



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church

Full
to the Brim

*With all
that you
are*



March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday

7:00 P.M.

Thank you for worshiping with us tonight.

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

Prelude	<i>11. Prelude on Sweet Hour of Prayer</i> <i>from Gospel Preludes, Book 4</i>	William Bolcom
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*Call to Worship (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lay Reader

One: "Even now, declares the Lord,
return to me with all your heart."

All: Roll up your sleeves.

One: Let down your guard.

All: Come in from the storm.

One: Make yourself at home.

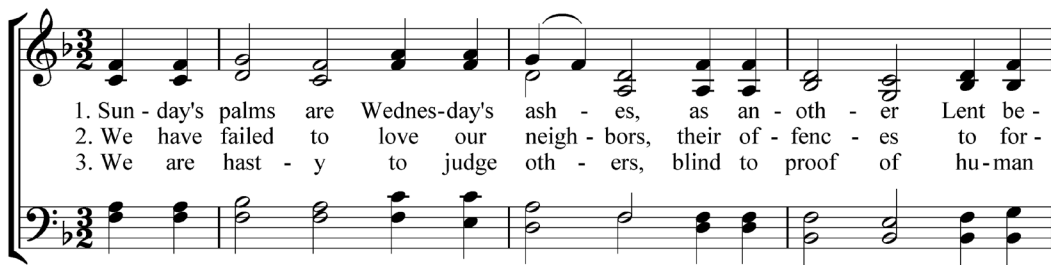
All: Pull up to the table.

One: Release the tension in your jaw.

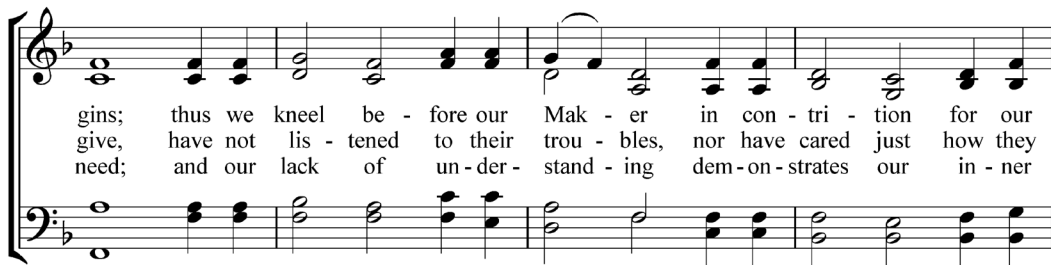
Take a deep breath.

Return to God with all your heart.

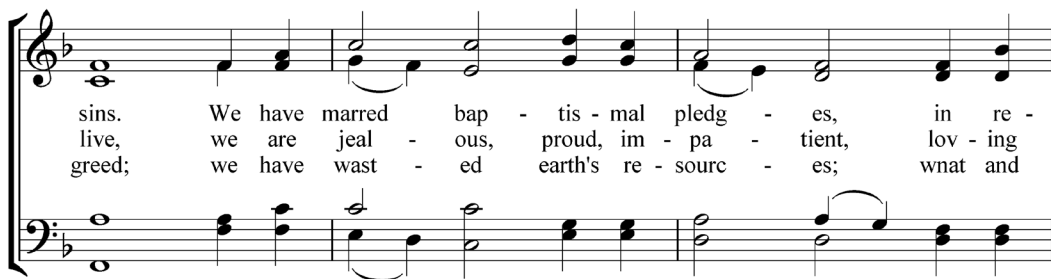
All: May it be so.



1. Sun - day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es, as an - oth - er Lent be -
 2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of - fenc - es to for -
 3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to proof of hu - man



gins; thus we kneel be - fore our Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our
 give, have not lis - tened to their trou - bles, nor have cared just how they
 need; and our lack of un - der - stand - ing dem-on - strates our in - ner



sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re -
 live, we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing
 greed; we have wast - ed earth's re - sourc - es; wnat and



bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re - turn - ing, seek for -
 o - ver - much our things; may the yield - ing of our
 suf - fering we've ig - nored; come and cleanse us, then re -



give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
 fail - ings; be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
 store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

Naming of Names

During this moment of worship, simply call out the names of persons whom you wish our prayers to support. You are also invited to submit a written prayer request by coming forward to place it in our wooden prayer bowl. Please feel welcome to kneel at the chancel rail at any time during these focused moments of intercessory prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Reading

Lay Reader

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (NRSV)

¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (NRSV)

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion;

sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,

for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—

²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains

a great and powerful army comes;

their like has never been from of old,

nor will be again after them in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart,

with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,

and relents from punishing.

¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,

and leave a blessing behind him,

a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast;

call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged;

gather the children, even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar

let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.

Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord,

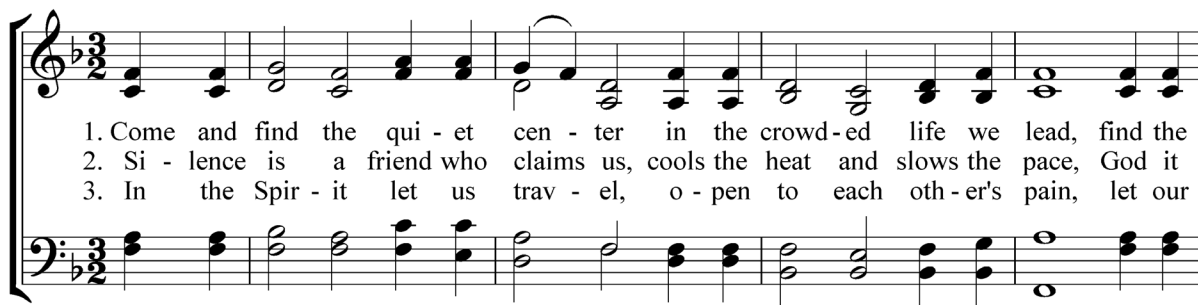
and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,

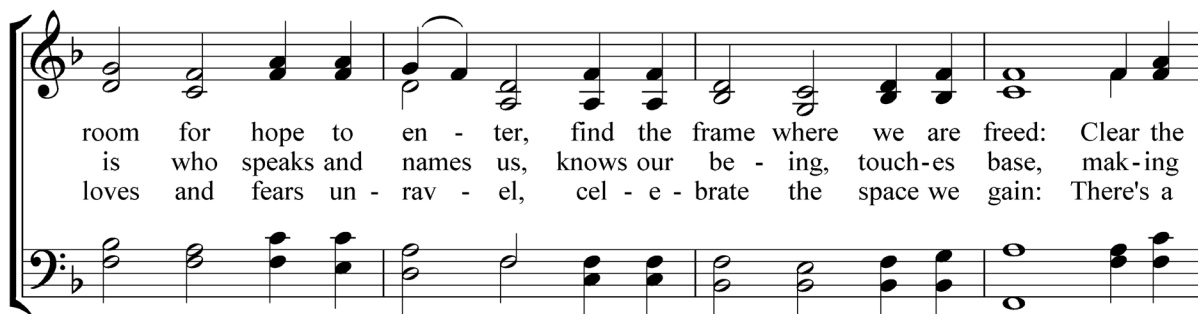
‘Where is their God?’”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

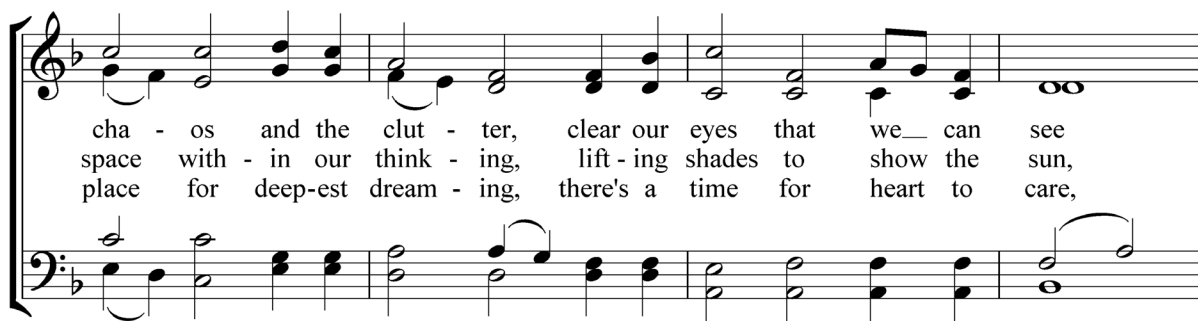
People: Thanks be to God.



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead, find the
 2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it
 3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain, let our



room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the
 is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base, mak - ing
 loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain: There's a



cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see
 space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
 place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,



all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

Response to the Word

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Sanctuary Choir

Harold W. Gilbert

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Invitation to Lenten Discipline

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

All: Holy God, we confess: we don't return to you fully.

We share with you the pieces of our lives that are convenient.

