



**meeting you where you are.**

10:30 AM

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE / HERITAGE SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 30, 2023

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## Thank you for worshipping 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. Announcements and helpful information can be found on the pages following the order of worship.*

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## Gathering for Worship

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Lay Leader

Prelude

*Prelude on Precious Lord*

Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship

Lay Reader

Leader: Come and worship our God.

**All: Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!**

Leader: Come and worship the God who is faithful.

**All: O God our help in ages past!**

Leader: Come and worship God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

Leader: Come and worship the God who takes interest in all of us.

**All: Just as I am, I come!**

Leader: Come and worship the God who is active in history and is part of our lives.

**All: This our story and song! Amen.**

\*Hymn #381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Opening Prayer

Lay Reader

**God, who always remembers us, who dwells with us, and is the source of our confidence and helps us be certain of what we do not see, attend to our worship now and accept it as a pleasing sacrifice. Help us remember that we are in your presence, and that you are at work in our world as you have been in ages past. With the cloud of witnesses, we thank and praise you for being with us as we worship and learn this day. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

2023 Heritage Members

*Caroline Schofield*

*Morris Rice*

*Suzanne Rice*

*All heritage members are invited to stand as they are able.*

Heritage Member Recognition

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason & Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Leader: You are living stones, cut from Christ, who is our Rock and Cornerstone.

**All: We are members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. Brought together by faith with those who testified before us, we stand on their shoulders.**

Leader: In Christ, the whole building is joined together. Rising upward, you are becoming a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for His Spirit.

**All: We recognize that we have not come to God alone. We are here through the work of those who came before us. And we do not persevere alone. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, urging us onward, encouraging us to do the will of the Lord.**

Leader: Remember the work of your ancestors, who faithfully taught you the commandments of God. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. And when they ask, "What do these stones mean?" tell them that they might know the hand of the Lord. For unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

**All: May those who follow in our footsteps be thankful for this legacy, as we thank those who came before us. May they be faithful to preserve it for all who follow them. As they stand upon the stones we set in place, may future generations say, "This our fathers and mothers did for us!"**

Leader: Therefore, work together as one. Build with stones of love and faith; stones of justice and compassion; stones of hope and commitment. Stand firm on the foundation, which is your mutual faith in Christ. Keep your eyes on Him, who is both the Author and Finisher of the faith.

**All: For we are confident in this: The One who began this good work will carry it on to completion, until the day of His return.**

*Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us, keep us in thy tender care, and in thy mercy stay beside us.  
Safely thy lambs now gather, bring us in faith together, and thy pastures now prepare.  
And when I walk with darkness around me, Thou art near and I will fear no ill.  
So with thy love and kindness surround me, goodness and mercy bringing,  
From living water springing, Lord of love grant me thy comfort still.*

## Proclamation of the Word

Acts 2:42-47

Lay Reader

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

John 10:1-10

Lay Reader

<sup>1</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn #474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Sermon

"Common Ground"

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

## Response to the Word

Invitation to Giving

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

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



Offertory

*Pastoral Dance on Simple Gifts*

Andrew Clarke

\*Doxology #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joey Heath Mason

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

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 and concludes:*

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

The United Methodist 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

*All St. Paul's communion bread is gluten-free.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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 #261

Lord of the Dance

\*Benediction and Dismissal

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German



WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

May 7, 2023

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary  
10:30 AM livestreaming through [stpaulsk.org](http://stpaulsk.org)  
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK  
9:00 AM – 35    10:30 AM – 99    online – 55  
Total: 189



### Heritage Members

*On this day, our church community celebrates these individuals who have been members of St. Paul's UMC for 50 consecutive years or more. Each name is followed by the membership year.*

Gordon Luckett (1941)

Deane K. Hill (1949)

Mabel Baker (1952)

M. Frank Johnson (1953)

Rebecca Little (1955)

Lenora Holland (1955)

Helen Lidie (1955)

Bettye King (1957)

Doris Braswell (1957)

Carol Carter (1958)

Priscilla Arenas (1958)

Lee Keefer (1958)

Deanna Hodgson (1959)

Mary Lou DeHaven (1959)

Kenneth Rhodes (1959)

Ruth Melson (1959)

Karen Bricken (1960)

