



# St. Paul's

## United Methodist Church

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May 29, 2022

10:30 A.M.

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 29, 2022

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### 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.*

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### Gathering for Worship

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Lay Leader

Prelude

*Prelude on St. Brendan's*

David Schelat

\*Call to Worship

Lay Reader

One: Let all who dream of a world restored pray,  
"Come quickly, O God!"

**All: The saints have been laboring for generations.**

One: The earth is groaning beneath our burdens.

**All: The future of our children calls to us.**

One: Come quickly, O God!

**All: Birth through us your dreams of a new heaven and a new earth.**

One: Gather together all who love with urgency,

**All: And make us unwavering in faith.**

**For surely, O God, you are coming soon.**

\*Hymn #723

Shall We Gather at the River

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**God, as we strive for success,  
for wealth,  
for stability,  
for status,  
turn our eyes down from the top of the mountain  
that we may see to wash the feet of the world:  
for if we pray, we will believe;  
if we believe, we will love;  
if we love, we will serve. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

The Lord's Prayer

**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

*And Can It Be?*

Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me whom him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me.

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

## Proclamation of the Word

Judges 16:23-31

Lay Reader

<sup>23</sup>Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to their god Dagon and to rejoice, for they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." <sup>24</sup>When the people saw him, they praised their god, for they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." <sup>25</sup>And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, and let him entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. They made him stand between the pillars, <sup>26</sup>and Samson said to the attendant who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, so that I may lean against them." <sup>27</sup>Now the house was full of men and women; all the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about three thousand men and women who looked on while Samson performed.

<sup>28</sup>Then Samson called to the Lord and said, "LORD GOD, remember me and strengthen me only this once, O God, so that with this one act of revenge I may pay back the Philistines for my two eyes." <sup>29</sup>And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. <sup>30</sup>Then Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines." He strained with all his might, and the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So those he killed at his death were more than those he had killed during his life. <sup>31</sup>Then his kindred and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Sermon

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

## Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving

Lay Reader

Offertory

*Prelude on Come Away to the Skies*

George Shearing

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

Doxology

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

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

## Sending Forth

\*Hymn #2223

They Will Know We Are Christians



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in  
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by  
4. All\_\_\_\_\_ praise to the Fa - ther, from\_\_\_\_\_ whom all things



Lord, we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we  
hand, we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -  
side, we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll  
come, and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's\_ on - ly\_\_\_\_\_ Son, and all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save\_\_\_\_\_ each one's pride:  
praise to the Spir - it, who\_\_\_\_\_ makes\_\_\_\_\_ us\_\_\_\_\_ one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love, yes, they'll know\_ we are Chris - tians by our love.\_\_\_\_\_

\*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

*Marche Militaire*  
*Op. 51, No. 1*

Franz Schubert/Mills



### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 AM worship only

In-person in Reinhardt Park (across from St. Paul's front doors)

Acts 2

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, guest preacher



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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### News and Upcoming Events

**Worship Next Week: Pentecost** – *June 5, worship at 10:30 AM only, outdoors in Reinhardt Park*. We are pleased to announce that the guest preacher for Pentecost will be the BWC's Bishop, LaTrelle Miller Easterling. Pentecost is also 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. Bring your portable chairs, dress for the weather, and join us for one service at 10:30 AM in the park across from St. Paul's front doors. (In the event of rain, worship will move to the Sanctuary.)

**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 Wednesday, **June 8**, from 11am to 2pm. Visit in Reinhardt

Park, directly across Armory Ave. from St. Paul's UMC! No need to sign up, simply come as you are able!

**Renovation News to Know** – *Out of Service*: 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. *This week*: 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.

**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 closed 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.

**Pastor Kate Love Offering & Farewell Reception** – 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](http://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 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.

**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](mailto: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.



**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](http://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](mailto:msmartt@stpaulsk.org)) to share your ideas!

**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](mailto: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 29.* Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during worship services. There is no Sunday School today; all children are welcome in worship with their families. Busy bags with quiet activities are available at the welcome desk. *Looking ahead:* There will be no Sunday School on June 5 so families may worship together during the outdoor Pentecost worship service in the park. We will have Sunday School on June 12. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)).

**SPY Meeting Schedule** – St. Paul's Youth are NOT meeting May 29! It is Memorial Day weekend and many of our friends will be traveling. Join us June 5 & 12 for the last regular-scheduled SPY events of the year! Middle School 4:30-6:00 PM; High School 7:00-8:30 PM. Questions? Contact Micah Smartt ([msmartt@stpaulsk.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

**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*.

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

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