

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 15, 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 "Have Faith In God, My Heart with O, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink"
(arr. Melody Bober)

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN "Easter People Raise Your Voices" UMH 304

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 24)

Leader: See and you will believe. Believe and you will see.

People: In the midst of our sorrow and grief, Christ comes to ease our pain.

Leader: See and you will believe. Believe and you will see.

People: In the midst of our doubt and fear, Christ comes to bring us hope.

Leader: See and you will believe. Believe and you will see.

People: In the midst of our sickness unto death, Christ comes to bring us life.

*OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God of awakenings, we join you in joy this morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. May his self-giving love inspire us during this worship time, as we experience resurrection in a fresh way. Fill us with thanksgiving and hope as your resurrection people! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" 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 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH 349

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 HB 980

Colossians 1: 1-6 HB 953

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24: 36-48 HB 859

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

SERMON "People of the Living Hope" Rev. Dr. David Highfield

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Holy, Holy" (Jimmy Owens)

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

OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN "My Hope Is Built" UMH 368

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "There Are Some Things I May Not Know (Yes, God Is Real)" (Kenneth Morris)

* 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. Dr. David Highfield, Pastor; Ela Wiswakarma, Director of Music; Sena Roop, Announcements; Rebecca Price, Joys and Concerns and Community Prayer.

Pastor Shari will be on vacation from April 9 – 16. If you have a pastoral need during her time off, please contact Rev. Mary Buzby at 410-635-2371 or email her at new_hope_pastor_mary@live.com.

Pastor David Highfield, now in his 49th year of ordained ministry, retired from the United Methodist appointment system in 2007. His last full-time appointment was as lead pastor of Westminster United Methodist Church from 1992-2007. He is a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wesley Theological Seminary, and earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. During retirement Dave is enjoying community service, hobbies, family time, travel, singing, occasional interim ministries, and preaching. He and his wife Conni are parents, grandparents of thirteen, and live in Westminster.

This Week at St. Paul UMC:

Apr. 15: Women's Circle following worship

Apr. 17: UMW Spring Tea 12:00 pm The Old Farm House Tea Room

April 18: Friends of John Wesley 1:00 pm CLV; Community Meal 5:00 – 6:45 pm;
Community Food Bank open 5:30 – 7:00 pm; A.A. & Al-Anon 7:30 pm

Apr. 19: Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Adult Sunday School is beginning a study on Peter, led by Wally Wolff, beginning this Sunday. All are welcome to join in the class Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

Community Meal will be held on Wednesday, April 18th from 5:00 – 6:45 pm. The menu is Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Applesauce, Bread and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet for items needed on the back table.

Plant Sale Order Forms are due back by Sunday, April 22nd. Additional forms can be found on the back table. Please return payment and form to Barbara Misener.

Monthly Budget Requirement: \$9,667 – April month-to-date offering: \$5974.00

Attendance March 1 – 27 Sunrise, 79 Easter Service - April 8 – 48

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