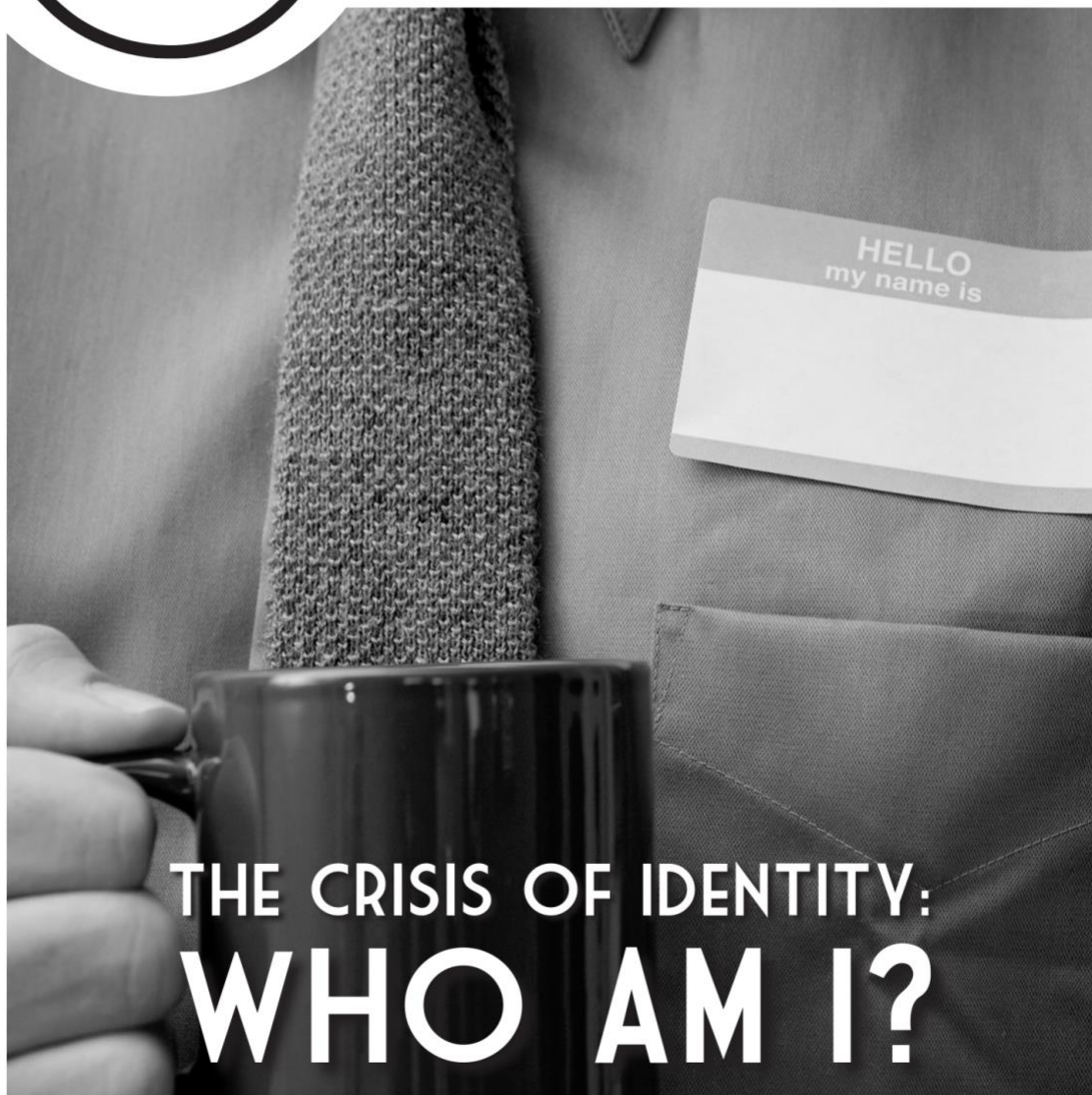




St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



July 17, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Thank you for worshiping 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)

Announcements (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

Prelude-Hocket

David Schelat

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

Lay Reader

Leader: May we land in our bodies and soften our spirits
to meet the Living God in our midst.

People: **The Holy Spirit is present within us, between us, and beyond us.**

L: Like a caring elder, She moves kindly, and wisely.

P: **Let us worship God, our comfort and our strength.**

*Hymn #77 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

How Great Thou Art

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

**Holy One, breath of the big bang, idea of creation,
you who make spring come forth, who make life out of nothing,
breathe yourself into me. Create me.**

You are the flame; I am your light. You are the nerve; I am your muscle.

You are the Word; I am the story. You are the song; I am the singing.

I am one with you and one with all Creation.

One Spirit, one flesh, many forms. In your Spirit, I am we.

Holy One, live in me; I am your body. I remember, and I live.

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

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.

Proclamation of the Word

Colossians 1:15-28 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

¹⁵Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see — such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. ¹⁸Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. ¹⁹For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

²¹This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²²Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

²³But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

²⁴I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church. ²⁵God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. ²⁶This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. ²⁷For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of

Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

²⁸So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.

Luke 10:38-42 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

³⁸As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.

⁴¹But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! ⁴²There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #369 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Blessed Assurance

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

"Who Am I"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on ASSURANCE

Jon Spong

*Hymn #94 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Doxology

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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.

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 (9:00 AM only)

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

Please receive the wafer and juice packet. If you choose to partake here, be sure to place empty wrappers in the waste bins provided. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer, you may take the communion packet and consume it prayerfully and safely at home.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (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 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Siyahamba

**substitute the following for each subsequent verse
dancing/singing/praying/marching*

We are walk - ing* in the light of God, we are

1. walk - ing in the light of God. 2. We are walk - ing in the light of the

light of God. We are walk - ing walk - ing, we are

Oo We are walk - ing, we are walk - ing in the light of God.

