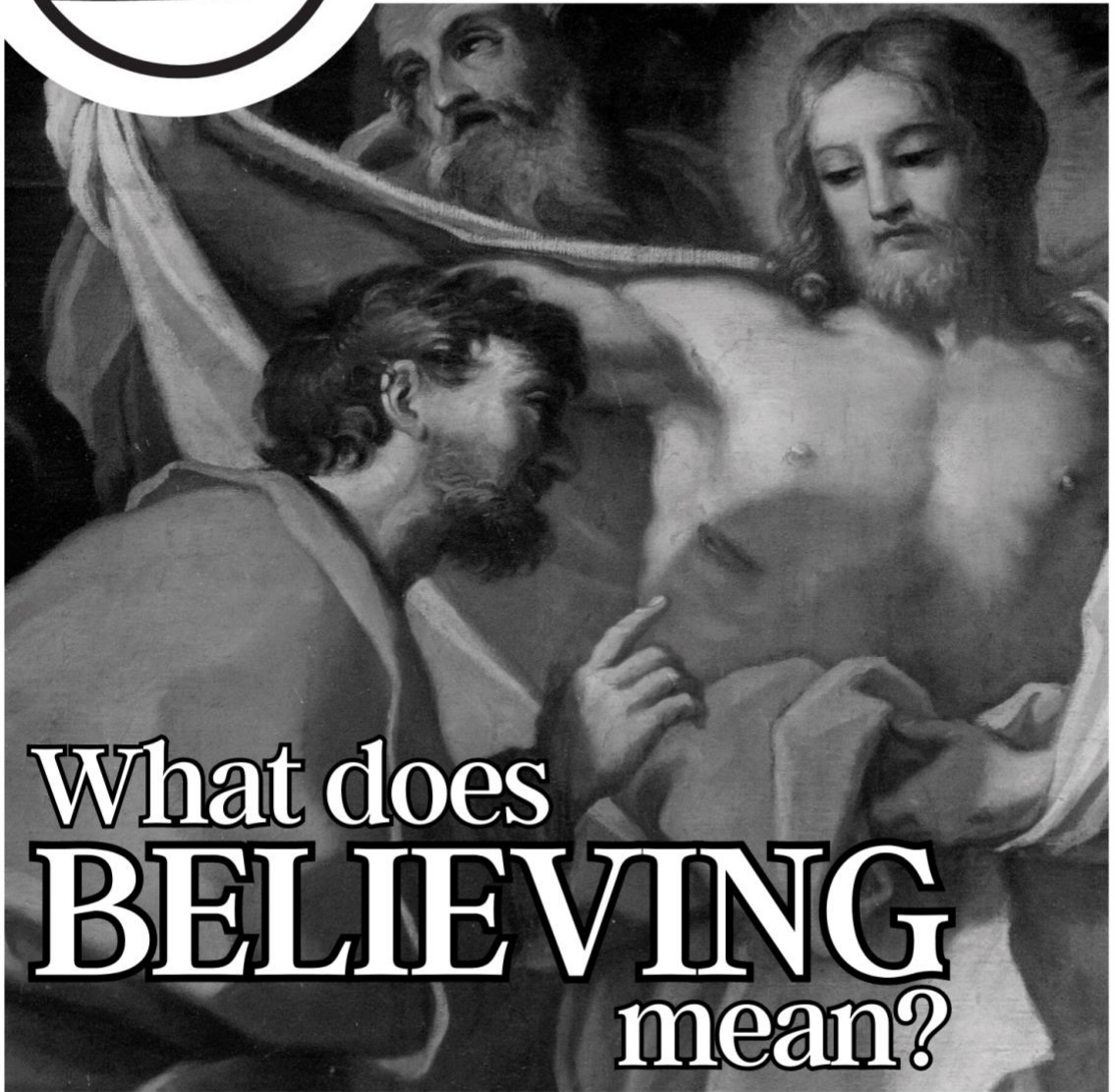




St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



What does
BELIEVING
mean?

