

Order of Worship April 9, 2023

# 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. Announcements and other helpful information can be found on the pages following the order of worship.

# Gathering for Worship

(\* - please stand in body or spirit)

**Prelude** Cortege and Litany; Op. 19, No. 2

Marcel Dupré

Introit

Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Choir and Brass (9:00 & 10:30 AM) with Joyful Ringers bells (10:30 AM)

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices sound the note of praise above!

Jesus reigns and heav'n rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of Love;

*See, he sits upon the throne; Jesus rules the world alone.* 

Refrain: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Allelu! Alleluia! Amen.

*Jesus hail! whose glory brightens all above and gives it worth;* 

Lord of life, thy smile enlightens, cheers and charms thy saints on earth:

When we think of love like thine, Lord, we owe it love divine. (Refrain.)

Savior, hasten thine appearing; bring, O bring, the glorious day

When, the mighty summons hearing, heav'n and earth shall pass away.

Then with all the saints we'll sing, "Glory, glory to our King!" (Refrain.)

\*Call to Worship Lay Reader

Leader: What are you looking for?

All: The light before dawn.

L: What are you looking for?

All: A reason to hope.

L: What are you looking for?

All: Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

L: What are you looking for?

All: A place to belong.

L: What are you looking for?

All: We are looking for the Messiah.

L: Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

All: Surely God is in this place.



Opening Prayer Lay Reader

Rabbouni, Teacher,

We have spent the past six weeks asking questions. We have turned over every rock. We have shined a light in every dusty corner. We have opened the blinds. We have wrestled with truth. We have sought after you.

So on this Easter morning, bring wisdom to our seeking. Move through this room until the walls echo with the sound of alleluias. Roll back the stones that might prevent us from drawing closer to you.

Calm our hearts. Say our names. Awaken us to your presence in our midst. We are here. We are listening. We are seeking after you. Alleluia. Amen.

**Anthem** (10:30 AM only)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Joyful Ringers

arr, Joel Raney

**Pastoral Prayer** 

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

**Affirmation of Faith** 

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

We believe in resurrection— mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, like tulips after the snow: real.

We believe in Easter morning— in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.

We believe in Jesus— who calls us by name and asks, "Who are you looking for?" So we look— for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst. And as we look, we sing, "Alleluia!" Amen.

Children's Message (10:30 AM only)

Dr. Meg Baker

Anthem

Easter Hymn (Scene and Prayer)
from the opera, Cavalleria Rusticana
Sanctuary Choir
Jouelle Roberson, soloist

Pietro Mascagni/Mills

Queen of heaven, rejoice! For He whom you did merit to bear, Has arisen as He said. Regina Coeli, laetare Quia, quem meruisti portare, Resurexit sicut dixit.

We give praise, for the Lord has not perished! He has pierced the dark veil of the tomb! Let us sing praise to Christ, He is risen, Ascended to the glory of heaven!

#### Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁵and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁶Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁶for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹oThen the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Sermon

"Spread the Word"

Rev. Joey Heath-Mason (9:00 AM) Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen (10:30 AM)

# Response to the Word

# **Invitation to Giving**

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

As is our tradition, 100% of the Easter Special Offering will be dedicated to serving beyond the walls of this church. The designated beneficiaries of the Easter Special Offering for 2023 will be The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) – Ukraine Relief, providing emergency aid and long-term rebuilding assistance, and the Hunger Ministry at St. Paul's, providing groceries to all people facing food insecurity in the 20895 ZIP code. If you are donating by check, please make it payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Easter Offering" on the memo line. To donate by credit card, visit *stpaulsk.org/worship/lent-and-easter* or scan the QR code. All other offerings, including pledged support or general donations, should be made using an envelope other than the Easter Offering envelope, or donate online at *stpaulsk.org/giving*.

Offertory

The Easter Song of Praise Sanctuary Choir

Richard Shephard

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing! Around God's throne exult in harmony. Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave! Salute your king in glorious symphony. Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come! The glory of the Lord shines radiantly, Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death! The night is past, the day of life is here. Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured. The gospel trumpets tell of victory won. Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore! Let all God's people shout the long Amen.

