

Holy Ground: Hope In The Marshes

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 Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only) Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose

Emma Lou Diemer

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

Lay Reader

One: When the world points us in the direction of despair,

All: We gather and remember God.

One: Through faith, we proclaim the truths that have sustained generations:

All: We believe that justice will come.

We believe that love can transform.

We believe that God will make all things new.

One: With the risen Christ as our companion, let us press on and make it so.

*Hymn #428 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) For the Healing of the Nations

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

Lay Reader

God, our source of hope, be near.

When we witness evil flex its muscles

through white supremacy, hate, and economic oppression, we struggle to imagine how to make a way for justice. How to create change.

How to bring about your Kindom.

But you, O God, have seen empires rise and fall.

You have led your people out of Egypt and into the promised land.

Help us to trust you will do so again.

Do not let us fall into despair

but lead us on paths of healing and liberation. Amen.

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

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

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)

Down to the River to Pray Sanctuary Choir

arr. Sheldon Curry

Refrain: As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown / robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

Oh sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain.

Oh brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

Come on brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain.

Oh fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,

Oh fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain.

Oh mothers, let's go down, come on down, don't you wanna go down.

Come on mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain.

Oh sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

Oh sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray. Refrain.

Proclamation of the Word

John 14:23-29 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Revelation 22:1-5 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #347 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Spirit Song

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Holy Ground:

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Hope In The Marshes

Response to the Word

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

Lay Reader

Offertory (10:30 AM only)

III. It is God who heals –

Craig Phillips

Archangel of healing

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

Doxology

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

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 AM only)

Seamus Anakin Graham-Lertora

Congregational Response (10:30 AM only)

Through baptism,

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

A Conversation with Pastor Kate and Pastor Joey (10:30 AM only)

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)

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. 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.

Passing of the Stole (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton:

Dear friends, we have been partners in the mission and ministry of this congregation for years.

It is now time to give thanks for the life we have shared in Christ. The time is also drawing near for us to complete our work together as pastor and congregation.

The bishop has appointed a new pastor, Rev. Joey Heath-Mason, who will soon come to live among you with all the privileges and responsibilities of pastoral ministry.

This stole represents the covenant to serve Christ together as pastor and people. As a symbol of this new relationship, I pass this stole to Pastor Joey. This stole has been, and will continue to be, a sign of our work in Christ's service among you.

This is the beginning of your new relationship with him, and his with you, in Christ Jesus.

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason:

I accept this stole and will wear it as a symbol of our covenant to serve Christ together.

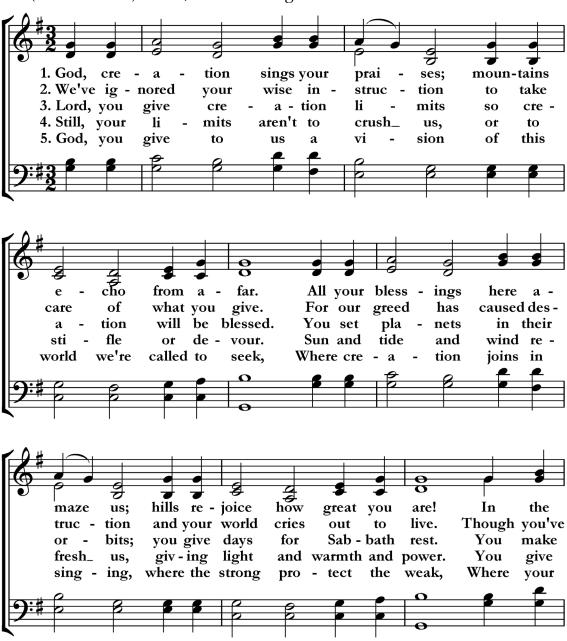
Sometimes the burdens will be heavy, but we are bound together in Christ. He has promised that his yoke is easy and his burden light.

I ask for your prayers, and I promise my faithfulness.

People: We will share the yoke of Christ with you.

Sending Forth

*Hymn (9:00 & 10:30 AM) God, Creation Sings Your Praises





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

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

IV. God is my light --Archangel of Light

Craig Phillips

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday, One Community: 10:30 AM worship only In-person in the Sanctuary and livestreamed at *stpaulsk.org*Psalm 97

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton, preaching

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathies to these families and friends:
The family of **Sylvia Correa**, following her death on May 15.
The family of **C. Wayne Thompson**, following his death on May 15.
Pat Warren & family following the death of her brother **Dan Williams** on May 15.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Renovation News to Know – <u>This week</u>: Please use the front doors on Armory Avenue or the Office door on Mitchell Street to access the building for worship. Available bathrooms include the Narthex (beside the cloak area), the restrooms in the Sunday School areas, and near Fellowship Hall. <u>Out of Service</u>: Restrooms in the office wing, including the accessible family restroom, are unavailable. The water fountain is disconnected. The hallway connecting the parking lot door with the music office and library is closed. Phones have been disconnected. We are unable to take drop-off/pick-up items in the office. The Octagon is closed.

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 throughout renovation. Access to the building is by appointment only. Staff will flex hours on-site or work from home. Phones are temporarily disconnected! Email is the best way to reach staff.

Next Week: Fifth Sunday, One Community – *May 29, 10:30 AM.* 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 and will hold a single Sunday service as one faith community at 10:30 AM. Our inaugural Fifth Sunday service will be May 29.

Today: Educational Award Applications Due – *Deadline: May 22.* The Educational Award is presented annually to one or more graduating High School seniors to assist their transition to college, trade school, or wherever the next chapter in life takes them. 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 *stpaulsk.org/giving* (scroll down to Additional Contribution Options).

Read-thru-the-Bible Discussion – *RSVP May 23, Zoom on May 24.* The 2-year journey to read through the Bible together continues. Offer your thoughts and questions during an informal time of sharing over Zoom. Email Pastor Kate by May 23 (kfulton@stpaulsk.org) to participate in the Zoom discussion, 7:00 PM on May 24! Remember, you can start reading with us any time. The reading schedule is posted at *stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education* and in the Epistle.

Pastor Kate's Community Office Hours – In order to ensure Pastor Kate has the opportunity to see and say goodbye to everyone she possibly can, she will be holding "community office hours" on Wednesdays in May and June. No need to sign up, simply come as you are able to any of the following:

- May 25, from 4pm to 7pm, come to Caroline Freeland Urban Park in Bethesda (just off Bethesda Row), 7200 Arlington Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814
- **June 8**, from 11am to 2pm, visit in Reinhardt Park, directly across Armory Ave. from St. Paul's UMC!

Meet Pastor Joey – Pastor Joey will begin his new responsibilities as the Associate Pastor of St. Paul's in July. You can find Pastor Joey's bio and photo, and read more about the appointment process in the UMC, at *stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page*.

Pastor Kate Love Offering – Our Associate Pastor, Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton, will celebrate her last day at St. Paul's on Sunday, June 12 before moving to her next appointment as pastor of Trinity UMC in Germantown. We will have the opportunity to honor her with a farewell reception and a traditional "love offering." Please consider making a generous financial gift. You may contribute by check made out to St. Paul's

UMC with "Pastor Kate Love Offering" in the memo, or give online by credit card at *stpaulsk.org/giving*. Gifts received on or before June 5 will be presented to Pastor Kate on June 12. (Gifts received after June 5 will be still be accepted.) Please plan to visit Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 AM worship service on Sunday, June 12 for a reception hosted by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

St. Paul's Online Shop – We've launched a new online shop! To begin, we're offering two completely new T-shirt designs. Both are colorful - and appropriate for those who wish to march in the DC Pride Parade on June 11. Visit *stpaulsk.myspreadshop.com* to see the options! Very soon you will be able to purchase other items with the St. Paul's logo. All proceeds from sales support St. Paul's! If you have thoughts about products you would like to see, please contact Mr. Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org) to share your ideas!

Pentecost Guest Preacher: Bishop Easterling! – *June 5, worship at 10:30 AM only, outdoors in Reinhardt Park.* We are pleased to announce that the guest preacher for our outdoor worship service on Pentecost will be the BWC's Bishop, LaTrelle Easterling. Pentecost is Pastor Pat's first Sunday back after her Sabbath Renewal Leave, and Confirmation Sunday, when our newest confirmands become full members of St. Paul's UMC.

Save the Date: Pride Events – *June 11 & 25.* June is Pride Month! The Justice & Compassion Team will be coordinating participation in two Pride events. St. Paul's friends will march alongside other area United Methodists in the DC Pride Parade's 1.5 mile route on Saturday, June 11. Wear your new St. Paul's t-shirt and be part of one of the largest Pride Parades to ever take place in the nation's Capital! We will carpool from the church Saturday afternoon. Email J&C Chair Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org to participate! We also plan to participate in "Pride in the Plaza" events in downtown Silver Spring on June 25, so look for more details soon.

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!

June Choir – *June 12, 19, 26.* Would you like to sing in the adult choir but are worried about the weeknight rehearsal commitment? Then relax and join us for June Choir! We invite anyone who wants to sing to come to Room 211 (Choir Room) on June 12, 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 of Music Tom Pedersen to be meaningful and accessible to this community of singers.

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Children's Programming – May 22. Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during both worship services today. All students should begin in their classrooms at 10:30 AM today. Grades 3-5 meet in the Parlor; Grades K-2 meet in Room 200. During worship, teachers will escort students to the Sanctuary to witness today's baptism, Q&A with Pastor Joey, and final hymn. Parents may pick their Sunday School children up directly at the pews following worship. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

SPY Meeting – St. Paul's Youth are meeting May 22! Middle School 4:30-6:00 PM; High School 7:00-8:30 PM. Please enter through the rear entrance directly into the Multi-Purpose Room! Questions? Contact Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

Wednesday Study: The Lord's Prayer – *Wednesdays now through June 1.* Join us for *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*. Author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know the Lord's Prayer by illuminating what we ask of God and of ourselves through its words. Contact: Meg Baker (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 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. 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 – To donate, make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "UMCOR - Ukraine" on the memo line or visit *stpaulsk.org/giving*.

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 #.

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Visitor Information

Name(s):

No, just visiting.

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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| 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) | | | | |

Please tell me about joining St. Paul's.

Maybe; I have guestions.

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Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Office Hours: By Appointment Only during Renovation Please use staff email addresses listed above!