koinonia \{koy-nohn-ee'-ah\}
(n): community, communion, fellowship (v): to share, to contribute, to be one

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 |9:00am SERVICE Fifth Sunday in Lent

## IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33<br>Sermon: Paths of Discipleship - Purpose and Calling<br>Rev. Darren Brandon

## TODAY'S SONGS

Because of Your Love
Give Us Clean Hands
Shiru l'Adonai - Youth Choir
Grace
His Mercy is More

LEADING IN WORSHIP<br>Worship Team<br>Youth Choir<br>Lay Reader: Samuel Meadows<br>Communion Servers:<br>Greg and Jessica Bernard

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:31-34
The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-33
Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.
"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## YOU MAY GIVE YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

by placing them in the offering plates as they are passed. Baskets are on the front pews as you come up for communion and on the table by the cross for our Good Samaritan Fund.

CONNECTION CARDS may be placed in the offering plates or fill out an online card using the Flowcode to the right.


## LAY READER SCHEDULE

March 24: Psalm 118:1-2 - Maxwell Woods March 31: John 20:1-18 - Angela Horton
April 7: Psalm 133 - Ruth Ann Whitehouse
April 14: Psalm 118:1-2 - Peter Elbert

CHILDREN
CHILDCARE is available for infants through pre-k from 8:45am-12:15pm in room 200.
All children are invited to participate in worship by choosing worship materials from the Children's Worship Cart located in back of the worship space.
TO ADULTS WITH KIDS: Relax! God put the wiggle in children, and you don't need to suppress it in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it might be easier for your kids to see and hear. If you need to leave the service at any point, feel free to do so - but please come back! We want you and your kids to feel welcome and cherished.

TO OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH: the presence of children is a gift and a reminder that our faith is alive! Please welcome our kids and give a smile of encouragement to their adults.

## THIS WEEK: MARCH 17-23, 2024 <br> TODAY <br> 8:30am Coffee \& Donuts (Common Cup) <br> 9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym) <br> 10:00am Sunday School <br> 11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary) <br> 1:00pm Prayer Beading (Common Cup) <br> 5:00pm Tweens (308) <br> 5:00pm Youth Choir (302) <br> 6:00pm Youth Group (McAdams, <br> Youth Center, Gym) <br> 8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

## MONDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
2:00pm Mountain Mission Donation Drop-off Deadline
5:30pm AA Meeting (100)
TUESDAY
Office Open 10am-2pm
10:00am Faith Quilters (100)
10:00am Worship Staff Meeting (Youth Center)
11:00am Staff Meeting (Youth Center)
7:00pm Communications Team
Meeting (319)
7:00pm AA Meeting (100)
7:00pm Scouts (Gym)
7:30pm DBSA $(110,113)$

## WEDNESDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
10:00am Women's Bible Study (113)
10:30am Guided Meditation (Zoom)
6:00pm Wesley Night Activities (see below)

## THURSDAY

Office Open 10am-2pm
6:00pm AA Meeting (111)
6:00pm Cub Scouts (FLC)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (302)
7:00pm Beyond the Walls (Parlor)
7:30pm DBSA $(110,113)$

## FRIDAY

Office Closed

## SATURDAY

10:00am Easter Eggstravaganza (FLC)
10:00am AA Meeting (100)
8:00pm AA Meeting (100)

## WESLEY NIGHT | Wednesdays | 6-9pm

Dinner | 6-7pm | McAdams Hall | Meal: Chick-Fil-A
RSVP for Dinner here: https://www.stpaulchurchky.org/ministries/wesley-night/
Music Milestones (Ages 3-K) | 6-6:30pm | Room 306
Open Gym and Homework Help for 1st-6th Grade | 6-6:30pm | Gym
Youth Jam and Hangout | 6:30-8pm | Youth Center
Joyful Song Choir (1st-3rd Grade) | 7-8pm | Room 306
Wesleyan Choir (4th-6th Grade) | 7-8pm | Room 302
Adult Book Study | Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation | 7-8pm | McAdams
Hall
Bells of St. Paul Handbell Choir | 8-9pm | Room 303

## My thoughts:

## Next Week in Worship

Koinonia 9:00am - Gym | Traditional 11:00am - Sanctuary | Livestream at 11:00am on Facebook Sermon: Paths of Discipleship - Highs and Lows | Rev. Darren Brandon Scriptures for the Week: Palms: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Passion: Isa 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Lay Reader: Maxwell Woods - Psalm 118:1-2
Childcare is available for worship from 8:45am to 12:15pm |Ages Birth through Pre-K

Check the St. Paul Website
(stpaulchurchky.org) for more information on these and other activities or scan the QR code to the right for quick links to lots of Next Week in Worship

Prayer requests can be sent to prayer@stpaulchurchky.org.
Sign up for the St. Paul weekly email and Tower newsletter at the website (bottom of homepage) or by emailing info@stpaulchurchky.org.

## SERVE

Resource Center Needs | We need new or gently-used umbrellas, raincoats/jackets, ponchos, rain boots. We are always in need of men's jeans and shoes, especially larger sizes. We are still in need of men's coats.

United Methodist Mountain Mission | Please have donations for UMMM to St. Paul no later than 2pm on Monday, March 18. They take all types of good, usable household items, clothing, and shoes. They are in urgent need of bed sheets, comforters, blankets, pillows, towels, wash cloths, bedspreads, quilts, socks and underwear (children, women, men), purses, prom dresses, and whatnots (those items that make a house a home).

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday | March 24 | 9:00am \& 11:00am
Maundy Thursday | March 28|7:30pm | Gym
Good Friday | March 29
Noon | Sanctuary
Tenebrae | 7:30pm | Sanctuary
Holy Saturday Labyrinth | March 30 | 10:00am-2:00pm |
Gym
Easter | March 31
Sunrise | 7:30am | Steps of the Sanctuary
Koinonia | 9:00am | Gym
Traditional| 11:00am | Sanctuary

## SERMON SERIES: PATHS OF DISCIPLESHIP

## Deepening Our Relationship with God

March 17 Purpose and Calling
March 24 Highs and Lows (Palm/Passion Sunday) March 31 All Things New (Easter)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Chosen | 10:00am, Room 113 |The Vine \& Branches Sunday School class is watching "The Chosen" TV series. Members will share in discussion as they go. All are welcome.
Prayer Beading | Today at 1:00pm in the Common Cup | No experience necessary! Join us!

Easter Eggstravaganza! | March 23|10am-noon | Join us for crafts, games, cookie decorating, a bounce house, and egg hunts for preschool through high school! Who will find the special golden eggs containing $\$ 5$ Graeter's gift cards - will it be YOU? Please email tracy@stpaulchurchky.org if you are interested in volunteering during this event.

Confirmation 2024 has begun | Please pray for our confirmands as they move toward Confirmation Sunday on May 19th. Our confirmands are:

Annabelle Banic Helen Higdon Alannah Lutes Phoebe Millard Max Miller Story Stevens

## SUMMER SAVE-THE-DATES:

Vacation Bible School (for age 3 through rising 5th graders) is June 17-21, 9am-noon!
Project Serve (for rising 5th-7th graders) is June 17-21, 1-4pm!
Music Camp (for rising 2nd-7th graders) is July 8-12, 9 am-noon, with performances July 14!
Loucon Summer Camp | St. Paul will once again cover half the cost for our students to attend Loucon. The church will reimburse families directly. Once you have completed your student's camp registration, please forward your invoice to youth@stpaulchurchky.org. Within three weeks, you will receive a check for half of the regular, pre-tax tuition. Please send any questions to the email address above.

