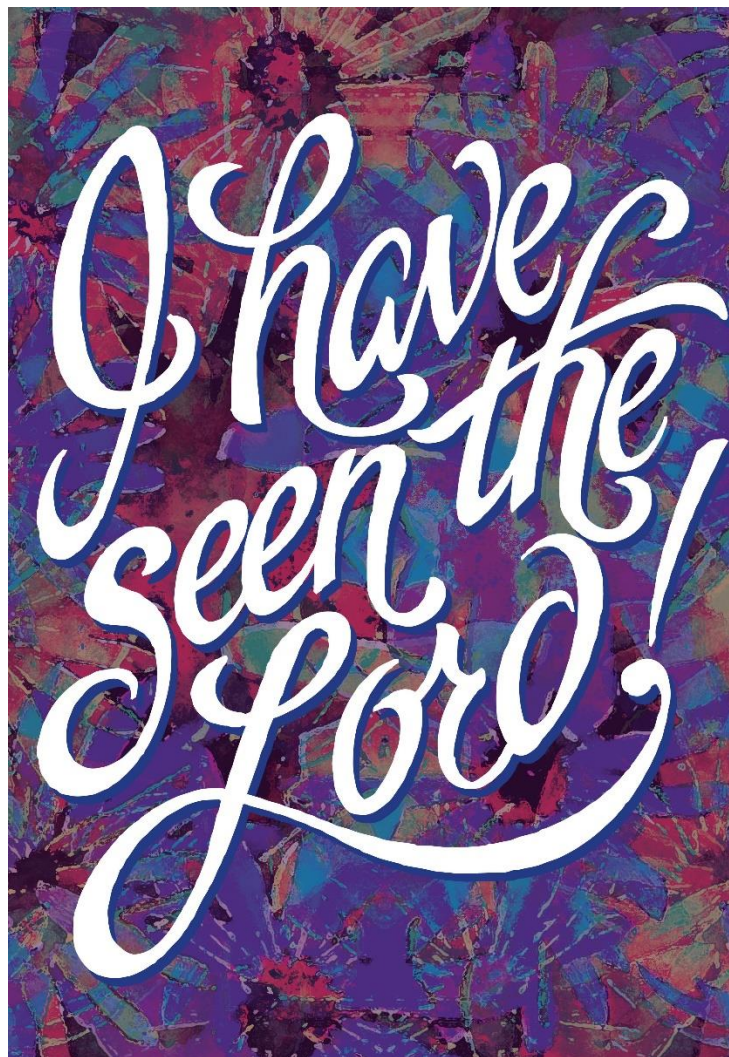


**Welcome to**  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

April 24<sup>th</sup> 2022



**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**

*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON  
LIFE'S JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*



### **Worship Leadership**

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### **Pastor Emeritus**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

### **Ministers**

The Entire Congregation

*Please visit the church website at <http://www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org/> to sign up for Acolyte, Usher, Lector, Volunteer in the Nursery, Deliver the Altar Flowers, and/or Sponsor the Altar Flowers. You will find the individual signup sheets under the "Sign Up" menu heading. Thank you.*



*St. Paul's Online Giving*

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Please note: the livestream broadcast begins with the Announcements. If you do not wish to appear in the livestream, it is best to sit in one of the back three pews of the Sanctuary.*

*We will not be passing the microphone around.*

*Please write up any Prayer Requests ahead of time, leave them in the Red Bowl or give them to the Head Usher. They will bring them forward.*

***\*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.***

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE      "Face to Face"

Steven Scott

CHORAL INTROIT

*We will be singing with our masks in place*

\*HYMN:      "This Day of Resurrection Joy"  
(To the tune of #12 – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God")

This day of resurrection joy reminds us what is true:  
That Christ is raised, and Christ is Lord, and we have work to do.  
Christ's reign has surely come to earth and caught us by surprise:  
And we who know that wondrous truth are called to live new lives.

One day when the disciples met, afraid, behind locked doors,  
The Lord appeared and offered them a peace that still endures.  
"Just as the Father sent me forth, now I am sending you."  
He said, "Receive the Spirit's power," and gave them work to do.