April 16, 2023

9:00 & 10:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 16, 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) *Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)* Jean Langlais

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

Leader: Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

All: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Leader: Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

All: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Leader: Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

All: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

*Hymn #304 (9:00 & 10:30) Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30) Lay Reader

Stand among us once again, risen Christ, and bless us with your greeting: "Peace be with you." Stand among us once again, Exalted Brother, and breathe upon us your promised Spirit. Stand among us once again, You Who Have Escaped Death, and give us new birth into your living hope. Amen.

*Passing the Peace (9:00 & 10:30) Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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.

Children's Message and VBS Ministry Moment (10:30 AM only)

Dr. Meg Baker

*Hymn #420 (9:00 & 10:30) Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Proclamation of the Word

John 20:19-31 (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

Peace I Give to You
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney

*Peace I leave you. My peace I give you.
Not as the world gives, I give to you.
Peace I give to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, and fear not.
In this world you shall have tribulations.
Take heart! I have overcome the world!
Peace I leave you. My peace I give you.
Not as the world gives, I give to you.*

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

“What does believing mean?”

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Response to the Word

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on Holy Manna

Wilbur Held

*Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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: 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: 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: 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)

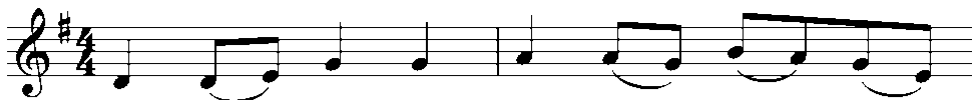
All St. Paul's communion bread is gluten-free.

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

Christ Has Risen



1. Christ has___ ris - en while earth___ slum - bers,___
 2. Christ has___ ris - en for the___ peo - ple___
 3. Christ has___ ris - en to com - pan - ion___
 4. Christ has___ ris - en and for - ev - er___



Christ has___ ris - en where hope died, as he___ said and
 whom he___ died to love and save; Christ has___ ris - en
 for - mer_ friends who fear the night, sens - ing___ loss and
 lives to___ chal - lenge and to change all whose lives are



as he___ prom - ised,___ as we___ doubt - ed
 for the___ wom - en___ bring - ing___ flowers to
 lim - i - ta - tion___ where their___ faith had
 messed or___ man - gled,___ all who___ find re -



and de - nied. Let the moon em - brace the___ bless - ing;
 grace his grave. Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples
 once burned bright. They be - moan what is no___ long - er,
 li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en, Christ is___ pres - ent



let the sun sus - tain the___ cheer; let the___ world con -
 hud - dled in an up - stairs___ room. He whose word in -
 they ex - pect no hope - ful___ sign till Christ ends their
 mak - ing us what he has___ been -- ev - i - dence of



firm the___ ru - mor: Christ is___ ris - en, God is here!
 spired cre - a - tion___ can't be___ si - lenced by the tomb.
 con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing___ bread and shar - ing wine.
 trans - for - ma - tion___ in which God is known and seen.

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

Postlude on Regent Square

Charles Callahan



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

April 23, 2023 – 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

10:30 AM livestreaming through *stpaulsk.org*

Native American Ministries Special Sunday

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR EASTER SUNDAY LAST WEEK

7:00 AM – 28 9:00 AM – 93

10:30 AM – 275 online – 170

Total: 566

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by **Alison Clark**
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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 optional in almost all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Today: Sunday School & Nursery – *Sunday, April 16*. Children will be in worship with their families in the Sanctuary; there are no Sunday School classes today. Care for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery during the 10:30 service. Due to the special worship days in April, the pastors have decided that all children will attend worship with their families in the Sanctuary throughout the month of April. Please see the Epistle newsletter or the Sunday School Email for more details. Children's "busy bags" are available at the Welcome Desk. Families with young children who need a break are welcome to make use of the Octagon room opposite the Sanctuary doors or the Library down the hall by the restrooms. For email updates about Children's programs, contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

This Week: “After the Sermon” – Reflection questions about Sunday’s Scripture, posed by Jim Holland, can be found in the Weekly News email and at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education. Share your thoughts with Jim: hollandjim1357@gmail.com.

