



St. Paul Church
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

Welcome to worship! Please use the yellow card to communicate with us. We would gladly receive your prayer request or other information you want to share. Those online may share in the comments section.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 | 11:00am WORSHIP

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulumcky>

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Ministry Moment

Prelude

Update on the White Building

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

Rev. Darren Brandon

Jason Ramsey

arr. J McFarland

***Call to Worship** (from *Sunday Matters* chapter 5)

Rev. Dustin Woods

We gather to remember that in Christ we are made completely new.

In Christ, we have every spiritual blessing, all we need for every situation in our lives.

In Christ, we were chosen before the foundation of the world;

God's love rests on us and makes us holy and blameless.

In Christ, we can repent and are forgiven, totally and completely, through the riches of God's grace.

In Christ, we can live to the praise and glory of God, no longer chained to our tiny perspectives but free to live for the Kingdom of God.

In Christ, we are sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, our relationship with God can never be shaken or revoked, we are part of God's family forever. Thanks be to God.

***Opening Hymn 126**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Anthem

Shiru l'Adonai

arr. David Neches

Youth Choir

***Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed) 881 in the Hymnal

PROCLAIMING

Children's Moment

Tracy Martin

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.

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All children are invited forward during the children's moment.

Prayer for Illumination

BJ Fore

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Old Testament p 691)

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson

John 12:20-33 (New Testament p 100)

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Sermon

Paths of Discipleship—Calling and Purpose

Rev. Darren Brandon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm:

Singing: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Sung Response: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Sung Response: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of
bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, you will not despise.

Sung Response: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. (Repeat)

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dustin Woods

**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, the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. G. Martin

Chancel Choir (text found at hymn #298)

*Doxology (Hymn 95)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 348

Softly and Tenderly

THOMPSON

*Benediction

Rev. Darren Brandon

*Choral Benediction

Postlude

Sing Praise to God

arr. H. Distler

Dr. Jim McFarland, organ

Next Week in Worship – Palm/Passion Sunday

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: Beth Nichols – Psalm 118:1-2 | Acolytes Next Week: Ethan Norman & Josephine Dock

Childcare is available for worship from 8:45am to 12:15pm | Ages Birth through Pre-K

WORSHIP TODAY

TODAY'S ONLINE GREETER is Cathy Miller

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are given in loving memory of Maggie Bradley by her family.

ACOLYTES today are Estella Groves & Peter Elbert.

YELLOW CONNECTION CARDS are a way you can request more information about our church or ask for prayer. You may place your card in the offering plate or give it to an usher after the service. You can also fill out an online connection card using the Flowcode below.

LAY READER SCHEDULE

March 24: Psalm 118:1-2 – Beth Nichols

March 31: John 20:1-18 – Julia Mitchell

April 7: Psalm 133 – Graeme Donovan

April 14: I John 3:1-7 – Bruce 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 the Narthex.

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

TODAY

8:30am Coffee & Donuts (Common Cup)

9:00am Worship - KOINONIA (Gym)

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship - Traditional (Sanctuary)

1:00pm Prayer Beading (Common Cup)

5:00pm Tweens (308)

5:00pm Youth Choir (302)

6:00pm Youth Group (McAdams, Youth Center, Gym)

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 | *Sunday Matters*, by Paul David Tripp | 7-8pm | McAdams Hall

Bells of St. Paul Handbell Choir | 8-9pm | Room 303

Please read Chapter 6
of *Sunday Matters*
before next Sunday.

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 St. Paul info!



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, 9am-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.

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