

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE COUNTRY

Our mission is to share Jesus Christ with everyone we meet.

PRAISE, WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

April 1, 2018

10:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL! *You are welcome to enjoy the refreshments in the back of the sanctuary before the Welcome and after the Postlude. If you are a guest, please fill out a guest card and put it in the offering plate. We look forward to meeting you and hope you will prayerfully consider making St. Paul your spiritual home.*

** Please stand, as able.*

Forms for Joys & Concerns are located in the Narthex & will be collected at the beginning of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

PRELUDE "The Day of Resurrection" (arr. Victor Labenske)

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH 302

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118, Mark 16)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: God's love endures forever!

Leader: Sing songs of victory! Shout the good news!

People: Jesus is risen! Christ is risen!

Leader: Open the gates of righteousness!

People: Enter in and give thanks to the Lord!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Hallelujah! Rejoice! Christ is risen!

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 118)

Leader: We can hardly believe our eyes and ears – the Lord is risen! Let us pray.

People: Mighty God, you have become our strength and our salvation. With Christ, you have raised us from the dead. With Christ, you have freed us from the chains of death. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone of our lives. We marvel at your amazing love, Lord. We are delirious with joy! Hear the praises of your people on this day of days! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Alive Forevermore" (Tom Fettke) St. Paul Choir

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN "He Lives" UMH 310

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 118: 14-29 Psalter Reading UMH 839

EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 10: 34-43 HB 892

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16: 1-8 HB 829

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURES Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Women at the Tomb" Rev. Shari McCourt

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Jesus Lives and So Shall I" (arr. Johann Cruger)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 13-15

*CLOSING HYMN "Crown Him With Many Crowns" UMH 327

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Victory in Jesus" (arr. Melody Bober)

* MEETING AND GREETING

As the postlude ends, please take a minute to greet one another, especially those who are our guests today. You are encouraged to continue fellowship at the back of the sanctuary, with refreshments.

*GOING FORTH AS NEIGHBORHOOD MISSIONARIES

Serving in Worship today: Rev. Shari McCourt, Pastor; Ela Wiswakarma, Director of Music; Sena Roop, Announcements; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer.

This Week at St. Paul UMC:

Apr. 4: Community Food Bank open 5:30 – 7:00 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm

Apr. 5: Choir Practice 7:30 pm



The palms used in the Palm Sunday service on March 25th were given by Trudy Jo Snader in memory of Richard Snader and loved ones.

Administrative Council will meet on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm.

Sisters in Faith Ministries is hosting “I Want it All” by Gwen Smith, a day of soul strengthening and joy filling principles from God’s Word. Shopping, catered lunch, special music and more. The event is April 14 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Montgomery United Methodist Church, Damascus, MD. Cost for the event is \$40.00. Register online at www.sistersinfaithministries.org.

Rape Crisis Intervention Service of Carroll County will hold “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes”, a community walk to stand up against sexual violence. It is held on Saturday, April 14 beginning at 10:00 am at Dutterer Family Park in Westminster. Registration is \$35.00 for general and \$25.00 for student. To register visit www.walkamilecc.org

The United Methodist Women will hold their **Spring Tea** on Tuesday, April 17th at 12:00 pm at The Old Farm House Tea Room in Thomasville, PA. Cost is \$13.00 and tickets must be purchased in advance.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – March month-to-date offering: \$6799.77

Attendance: March 11 - 51 - March 18 - 65

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