Ida DeVierno (1960)

Diane Dantagnan (1961)

Catherine Grimes (1963)

Arthur Christie (1964)

Linda Taylor (1964)

Diane Grimes (1964)

James Heins (1964)

Robert Neidecker (1965)

Diana Stayman (1965)

Barbara Strang (1966)

Pamela Keller (1966)

Crystal King (1967)

Marybelle Waldroff (1968)

Clarence Waldroff (1968)

Nancy Fowler (1970)

Barbara Peters (1971)

Bette Eaton (1971)

Eric Eaton (1971)

Pauline Banyasz (1972)

Caroline Schofield (1973)

Morris Rice (1973)

Suzanne Rice (1973)



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcements** – News of events and activities at St. Paul’s are shared through our Weekly News message. Read the latest message at [stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news](http://stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news).



**Welcome Visitors!** – Thank you for joining us. **Restrooms** including a family restroom with changing table can be found past the church office and down the hall near the water fountain. **Large print Bibles and Hymnals** are available from our ushers. **T-coil hearing aids** work in our Sanctuary and ushers can provide headsets. **Attendance pads** in the pews provide a space to share your name and, if you wish, contact information so we may welcome you. **Masks** are optional in almost all St. Paul's spaces. You can read more at [stpaulsk.org/worship](http://stpaulsk.org/worship).

**Today: St. Paul's Survey**– *now-May 1*. You are a valued part of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Kensington. Without you, we would not be. And because you are such an integral part of who we are, we want to hear from you. Please tell us what we, as St. Paul's community, do well - and how we can do more. Go to [stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page](http://stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page) and click the "Survey" button. Paper survey forms will be available in the Narthex.

**Today: Sunday School & Nursery** – *Sunday, April 30*. Children will be in worship with their families in the Sanctuary; there are no Sunday School classes today. Care for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery. Children's "busy bags" are available at the Welcome Desk. Families with young children who need a break are welcome to make use of the Octagon room opposite the Sanctuary doors or the Library down the hall by the restrooms. For email updates about Children's programs, contact Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)).

**Today: Children's Choir** – *Sunday, April 30, 11:45 AM -12:30 PM*. Children are invited to go to Room 211 (Choir Room) following worship for Children's Choir rehearsal, under the direction of Ms. Christina Griffin to prepare music for sharing in worship in May.

**Today: Oak Chapel UMC Food Ministry** – *Sunday, April 30*. Today is the last day to donate to support the food ministry of our friends at Oak Chapel UMC, serving ZIP code 20906, as they face an unexpected budget realignment. Make a one-time donation online through the "Miscellaneous" option on our [stpaulsk.org/giving](http://stpaulsk.org/giving) page or by check made out to St. Paul's UMC. Be sure to put "Oak Chapel" in the memo line!

**Today: Registration for VBS** – *Register by April 30*. Today is the last day to register for Vacation Bible School! St. Paul's is partnering with Bethesda UMC for VBS at their location (8300 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda MD), June 19-23. Adult and youth volunteers are also needed! Read more about the "Hero Hotline" VBS theme and find camper/volunteer registration at [stpaulsk.org/community/children](http://stpaulsk.org/community/children) or contact Meg Baker: [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**This Week: "After the Sermon"** – Reflection questions about Sunday's Scripture, posed by Jim Holland, can be found in the Weekly News email and at [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education). Share your thoughts with Jim: [hollandjim1357@gmail.com](mailto:hollandjim1357@gmail.com).

**Today: UMC 101** – *Sundays, April 30, May 7, 21; 12:00-1:00 PM, in the Octagon.* Each week will cover a different part of what makes the UMC unique. Open to everyone - new folks and those looking for a refresher. Snacks will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself! No signup necessary. Email Pastor Joey with any questions, [joeyhm@stpaulsk.org](mailto:joeyhm@stpaulsk.org)

**This Month: Musical Theatre Camp Sign-Up** – *Accepting the first 24 applicants!* For one week in July, musical theatre camp hosts middle-school age performers, plus youth and parent helpers, as they put together a one-act musical on a biblical theme under the direction of Mrs. Robin Mayhew. Camp sessions for 2023 are held July 10-14, Monday-Friday, 9AM to 3PM with performances Sunday, July 16 during worship. Camp registration forms and more info can be found online at [stpaulsk.org/community/musical-theatre-camp](http://stpaulsk.org/community/musical-theatre-camp).

**This Week: Community Pancake Breakfast** – *Saturday, May 6.* The UMM-led community breakfast will be serving pancakes and other breakfast foods, 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Rather than charge a fixed price, diners are encouraged to make a generous goodwill donation at the door (as a guide, we suggest \$8 per adult or \$20 for a family of four) to support the mission and ministry work identified by the United Methodist Men through St. Paul's church and community. Read more at [stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast](http://stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast).

**Next Week: Piano Recital** – *May 7, 12:00 PM in the Sanctuary.* All are invited to attend this recital next Sunday when 14 young people will be sharing their musical talents, most on the piano (and one on the cello). Please plan to attend the recital, enjoy the music, and support our young musicians! A light reception will follow.

**Next Month: Interfaith Hoppy Hour** – *Saturday, May 20, 5:00 PM.* Join Pastor Joey and Rabbi Adam from Temple Emanuel for our next interfaith gathering at Babycat Brewery. Alcohol is optional and light snacks are provided. Email Pastor Joey ([joeyhm@stpaulsk.org](mailto:joeyhm@stpaulsk.org)) for more information.

## ONGOING

**Hunger Ministry** – This signature ministry serves over 100 households monthly with pantry staples and grocery store cards. Please donate non-perishables in the bins in the Narthex. (Please note, we can't give out expired food or glass containers.) To find the list of most-needed food items and other ways to help, visit [stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry](http://stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry).

**SPY News** – *Most Sundays, 4:30-6:00 PM.* All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join St. Paul's Youth for fun and fellowship. Be sure to sign up for the SPY email newsletter to get updates in your inbox. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt ([msmartt@stpaulsk.org](mailto:msmartt@stpaulsk.org)).

**Wednesday Sermon Safari** – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM.* The Wednesday Bible Study group meets over Zoom. Each week we'll watch a sermon and engage in a discussion. For more info or receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at [mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**Still Wednesday** – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* Gather in-person most Wednesdays in the Sanctuary for quiet prayer and contemplative, creative reflection. Contact Kenzie Raulin at 301-237-1520 or [Kenzie@krdesign.net](mailto:Kenzie@krdesign.net).

**Prayerwaves** – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM.* All are welcome at this time of prayer by conference-call over the phone. Dial 425-436-6326, then use the access code 774042 followed by the # sign. To receive the prayer list by email contact Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)).

**Daily Breath** – *Wednesdays, 9:00 AM.* Enjoy about 10-20 minutes of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy, staff, or volunteer leaders. Go to [facebook.com/stpaulskensington](https://facebook.com/stpaulskensington).

**Taste & Sing** – *Third Tuesday of each month, 12:00-1:00 PM.* Come to the Octagon for a casual hymn-sing, short program exploring the stories behind some of our worship songs, and lunch.

**Tuesday with Friends** – *Third Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM.* This group, open to all men and women, meets for fellowship and lessons. Contact Ginny Hagberg: 301-770-7624.

**Lydia Circle** – *First Wednesday of each month, 2:30 PM.* Ladies interested in joining the Lydia Circle sisters should contact Susan Schwarz at [susan10748@aol.com](mailto:susan10748@aol.com) or 301-339-8242.

**2-Year Read-Thru-the-Bible** – Find the reading plan at [stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education](http://stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education).

**Altar Flowers in 2023** – The flower chart for 2023 is now available in the church office.

**UMM Driver Service** – Volunteer drivers are listed on the office bulletin board and are available to take adult St. Paul's members to medical appointments around the county.

**Stephen Ministers** – We offer a listening ear to those going through a difficult situation or life change. Contact Meg Baker ([mbaker@stpaulsk.org](mailto:mbaker@stpaulsk.org)) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496).

**Sipping Ministry** – Coffee and treats are offered following worship whenever a group, family, or class volunteers to sponsor this time of fellowship. Contact Erin Steele in the church office ([stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org](mailto:stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org)) to find available dates.



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Stephen Dean

## **Usher Coordinator**

Nathan Bazawada

## **Lay Leader**

Marge Higgins

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Appointments encouraged!

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