



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



March 24, 2024

9:00 & 10:30 AM

PALM SUNDAY

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2024

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. All are celebrated here and all are safe. This bulletin will guide our service today. More helpful information can be found following the order of worship.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (10:30 AM only)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

Ride on, King Jesus!

Robert Greenlee

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Sing songs of loudest praise!

All: Hosanna!

Leader: Sing songs that are unashamed.

All: Hosanna!

Leader: Sing songs without being afraid.

All: Hosanna!

Leader: Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

All: Hosanna! Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

*Hymn #280 (9:00 & 10:30)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Prayer for Illumination (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

God of grace, your Word is like a song. It is the melody that we long to sing, the refrain that we pray will get stuck in our heads.

So as we return to scripture once more, we pray that you would allow us to sink into this song. Allow us to hear the truth in between the words. Allow the cries of the crowd's "hosannas" to feel like our own.

With open hearts and open ears we pray, amen.

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

Hosannas, Laud, and Honor
Lead On, O King Eternal
Joyful Ringers Bell Ensemble

arr. Lloyd Larson

arr. Ron Mallory

Invitation to Share Lenten Prayer Requests (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

You are invited to submit a written prayer request for yourself, others, or the world by coming forward to place it in the wooden bowl. Please feel welcome to kneel at the chancel rail during this time of prayer. You may also place prayer request forms in the offering plate during the offertory.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

Hosanna to the Son of David
Children's Choir

Michael Bedford

Refrain: Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna-sanna, Jesus comes.
Riding on a donkey through the city streets,
Jesus smiles and waves to everyone he meets. (Refrain)
See palm branches waving as the people say,
"Blest is he who comes on this triumphant day." (Refrain)

Following the Children's Choir anthem, children in grades K-5 are invited to transition to their Sunday School classrooms with their teachers.

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

Arise, the Kingdom Is at Hand
Sanctuary Choir

Philip M. Young

Arise, the Kingdom is at hand, the King is drawing nigh;
Arise, with joy, O faithful band, to meet the Lord most high.
The King is very near; look up, you drooping hearts, today,
O cast your griefs and fears away, for lo, your help is here.
Look up, you souls weighed down with care; salvation is not far,
Look up, faint hearts, from your despair, behold the morning star.
The Lord is with us now, who shall the sinking spirit feed
With strength and comfort at its need, to whom e'en death shall bow.
Arise, the Kingdom is at hand, foretold in ages past,
Arise with joy O faithful band, the King has come at last.
For this to God alone, we raise on high a gladsome voice,
And evermore with thanks rejoice, before God's glorious throne.

Proclamation of the Word

Mark 11:1-11 NRSVUE (9:00 & 10:30)

Pew Bible: New Testament p. 47

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word

*Hymn #365 (9:00 & 10:30)

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

“Joy Before Sorrow”

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Affirmation of Faith (9:00 & 10:30)

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

who challenged Rome’s oppressive power with peaceful protest.

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offerings by check may be made out to St. Paul's UMC. Scan the QR code here to see one-time and recurring online giving options at stpaulsk.org. Thank you for supporting all of St. Paul's efforts to engage in meaningful worship and vibrant ministry in our community.



Offertory (10:30 AM only)

Were You There?

Robert Greenlee

*Doxology #95 (9:00 & 10:30)

OLD 100TH

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Holy Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

The United Methodist Hymnal

The Invitation

Confession & Pardon (*UM Hymnal* p. 12)

Passing the Peace

The Great Thanksgiving (*UM Hymnal* p. 13-14)

The Lord's Prayer (*UM 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 (*Communion bread is gluten-free.*)

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

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 #140 (9:00 & 10:30)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Robert Greenlee

*Please use this postlude time for reflection in the Sanctuary,
or exit quietly then greet your neighbors during fellowship time in the Octagon.*



JOY

We celebrate the birth of **Beckett Nam Bui**,
son of Thin Bui & Leah Dodson, born March 19, 2024.

SYMPATHY

We offer our deepest condolences to the family of
Ida DeVierno, who passed away March 8, 2024 at age 98.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given today by **Clarence & Marybelle Waldroff**,
in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on March 27.

COMING UP

Drop-in office hours: Monday–Thursday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Staff & clergy available other times by appointment!

The church offices will be closed on Monday, April 1 for Easter Monday.

WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: *March 24*, worship at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Stations of the Cross: *March 25-29*, 11:00 AM -1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM in the Octagon

Maundy Thursday: *March 28* with Choir and Orchestra in the Sanctuary, 7:30 PM*

Good Friday: *March 29* with organ music in the Sanctuary, 7:30 PM*

Easter Sunday: *March 31*: First Service of Easter in Clum-Kennedy Park, 7:00 AM
(Please note this time correction – the First Service of Easter is at 7AM, not the later time previously listed.)

Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM*

* *Livestreaming at stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home*

*For more information about Holy Week and Easter activities, visit
stpaulsk.org/worship/lent-and-easter*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly News – Visit stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news or scan the QR code to find all the announcements and event details shared in our Weekly News. For questions about announcements, please contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org).



Passing the Peace – *A message from Pastor Pat.* During Lent, we are not moving about the Sanctuary to share signs of peace and love. Given the recent surge in all manner of communicable illnesses, we are offering holy hand waves and other “air” signs until Easter.

Featured Events and Information

- **Sipping Ministry** – *Today, March 24.* Enjoy a time of fellowship with coffee and treats in the Octagon room following the 10:30 worship service today. This week’s sipping ministry is sponsored by the 2x4s group and the Stalcup family. To host, please see the sign-up chart and instructions on the main office bulletin board.
- **Easter Lily Orders** – *Today, March 24.* Today is the last day! Easter Lily sponsors may make a lily dedication in memory or honor of loved ones. Visit the flower volunteers in the Narthex to use a paper form and pay cash/check, or order online with a credit card at stpaulsk.org/worship/lent-and-easter.
- **Stations of the Cross** – *March 25-29.* This self-guided experience will be open in the Octagon during Holy Week, Monday-Friday, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM. Six interactive stations, themed according to episodes in the Gospel of John, invite reflection and repentance.
- **Holy Thursday Worship & Music** – *March 28, 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary.* The Sanctuary Choir will be joined by a 13-piece chamber orchestra on Maundy Thursday as they present “At His Name,” a moving musical journey through the life and death of Jesus.
- **Easter Morning Egg Hunt** – *March 31.* All children are invited for an Egg Hunt in the park across from St. Paul’s front doors, following the 10:30 AM Easter Worship. Please

bring your own basket or bag. Stuffed egg donations (no nuts or chocolate, please) can be dropped off in the main office. Contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

- **Church Directory** – Copies of the updated Winter 2024 church directory are available for pick-up. Visit the Epistle stand by the Narthex exterior doors or the wall rack by the main office door. Please take one!
- **Save the Date: VBS** – *June 17-21, 9:00AM-12:00 noon, at Bethesda UMC*. St. Paul's is partnering with Bethesda UMC and Chevy Chase UMC to bring Vacation Bible School to kids age 3 through Grade 5. All activities will take place at Bethesda UMC (8300 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD). Go to <https://vbspro.events/pevents/d42030> to register.
- **Clarification: Apportionment Calculations** – Included on pages 15-16 of the "This Is Us" document are the words: "Since 2020, by ensuring that our budget was more mission and ministry focused we have reduced our apportionment amount from \$136,000 in 2020, to **\$103,945 in 2024**..... [in 2024 we] pay 75% of our apportioned amount." The figure in bold represents the 75% of the apportioned amount St. Paul's is required to pay in the year 2024, not the *total amount* of our calculated apportionment for 2024.
- **Pastor Joey Renewal Leave** – Rev. Joey Heath-Mason is on Sabbath Renewal time and will return to St. Paul's on Easter Sunday. Read more at stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page
- **Notes for New Ones in Faith** – Please write a note of encouragement, scripture, or prayer for the young people in Confirmation Class, and place it in the basket in the Narthex. Notes will be presented to the students at their confirmation.

Welcome! – **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office, near the water fountain. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary. **Say Hello!** Please use the attendance pads in the pews to share your name and note your attendance with us today. **Masks** are optional in St. Paul's spaces. Please read more at stpaulsk.org/worship.

Children's Programs Today – Children in grades K-5 will begin in the Sanctuary with their families for the 10:30 worship service this week, but then will transition to their Sunday School classrooms following the Children's Choir anthem. "Busy bags" with quiet children's activities can be found at the Welcome desk, and childcare for infants and preschoolers is available in the 2nd floor Nursery. To be added to the Sunday School email list, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org. To learn more about Children's Choir, contact Christina Griffin at clgriff18@gmail.com.



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Lay Leader: Anne Dean

Usher Coordinator: Nathan Bazawada

Lay Readers: Kenzie Raulin (9:00 AM); Cathy Knepper (10:30 AM)



Visitor Information

Thank you for joining us today! 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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