This Week: Wednesday Sermon Safari – *Wednesdays starting April 19, 4:00-5:00 PM.* The Wednesday Bible Study group is meeting over Zoom. Each week we’ll watch a sermon and engage in a discussion. For more info or receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

This Week: UMC 101 – *Sundays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 21; 12:00-1:00 PM, in the Octagon.* Each week will cover a different part of what makes the UMC unique. Open to everyone - new folks and those looking for a refresher. Snacks will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself! No signup necessary. Email Pastor Joey with any questions, joeyhm@stpaulsk.org

This Week: Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, April 18, 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! Free, but donations for lunch are welcome.

This Week: SAM Meeting – *Thursday, April 20, 7:00-8:30 PM on Zoom.* Church leaders serving in the Simplified Accountability Model (including the Ministry Table and the Strategy, Accountability, and Leadership Table) hold open meetings; all may attend. Contact chairperson Rachel Stalcup at rachelstalcup@gmail.com for the Zoom link or if you have questions.

This Month: Musical Theatre Camp Sign-Up – *Accepting the first 24 applicants!* For one week in July, musical theatre camp at St. Paul's hosts dozens of middle-school age performers, plus youth and parent helpers, as they put together a one-act musical on a biblical theme under the direction of Mrs. Robin Mayhew. Camp sessions for 2023 are held July 10-14, Monday-Friday, 9AM to 3PM with performances Sunday, July 16 during worship services. Camp registration forms and more info are available online at stpaulsk.org/community/musical-theatre-camp.

This Month: Registration for VBS – *Register by April 30.* St. Paul’s is partnering with Bethesda UMC for VBS at their location (8300 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda MD), June 19-23! Registration is now open! Read more about the “Hero Hotline” VBS theme and find camper/volunteer registration at stpaulsk.org/community/children or contact Meg Baker: mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Next Month: Pancake Breakfast -- *Saturday, May 6.* The UMM will hold a Community Pancake Breakfast on the first Saturday of each month this Spring, in the Fellowship Hall. Serving hours are 8:00-10:30 AM. We will have pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and other

breakfast foods and beverages. Instead of a fixed price, those attending are asked to make a donation (suggestion: \$8 per adult, \$2 per child, or \$20/family of 4).

Next Month: Piano Recital – *May 7, 12:00 PM in the Sanctuary.* Young people who have been taking lessons and are interested in performing in a recital should contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org). If a student has been taking lessons on a different musical instrument, they are welcome to participate as well; a piano accompanist can be provided. Congregants are encouraged to attend the recital, enjoy the music, and support our young musicians!

ONGOING

Hunger Ministry – This signature ministry serves over 100 households monthly with pantry staples and grocery store cards. Please donate non-perishables in the bins in the Narthex. (Please note, we can't give out expired food or glass containers.) To find the list of most-needed food items and other ways to help, visit stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry.

SPY News – *Most Sundays, 4:30-6:00 PM.* All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join St. Paul's Youth for fun and fellowship. Be sure to sign up for the SPY email newsletter to get updates in your inbox. 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. 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 lessons. 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.

2-Year Read-Thru-the-Bible – Find the reading plan at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education.

Altar Flowers in 2023 – The flower chart for 2023 is now available in the church office.

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).

Sipping Ministry – Coffee and treats are offered following worship whenever a group, family, or class volunteers to sponsor this time of fellowship. Contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org) to find available dates.



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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Lay Readers

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10:30 AM - Lyn Walker

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Appointments encouraged!

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