosts dozens of young performers (entering 4th grade and older) as they put together a one-act musical on a biblical theme. Dates for 2022 are July 11-15, 9AM-3PM plus performances on Sunday, July 17. Contact camp director Mrs. Robin Mayhew at robin_mayhew@comcast.net with any questions.

Paper registration forms are available in the St. Paul's office or download the form and pay online at stpaulsk.org/community/musical-theatre-camp.

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Children's Programming – *for April 17.* There will be no Sunday School on April 17 so families may worship together. Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is offered during both worship services on Sundays. "Busy Bags" with quiet activities are available at the welcome desk. Read more at stpaulsk.org/community/children.

SPYs Meeting – Youth are meeting this month on April 24! (We will not be meeting on Easter Sunday, April 17.) Middle School 4:30-6:00 PM; High School 7:00-8:30 PM. Bring a mask and a water bottle, and come for games and fellowship! Questions? Contact Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org) or visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth.

Hunger Ministry Needs – Your donations of non-perishable items feed hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code! Find the list of pantry items on the table by the office or visit stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. To volunteer, email hunger@stpaulsk.org. To make a financial donation, visit stpaulsk.org/giving or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line. Thank you!

Still Wednesday – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* The exact format of Still Wednesday changes week to week, but typically includes 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. During good weather, we may meet outdoors in-person at St. Paul's memorial garden or other park-like setting. To Zoom, use Meeting ID: 815 9385 9811, passcode Oliver.

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* These live online sessions are held once a week, reminding us to keep us calm and connected through a time of sharing, prayer, or music with St. Paul's leaders. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

UMCOR Ukraine – The UMCOR "International Disaster Response & Recovery" fund is aiding communities in Ukraine and refugees fleeing war. To donate, make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "UMCOR - Ukraine" on the memo line or visit stpaulsk.org/giving.

Pastoral Leave – From now through Tuesday May 31, Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. During that time, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation.

9:00 Lay Readers – Would you like to assist with worship at 9:00 AM by serving as a lay reader? Go to stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events and click the button to be taken to the sign-up sheet. Sign up by simply typing in your name and email address.

Martha Circle – Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Octagon. All ladies interested may contact coordinator Ginny Hagberg (mdcatlover@aol.com, 301-770-7624) for updates.

Lydia Circle – Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All interested ladies should contact Susan Schwarz (susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242) for the latest schedule.

Yarn Ministry – Meeting either by Zoom or in-person in the Library at St. Paul's twice a month. All crafters welcome! Contact Karen Codner (kdc811@gmail.com).

Prayerwaves – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM by phone.* Call 425-436-6326 at 9:55 AM. When prompted for the "access code," type in 774042 followed by #.

Pledges & Thank You Gifts – Each household that pledges for 2022 will receive a St. Paul's folding camp chair as a special "thank you." Blank pledge forms are available in the church office and at stpaulsk.org/giving.



Visitor Information

Thank you for joining us! You are invited to tear out this section and leave this form with the offerings to let us know a little about yourself, or how we might be in touch. You may also email the office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org) or staff to say hello!

Name(s):

Email:

Phone:

Home Address:

How did you find us? (circle all that apply)

Family/friend. Passing by. Internet search. Other:

Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul's? (circle all that apply)

No, just visiting. Maybe; I have questions. Please tell me about joining St. Paul's.

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