# \*Doxology (United Methodist Hymnal #94)

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

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

\*Passing of the Peace

# Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

#### The Invitation

# The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The God of every morning be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the One who has raised Jesus from the grave.

L: People of Easter's joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

All: We sing our hallelujahs to the God of everlasting love.

(The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation.)

On this day of joy and hope, Redeemer of the lost, we sing our praise to you. Very early in the morning, your Word shattered the silence of chaos, and grace flowed forth like a river. You reached down and gathered up the dust of creation, forming us into your image, and breathing life into us. Yet the day came when we chose to turn from you believing our wisdom was superior to your will for us. You sent us the prophets, to speak of your gracious hope, but we refused to listen. When you could have let us remain in the clutches of sin and death, you sent Jesus to be one of us, so we could come home to you. Therefore, we join our voices this morning with those who stood at the empty tomb, as well as those of every time and place, singing our Easter joy to you:

All: Holy, holy, Lord God of the empty grave.
Glad songs of resurrection joy are offered to you.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes bearing your steadfast love.
Hosanna in the highest!

(*The pastor continues the thanksgiving.*)

Holy are you, God of every day, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Bright Morning Star. Creator of all that is good, he entered the shadows of hell to lead us into hope's light; Beloved of your Heart, he embraced our sin so we could be forgiven; Glory beyond imagination, he welcomed death so we could enter life eternal. Even as we believe what we may not understand, we trust that mystery we call faith:

All: On the first day, Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful; on the first day of the week, Christ swallowed up death forever; on the last day, Christ will call us to the Table of the Lamb.

(*The pastor continues.*)

It is here at this Table, Resurrecting God, that we are fed by your love. As you pour out your Spirit upon the Bread and the Cup, fill us with the spirit of Jesus, so we may go forth to be your people. Feed us with the Bread of Heaven, so we can fill the hunger of the world. Touch our lips with salvation's cup, so we can proclaim the good news of this day to everyone we meet. And when the morning comes when we are united with all the saints gathered around heaven's Table, we will lift our voices to you, God in Community, Holy in One, forever and ever. 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**

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

# Giving of the Bread and the Cup

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

Music during Communion I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from the oratorio, Messiah Mollie Weikert, soprano

G. F. Handel

I know that my redeemer liveth,
And that He shall stand at the latter day, upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
The first-fruits of them that sleep.

# 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**

#### Thine Be the Glory \*Hymn be ry, thee, ris ris 1. Thine glo Son: the con - quering tomb; life! Je sus meets from the more we doubt thee, glo rious\_\_ Prince of the vic o'er hast won. tory thou death and gloom. he greets thee, scat ters fear nought with - out thee; aid in our strife. 8 #<del>8</del> way, in bright rai ment the rolled stone church with glad tri - umph ness hymns sing, Make\_ than more con querors, through thy death - less love; 00 fold - ed grave clothes where thy\_ bod lay. Lord liv eth; death hath\_\_\_ lost its sting. thy\_\_\_ safe through Jor dan to home bove. be con - quering Thine glo Son; ry,

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\*Postlude VI. Final Louis Vierne/Mills

Symphony No. 1, Op. 14
Organ, Brass, and Timpani

You are welcome to remain in a posture of worship until the conclusion of the Postlude.

Immediately after the 10:30 AM service, children in Grade 5 and younger are invited to the Octagon Room, across from the Sanctuary doors. Children will then be called by age group to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt in Reinhardt Park across the street.



#### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary 10:30 AM worship service livestreamed at *stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home* John 20:19-31 Rev. Joey Heath-Mason, preaching



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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **News and Upcoming Events**

**Easter Holiday Hours** – Please note that church building and offices will be closed on Monday, April 10 for Easter break. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, April 11.

