



St. Paul's

United Methodist Church



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Wednesday

February 22, 2023

1:00 & 7:00 PM

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.

(- please stand in body or spirit)*

Prelude (7:00 PM only)

Prelude on Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Bolcom

Call to Worship (1:00 & 7:00)

Lay Reader

Leader: The season of Lent calls us to journey along the edge,
to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

**All: Lent calls us to the cutting edge,
when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth.**

Leader: Lent not only calls us to give up something,
but also invites us to participate in the mystery of God-with-us.

**All: By your grace, call us from grief into gladness, despair into hope,
estrangement into right relations with each other and with the earth.**

Opening Prayer (1:00 & 7:00)

**Let us pray: O God, maker of everything and judge of all that you have made,
from the dust of the earth you have formed us and from the dust of death you
would raise us up.**

**By the redemptive power of the cross, create in us clean hearts and put within us a
new spirit, that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your
calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn #496 (7:00 PM only)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Naming of Names & Intercessory Prayer (1:00 & 7:00)

*During this moment of worship, you may speak aloud the names of persons whom you
wish our prayers to support. You are also invited to submit a written prayer request for*

*yourself, others, or the world by coming forward to place it in our wooden prayer bowl.
Please feel welcome to kneel at the chancel rail at any time during this time of prayer.*

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 (1:00 & 7:00)

Lay Reader

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, abounding in steadfast love,
and relenting from punishment.

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; consecrate a fast;

call a solemn assembly;

¹⁶gather the people.

Consecrate 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?'"

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.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem (7:00 PM only)

Kyrie

John Leavitt

Sanctuary Choir

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Allelu.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Praise the Lord.

Reflection (7:00 PM only)

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

Invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline (1:00 & 7:00) Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes (1:00 & 7:00)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Imposition of Ashes (1:00 & 7:00)

Prayer of Confession (1:00 & 7:00)

**Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our time.
We have failed in our calling to be a holy people, a people set apart for the
healing of the world.**

We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope.

We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.

We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

**We try to speak your name without relinquishing our glories, without
nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace.**

**Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, and
reshape us in your image. Amen.**

Passing the Peace (1:00 & 7:00)

Lay Reader

Leader: Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (1:00 & 7:00)

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason

The Lord's Prayer (1:00 & 7:00)

Our creator, who is in heaven, holy is your name.

Your kingdom come, Your 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #463 (1:00 & 7:00)

Lord, Speak to Me

*Benediction and Dismissal (1:00 & 7:00)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen



WORSHIP THIS WEEK: FEBRUARY 26, 2022
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
10:30 AM livestreaming through stpaulsk.org



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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. **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: Offerings – We will not pass the offering plates today, but they are available at the door of the Sanctuary if you feel led to make a financial contribution, or use the QR code to donate online at stpaulsk.org/giving.



Today: Child Care – The nursery is not staffed for today’s worship service, but caregivers 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 near the restrooms.

Today: Lenten Study Sign-Up – *Sign up ends Feb. 22.* The class “Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, & Outlaws,” led by Mike McCurry, meets Tuesdays, Feb. 28-April 4, 7:00-8:15 PM. Read more and register at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education, or use the sign-up form in the Narthex.

This Week: Guest Preacher – *Sunday, Feb. 26.* We are delighted to welcome Rev. Dustin Burrow as our guest preacher at 9:00 and 10:30 AM worship services.

This Week: Sipping Ministry – *Sunday, Feb. 26.* Still Wednesday leaders will be hosting a Sipping Ministry time for fellowship, drinks, and snacks following both worship services.

This Week: SPY Updates – *Sunday, Feb. 26.* All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join the fun and fellowship on Sunday, 4:30-6:30 PM. Enter the Multipurpose Room using the back door on Fawcett Street. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt (msmartt@stpaulsk.org).

This Week: Palm Sunday Children's Choir – *beginning Feb. 26.* Singers in grades K-5 are invited to prepare a Palm Sunday song. Rehearsals will be held Sundays 11:45-12:30 beginning Feb. 26, leading up to Palm Sunday April 2. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/329xydzs>.

Next Week: Zoom Lent Study – *Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM, beginning March 1.* The Wednesday Bible Study group begins the six-week Lent study, “Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, & Outlaws” using the same material as the in-person on Tuesday class. To receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

Next Week: Pancake Breakfast – *Saturday, March 4.* The UMM-led community breakfast will be serving pancakes and other breakfast foods, 8:00-10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Read more at stpaulsk.org/community/pancake-breakfast.

Weekly and Monthly Ongoing Activities: Read-Thru-the-Bible, Hunger Ministry, Still Wednesday, Daily Breath, Tuesday with Friends, Lydia Circle, Yarn Ministry, UMM, and Stephen Ministers. Find links to more information about these opportunities in the Weekly News available at stpaulsk.org/community/epistle-weekly-news.

Pastor News – On February 5, 2023, Pastor Pat announced that she has requested and been approved to retire effective July 1, 2024. For more news visit The Pastors’ Page at stpaulsk.org/we-are-all-about/the-pastors-page.

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