

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 inperson, 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)

Adagio in a minor

César Franck

From Trois Chorales, No. 3 in A minor

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

Lay Reader

One: We gather as God's beloved children -

All: However glad we are,

however out of sorts we are.

One: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

All: So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

One: We have come to give thanks,

to pray and sing,

to be with others -

All: Let us worship God.



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

Lay Reader

Abba, Father, Mother, Creator – we call You by many names, but the names we choose show our relationship with You. We desire to draw closer to You, O God. We desire to hear Your voice above the chatter of the world, to know Your ways and to walk in them.

Spirit of Life, Wind and Breath among us, we feel You move through us, guiding us on our journey, inspiring us to share Your love with others.

Jesus, the Christ, the Savior of us all, our Brother and Friend, we desire to walk in Your ways and to love one another as You have first loved us.

Triune God, we desire to relate to You and to each other more fully, so that we might draw into the depths of Your love, first glimpsed at creation, when Your voice called us and the earth forth out of darkness into Your light. Continue to call us, guide us and lead us into this world and beyond.

Amen.

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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.

Anthem (10:30 AM only) Children of the Heavenly Father
June Choir

Paul Sjolund

Children of the heavenly father, safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish,
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.
Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your protector never slumbers
At the will of your defender, every foeman must surrender.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Proclamation of the Word

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 15:11-32 Lay Reader

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted

calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #452 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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Response to the Word

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

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

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

Adagio in c minor

Doxology

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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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)

UM Hymnal #895

Breaking the Bread (9:00 AM only)

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

Please receive the wafer and juice packet. 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. If you prefer, you may take the communion packets 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 #558 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) We Are the Church

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

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César Franck



WORSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

9:00AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Luke 9:51-62 Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by **Ruth Ann Kuykendall and Diane Kuykendall** in loving memory of **Eugene (Gene) Kuykendall**.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Renovation News to Know – <u>Out of Service</u>: Parking lot areas closest to the church have been roped off. The parking lot door and nearby sidewalks are unavailable. Restrooms in the office wing, including the accessible family restroom, are unavailable. Some phones are disconnected. We are unable to take drop-off/pick-up items in the office. The Octagon is closed. <u>This week</u>: Please use the front doors on Armory Ave. or the Office door on Mitchell St. to access the building for worship. Available restrooms include the Narthex (beside the cloak area), near Fellowship Hall, and the MultiPurpose wing.

Offices Closed During Renovation – We do plan to hold worship each Sunday in-person in the Sanctuary as regularly scheduled. However, for safety reasons, church offices will be <u>closed</u> on weekdays. Access to the building is by appointment only. Staff will flex hours on-site or work from home. Email is the best way to reach staff.

Kids with Compassion – *June 19.* Today we kick-off a summer series called Kids With Compassion. Children will participate in a variety of community service activities during the 10:30 worship hour. Today we will make sandwiches and trail mix bags for Martha's Table, a long-time charitable organization in Washington, DC and their mobile food truck serving people experiencing housing instability. At 10:30, adults should escort children to the Parlor across from Fellowship Hall. Note: nursery care will also be in the Parlor and is available at both worship services. Contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Pride Events – *June* 25. Montgomery County will host a week of Pride events starting June 20, culminating in Pride in the Plaza in downtown Silver Spring on June 25. This all-day festival will celebrate LGBTQ+ community, health, well-being and joy! Email Justice & Compassion Chair Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org to participate!

Support Local Refugees – *June 25, 7:00 PM*. Anyone interested in learning more about how St. Paul's can support local refugee families, is invited to an informational meeting by Zoom. Email justice@stpaulsk.org for more info!

Peace with Justice Sunday – *June 26.* From the "Book Blessings" program serving at-risk children in Calhoun GA to environmental justice & sustainable agriculture projects in the East Mindanao Philippines, Peace With Justice grants enable UMC churches and partners to make the world a more just place. Fifty percent of this Special Sunday offering supports projects close to home through our annual conference, while the other half is combined for programs around the globe. Read more about PWJ-funded projects and donate at *stpaulsk.org/giving*. To give by check, make it payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Peace with Justice" on the memo, and mail it to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

June Choir – *June* 19 & 26. Relax and join us for June Choir! We invite anyone who wants to sing to come to Room 211 (Choir Room) on June 19 or 26 at 9:30 AM. We rehearse together before singing in the 10:30 AM worship service with music specifically chosen by Director Tom Pedersen to be meaningful and accessible to this community of singers.

St. Paul's Online Shop – We're now offering two completely new, colorful T-shirt designs. Very soon you will be able to purchase other items with the St. Paul's logo. All proceeds from sales support St. Paul's! Visit *stpaulsk.myspreadshop.com*!

SPY News – St. Paul's Youth are now on summer break! There are still some spots for youth hikers and adult chaperones on Wilderness Trail. For more info, visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth or contact Mr. Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

Welcoming Pastor Joey – *July 10.* Rev. Joey Heath-Mason will begin as the Associate Pastor of St. Paul's with his first Sunday on July 10. The SPRC is currently planning a casual welcome reception – stay tuned for details. You can find Pastor Joey's bio and photo at *stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page*.

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.

Hunger Ministry Needs – Your donations of non-perishable items feed hungry families in the 20895 ZIP code! Find the list of pantry items at *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 in June, 7:00-8:00 PM.* Still Wednesday, a time of contemplative practice, will continue to meet through June, plus July 13 & August 17. The exact format varies week to week, 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.

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.

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*.

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!

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Email:

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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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9:00 AM - Sarah Saleh 10:30 AM - Therese Walden

Lay Leader

Marge Higgins

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