**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: Sunday School & Nursery** – *Sunday, April 9.* Children will be in worship with their families in the Sanctuary; there are no Sunday School classes today. Children's "busy bags" are available at the Welcome Desk, and care for infants and toddlers is available in the Nursery

during the 10:30 service. 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 near the restrooms. For email updates about children's programming, contact Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org).

**Today:** Easter Eggstravaganza – *April 9.* Children in Grade 5 and younger will enjoy an Egg Hunt following 10:30 AM worship on Easter. Bring your own basket or bag and come to the Octagon room. Children will have coloring activities and will be called by age group to hunt for eggs in Reinhardt Park across from St. Paul's front doors.

**This Week: "After the Sermon"** – Reflection questions about Sunday's Scripture, posed by long-time Bible study teacher 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.

**This Week: Yarn Ministry** – *Monday, April 10 by Zoom; Monday April 24 in-person in the Library at St. Paul's. 7:00-8:00 PM.* Bring your knitting, crochet, or other projects and craft along with friends. The Yarn Ministry provides a time of fellowship, donates knitted goods to local charities, and sponsors the yearly Craft Sale. Contact Karen Codner for details: kdc811@gmail.com.

**This Week: Interfaith Hoppy Hour** – *Saturday, April 15, 5:00-6:00 PM.* Come for engaging conversation about the Bible and related topics from different faith contexts, and to build relationships with our Jewish neighbors from Temple Emanuel. We will meet at BabyCat Brewery (10241 Kensington Parkway, *www.babycatbrewery.com*), a local business serving non-alcoholic drinks, craft beer, and snacks.

**Next Week: UMC 101 Class** – *Sundays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 21; 12:00-1:00 PM.* Each week, this class led by Pastor Joey 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: Taste & Sing** – *Tuesday, April 18, 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. No musical expertise necessary! Free, but donations for lunch are welcome.

**Next Week: Zoom Bible Study** – *Wednesdays starting April 19, 4:00-5:00 PM.* The Wednesday Bible Study held using Zoom will be returning to our "Sermon Safari" format. Each week, we'll watch a video of a sermon from a different speaker, and engage in guided discussion. For more info or to receive the Zoom link, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

**This Month: Registration for VBS** – *Register by April 30*. St. Paul's is partnering with Bethesda UMC for VBS at their location (8300 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda MD), June 19-23! Registration is now open! Read more about the "Hero Hotline" VBS theme and find camper/volunteer registration at *stpaulsk.org/community/children* or contact Meg Baker: mbaker@stpaulsk.org.

**This Month: Children in Worship** – Due to the special worship days in April, the pastors have decided that all children will attend worship with their families in the Sanctuary throughout this coming month. The 10:30 worship service will include a children's message each week. Please see the Epistle newsletter or the Sunday School Email for details.

This Month: Musical Theatre Camp Sign-Up Open – 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 services. Camp registration forms and more info can be found online at *stpaulsk.org/community/musical-theatre-camp*. Camperships are available; contact the church office to begin a confidential discussion about financial aid.

**Next Month: 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*.

**Next Month: Piano Recital** – *May 7, 12:00 PM in the Sanctuary*. Young people who have been taking lessons and are interested in performing in a recital should contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org). If a student has been taking lessons on a different musical instrument, they are welcome to participate as well; a piano accompanist can be provided. Congregants are encouraged to attend the recital, enjoy the music, and support our young musicians!

#### **O**NGOING

**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 mostneeded food items and other ways to help, visit *stpaulsk.org/service/hunger-ministry*.

**SPY News** – *Most Sundays*, 4:30-6:00 PM. We are currently on Spring Break but will return on April 16 with our regular hours! All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join St. Paul's Youth for fun and fellowship most Sundays. Questions? Contact Mr. Micah Smartt (msmartt@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 for updates.

**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*.

**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*. Jump into a daily Bible reading practice at any time!

**Altar Flowers in 2023** – The flower chart for 2023 is now available in the church office. Flowers may be dedicated in memory of loved ones, or in honor of a celebration.

**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.

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#### **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 any of our staff to say hello!

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