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

Fugue in g minor, BWV 578

J. S. Bach



WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

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

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by the **Bickford family**
in celebration of Tom Bickford's 90th birthday.

JOY

We celebrate the birth of **Finley Josephine Higgins**, born July 9,
daughter of Chris & Kristin Higgins and granddaughter of Marge & Rich Higgins.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Marshall Lancaster** and family
following the death of his brother Robin on July 1.



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Renovation News to Know – *Out of Service*: Restrooms in the Narthex and the office wing, including the accessible family restroom, are unavailable. Parking lot areas closest to the church, nearby sidewalks, the parking lot door, and the Memorial Garden & Columbarium are closed. Phones may be disconnected. We are unable to take drop-off/pick-up items in the office. The next phase of work will significantly impact the Narthex area; look for updates and signs as projects evolve! The Octagon is closed. *This week*: Please use the front doors on Armory Ave. or the Office door on Mitchell St. to access the building for worship. Available restrooms are located by the Fellowship Hall and the Multi-Purpose Room wing. Accessible restrooms can be reached by taking the elevator to the 3rd floor of the Education Wing.

Weekday Closures – We do plan to hold worship each Sunday in-person in the Sanctuary as scheduled. However, for safety reasons, access to the building during the week is by appointment only. No visitors are allowed in construction work areas. Staff will flex hours

on-site to avoid peak construction times, or work from home. Email is the best way to reach staff and clergy, as phones may be disconnected!

Today: Kids with Compassion – *July 17*. While traditional Sunday School is on summer break, children are invited to participate in a variety of community service activities during the 10:30 worship hour. Adults should escort children to the Parlor across from Fellowship Hall at 10:30. This week we will make sandwiches and bag lunch items for Shepherd's Table. Shepherd's Table, located in downtown Silver Spring, serves individuals from all walks of life and addresses food insecurity and homelessness. Note: nursery care will also be in the Parlor and is available at both worship services. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Getting to Know Pastor Joey – Rev. Joey Heath-Mason, our new Associate Pastor, invites all members and friends of St. Paul's to "open office hours," an opportunity to visit a little and get to know one another. While the church is under renovation, Pastor Joey will be meeting outdoors in area parks, so stop by as you are able (no need to RSVP). If you prefer, you can meet by Zoom – email joeyhm@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom link. Here are the dates and times:

- *Wednesday July 20, 4:00-6:00 PM* in Reinhardt Park (directly across from St. Paul's front doors)
- *Sunday July 24, 3:00-4:00 PM* by Zoom
- *Wednesday July 27, 4:00-6:00 PM* in Wheaton Regional Park (look near the Carousel)
- *Thursday July 28, 8:00-9:00 PM* by Zoom

Please email Pastor Joey at joeyhm@stpaulsk.org if you have any questions.

Fifth Sunday, One Community – *July 31*. When there are five Sundays in a month, we will use the fifth Sunday as an opportunity to bring together all of our worshipers at one time to sing and pray together in a single Sunday service at 10:30 AM. Join us on July 31 at 10:30 AM!

Memorial for Nathalie Silver – *August 6*. St. Paul's member and accomplished scientist Dr. Nathalie Valette-Silver transitioned from this life to eternity on June 27. A memorial service is currently planned for August 6 at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's UMC.

Still Wednesday Summer Schedule – *Aug. 17*. Still Wednesday, a time of contemplative practice, will meet once a month for the summer. The next gathering is August 17 at 7:00 PM. The exact format varies, but typically includes about 20 minutes of silent prayer.

Gathering in-person as weather permits or by Zoom (Meeting ID: 815 9385 9811, passcode Oliver). Questions? Contact Kenzie Raulin at 301-237-1520 or Kenzie@krdesign.net.

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Wednesday Bible Study: Summer Sermon Safari – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM by Zoom.*

For the summer months, each session will include viewing a particular sermon selected in advance by one of the group participants, and then discussing and responding to the message preached. To participate, contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM through July.* These live online sessions are offered by pastors, staff, or lay members once a week, reminding us to keep us calm and connected through a time of sharing, prayer, or music. Daily Breath will continue through July then take a break in August before resuming on Sept. 7. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

St. Paul's Online Shop – We're currently offering two colorful T-shirt designs. Very soon you will be able to purchase other items with the St. Paul's logo. If there's something you'd like to see in the shop, email Micah Smartt at msmartt@stpaulsk.org. All proceeds from sales support St. Paul's! Visit stpaulsk.myspreadshop.com.

Summer Break! – Many activities and groups that usually meet during the programming year are now on summer break. These include: Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Ringers! bell ensemble, Read-Thru-the-Bible Q&A Sessions, and St. Paul's Youth. We'll return this Fall!

Read-Thru-the-Bible – We are on a two-year journey to read through the Bible together. The reading schedule is available in the Epistle and online at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education. You may jump in at any time. Our pastors host Q&A sessions by Zoom for those who would like to share questions and ideas. The next one will be held September 27 when our programming year for the fall gets underway.

Hunger Ministry Needs – We continue to serve hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code, even through the renovation! Your continued donations of financial support and non-perishable grocery items from our pantry lists make this possible. Find the items we need at stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry. New volunteers and those able to step in month-by-month are welcome! 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!

Stephen Ministry – Trained lay-people provide comfort to those who need a listening ear as they navigate life challenges like birth and death, job changes, divorce, illness, or depression. Contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org) to learn more.

Yarn Ministry – Meeting by Zoom 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 #.



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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