So filled with resurrection joy, we make Christ's presence known,  
For Christ goes with us to each place, and we are not alone.  
We share our faith and serve the poor; we love, forgive and pray.  
We trust the risen Lord to be close by us every day.

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\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Almighty God, guide us in understanding what You would have us do and speak. We want to follow Your authority, but we are not always clear, or we are in fear of, what You are calling us to do. Encourage us, God. Amen**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are often faced with this difficulty. To whom do we grant ultimate authority? It is very difficult to stand against human authority, even when we know we are being asked to act in ways that are counter to God's way. Too often we choose to follow human authority, consciously or unconsciously, to the detriment of God's creation, God's children in need and ourselves. Let us join in the time of Silent Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us. God continues to call us to draw closer, so we might more clearly understand the impact of our choices.

**ALL: Let us recognize we have choices, and that we can indeed choose to follow God's way, witnessing to the power of God's love for all. Amen.**

*Please note: we will not be shaking hands or hugging.  
If you are able, please rise and greet one another with other signs of Peace.*

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (#759 is the tune, but not all the same words)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Children are invited to the front at this time. They may sit on the chancel steps, they may sit in the front pews, or they may remain seated with their families. Remember, everyone who comes forward will be on camera.*

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT

Jesus Loves the Little Children

*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world*

*Shy and Joyful, Bold and Bright*

*They are precious in his sight*

*Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

THE WORD FOR THE YOUNG

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

Jesus Loves Me

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so*

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:10-31

THE PSALM READING

Psalms 118: 21-29

***RECOGNITION OF OUR 50+ YEAR MEMBERS***

*Ned Rupp, April 3, 1955  
Raymond Krouch, April 24, 1955  
Carolyn Rutherford, October 30, 1955  
Donald Wood, March 25, 1956  
Albert Huebner, November 11, 1956  
Jacquelyn Kreitzer, April 5, 1962  
Rhoda Rupp, April 15, 1962  
Susan Thorn, April 15, 1962  
Shirley Grammer, July 26, 1964  
Anna Thompson, April 11, 1965  
Dorothy Miller, August 1, 1965  
Donna Sponsler, November, 1966  
Joanne Miller, December 25, 1966  
Thomas Milletics, April 30, 1968  
Franklin Roth, January 12, 1969  
Barbara Westhafer, March 30, 1969  
Dayne Miller, March 22, 1970  
Craig Hershey, May 22, 1970  
Sandra Heckman, December 6, 1970  
Marshall Bender, December 6, 1970  
Patricia Scott, February 14, 1971*

\*HYMN #530 “God Our Author and Creator”  
(To the tune of #459 – “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”)

God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,  
Make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.  
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed downtrod;  
In all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.

Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:  
When our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.  
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;  
By your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.

Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,  
That at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."  
Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,  
With all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING & MESSAGE:  
“Being Witnesses”

Acts 5: 27-32

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)

## Joyful Eastertide

O Je - sus, Sa - vior, Gen - tle One, come take our hearts to be your own. And  
now, O Christ with us a - bide in this, our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

*Please note: you can leave your offerings in the plate in the Narthex on your way in or on your way out after Service. You may also place your pew pad sheets in that Offering Plate. Thank you.*

THE ANTHEM:

“Still”

Morgan

Youth Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of Your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to Your grace and peace. Grant Your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN No. #253 “Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!”

\*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

**\*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER**

One: Lead us, O God.

**All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\* THE THREE-FOLD AMEN**

*Please note: the livestream continues until the end of the Postlude.*

*Please know you are free to leave following the Three-fold Amen,  
and exit to the Narthex to speak with one another.*

*Do remember you may be visible and audible on the livestream as you exit early.  
If you choose to remain, please be seated and listen quietly to the Postlude.*

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE “A Tune For The Trumpet”

J.S. Bach

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Gathered by Love” by Lavon Bayler, 1994, United Church Press.

The World Peace Prayer is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine nuns.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Alan and Diane Richenbacher, “In Loving Memory of Our Mothers.”  
Susan Gabriel, “In Honor of Ron Gabriel’s 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday.”