We put on different hats in different rooms.

**We forget that we are called, invited, and loved with all that we are—
including our mess, our beauty, our faith, and our doubt.**

Forgive us, and give us hearts that long to return.

Pastor: Friends, God sees you. God hears you. God loves you.

You are forgiven and claimed with all that you are.

Rest in that good news.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God, amen.

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.**

Thanksgiving over the Ashes

Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Imposition of Ashes

*During this time, you are invited forward to receive ashes and spend time in prayer
before God.*

- *If you would like a pastor to impose ashes on you, please utilize the rail to the **right** side of the altar.*
- *If you wish to impose ashes on yourself, please utilize the rail to the **left**. An individual container of oil and ash will be provided to you. Use your thumb or forefinger to draw a cross on your forehead or hand as you remember that you are made of dust, and to dust you will return. When you are ready to return to your seat, please dispose of your ash container in the receptacle provided.*

Sending Forth

*Hymn #357 Just as I Am, Without One Plea Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

Benediction and Dismissal Rev. Kate Mackereth Fulton

Postlude *Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou* Marcel Dupré



UPCOMING WORSHIP

March 6, 2022: Worship at 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Livestreaming at 10:30 AM at stpaulsk.org



*St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Lenten Devotionals and Resources – Lent is a time of repentance, self-examination, and reflection in preparation for the coming of Easter. Pick up one of these in the Narthex:

- *Full to the Brim*, a weekly devotional using lectionary Bible readings, poetry, art, and journal prompts.
- *The Sanctuary for Lent 2022*, a guide with brief readings for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter.
- *What is Lent?*, a children's coloring and activity book geared towards ages 6-9.

Lenten Studies: Witness at the Cross – *Tuesdays at 6:00 PM (begins March 8) OR Wednesdays at 4:00 PM (begins March 9)*. We will travel through the story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the witnesses along the way, including the soldiers, women, mothers, convicts, disciples, and friends present in the Gospels. To sign up, email Meg at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Lenten Studies: Queers the Word – *Wednesdays, March 9-April 20 at 6:30 PM by Zoom*. St. Paul's UMC is teaming up with three other UMC congregations for reading and discussion using "Queers The Word: A 40-Day Devotional For LGBTQ+ Christians." Anyone who identifies under the LGBTQ+ umbrella is welcome to participate. To sign up or ask questions, contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 x103).

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

SPYs Meeting – Youth are meeting in-person each Sunday in March! Middle School 4:30-6:00 PM; High School 7:00-8:30 PM. Bring a mask and a water bottle. Questions? Contact Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org) or visit stpaulsk.org/community/youth.

Daily Breath – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM*. Schedule change! These live online sessions will now be 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.

Hunger Ministry – Over 100 families rely on our Hunger Ministry each month. Our volunteers make this possible! To volunteer, email hunger@stpaulsk.org. Can you donate a bag of groceries? Use the shopping list to fill a St. Paul's bag, or place individual items in the bins. To make a financial donation, visit stpaulsk.org/giving or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo.

9:00 Lay Readers – Would you like to assist with worship at 9:00 AM by serving as a lay reader? Go to stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events and click the button to be taken to the sign-up sheet. Sign up by simply typing in your name and email address.

Second Saturday Bible Study – *Saturday, March 12, 10:00-11:00 AM, Zoom*. These gatherings featuring the videos, studies, and podcasts from The Bible Project. All are welcome! No prep required. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967492600>).

Better Humans Book Club: *Rising* – The next selection is *Rising* by Elizabeth Rush, about American vulnerability to rising seas. *Discussion March 22, 7:00 PM by Zoom*. The book club reads great fiction from historically underrepresented voices and nonfiction that challenges us to work for a better world. To join the discussion, email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom link.

Sanctuary Flowers – To sponsor Sanctuary flowers, sign up on the flower chart in the main office. Forms for dedications are available next to the chart.

Still Wednesday – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM*. All are welcome! 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.

Martha Circle – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Octagon. All ladies interested may contact coordinator Ginny Hagberg (mdcatlover@aol.com, 301-770-7624) for updates.

Lydia Circle – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All interested ladies should contact Susan Schwarz (susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242) for the latest schedule.

Yarn Ministry – Meeting either by Zoom or in-person in the Library at St. Paul’s 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 #.

Pastoral Leave – Beginning Thursday March 3 through Tuesday May 31, Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. During that time, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation.



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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All plans are subject to change as the covid situation evolves and we work to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding!

Regular Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday,

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM