



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



May 7, 2023

9:00 & 10:30 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 7, 2023

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.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Leader

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Emma Lou Diemer

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

Lay Reader

Leader: Loving God, we praise you!

All: Risen Christ, we greet you!

L: Christ, our way, lead us in the path of love.

All: Christ, our truth, open our eyes to what is.

L: Christ, our life, come and renew us.

Make us a part of you, so that we may share in your life.

P: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*Hymn #102 (9:00 & 10:30)

Now Thank We All Our God

Opening Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

Gracious God, you have given us your Word in Creation, and in Scripture.

You speak your living Word to us in our hearts, and in the presence of the risen Christ with us. Help us to listen, to hear, and to be made anew. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Anthem (10:30 AM only)

In This Moment of Remembrance

Dale Wood

Sanctuary Choir

*In this moment of remembrance, the sacrament is spread.
Here we celebrate Christ's presence through the wine and broken bread.
At this table of communion, in the light shed from above,
We are sheltered by his mercy and surrounded by his love.
There is healing and forgiveness, there is strength as we partake;
Here we know the Savior's promise that he never will forsake.
"Take and do this in remembrance," are the words that Christ our Savior said,
And we join now in his presence through the wine and broken bread.
"Take and do this in remembrance of me."*

Proclamation of the Word

1 Peter 2:2-10 (MSG) (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

²You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.

⁴⁻⁸Welcome to the living Stone, the source of life. The workmen took one look and threw it out; God set it in the place of honor. Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life, in which you'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives up to God. The Scriptures provide precedent:

Look! I'm setting a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone in the place of honor.

Whoever trusts in this stone as a foundation
will never have cause to regret it.

To you who trust him, he's a Stone to be proud of, but to those who refuse to trust him,

The stone the workmen threw out
is now the chief foundation stone.

For the untrusting it's
. . . a stone to trip over, a boulder blocking the way.

They trip and fall because they refuse to obey, just as predicted.

⁹⁻¹⁰But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

John 14:1-14 (NRSVUE) (9:00 & 10:30)

Lay Reader

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message (10:30 AM only) *Weave*

Rosemary Crow

Led by Christina Griffin & Dr. Meg Baker

All children are invited forward to learn and sing today’s song.

*Passing the Peace (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

*Hymn #407 (9:00 & 10:30)

Close to Thee

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Response to the Word

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 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)

Prelude on Converse

Robert A. Hobby

*Doxology #94 (9:00 & 10:30)

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

Rev. Joey Heath Mason

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion (9:00 & 10:30)

The Invitation (9:00 & 10:30)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 & 10:30)

Leader: Lift up your heads.

People: We lift them up to God.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Lift up your hands.

**P: We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands
to the worship of God.**

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

L: Today, Jesus, we remember the bread and the cup. Today, we remember your life and your death. We remember your resurrection; we remember eternal life. As we receive these gifts in praise and thanksgiving we proclaim the mystery of our faith:.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine; make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. Wonder-working God, pour out your Spirit upon us; as we offer ourselves to be God's presence in the world until Jesus returns in glory. Almighty God, we your people cry out to you on behalf of our community: Have mercy upon all who suffer from the evils of poverty.

P: Have mercy, Lord!

L: Have mercy upon all who have lost their way.

P: Have mercy, Lord!

L: Have mercy upon all who have been offended by the church.

P: Have mercy, Lord!

L: Have mercy upon all who feel forgotten and neglected.

P: Have mercy, Lord!

L: Have mercy upon us Triune God, and make us worthy to be called your people who pray the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples:

P: 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 and ever. Amen.

Giving the Bread & Cup (9:00 & 10:30)

All St. Paul's 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 #526 (9:00 & 10:30) What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only) *Prelude on Now Thank We All Our God*

Paul Manz



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by **Steve & Pat Warren**
in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary on May 7.

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

May 14, 2023

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary

10:30 AM livestreaming through *stpaulsk.org*

Preaching: Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

10:30 AM – 117 online – 52

Total: 169



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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.

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.

Today: 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.

Today: Sunday School & Nursery – *Sunday, May 7*. Children will be in worship with their families in the Sanctuary today; 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 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).

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. Share your thoughts with Jim: hollandjim1357@gmail.com.

Today: UMC 101 – *Sundays, 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

Next Week: Sipping Ministry – *Sunday, May 14, following worship.* Visit the Octagon after the 9:00 and 10:30 worship services for a time of fellowship and sipping coffee and snacking on cookies, sponsored by the Still Wednesday group. If your group, family, or friends wish to host a fellowship time after worship, contact Erin Steele in the church office (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org) for dates.

Next Week: Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, May 16, 12:00-1:00 PM.* Come to the Octagon for a casual hymn-sing, a short program exploring the stories behind some of our worship songs, and lunch. No musical experience necessary! Free; donations for lunch are welcome. Note: Taste & Sing will go on a summer break after our May session; we will not meet in June, July, or August. We'll return in the Fall!

This 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) for more information.

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.

Next Month: Summer Schedule – Summer is coming! Here is information about what our summer schedule will look like.

- **Worship:** Beginning June 4, 2023 we will have one service at 10:30 AM only.
- **Announcements:** All announcements during the summer will be shared through the weekly Thursday email blast and church website. The Epistle will also be a source of news. There will not be announcements printed in the bulletin during the summer.
- **Drop-In Office Hours:** Beginning June 6, 2023 our drop-in office hours will be Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Staff and access to the building will also be available by appointment.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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).

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.

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 or 301-339-8242.

2-Year Read-Thru-the-Bible – Find the reading plan at 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) 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) to find available dates.



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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Lay Leader

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

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