

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

6:30am Sunrise Worship Service



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Easter Sunday

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director- Rae Ann Borger

Music this morning will be provided by the Church Minstrels.

****Chairs are provided for anyone who has difficulty standing throughout the service.
Please feel free to use your own chairs or the chairs provided.****

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The tomb is dark, but empty

People: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness

Pastor: The stone has been rolled away

People: The one you are looking for has overcome death

Pastor: The burial clothes are put aside

People: The one you are looking for is alive!

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior! Amen!

GATHERING HYMN NO. 300.....“In the Garden”

*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.*

Refrain: *And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]*

*I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. [Refrain]*

ENGAGING THE WORD

READING OF THE WORD

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

Gospel Lesson: Gospel of Mark 16:1-8

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 294.....“Christ Arose!”

*Low in the grave He lay--Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day--Jesus my Lord!*

Refrain: *Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumphant o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!*

*Vainly they watch His bed--Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead--Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

*Death cannot keep his prey--Jesus my Savior!
He tore the bars away--Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

COMMISSION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed.

GOING WITH THE WORD

DEPARTING HYMN NO. 302.....“He Lives”

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever some may say
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him he's always near.*

Refrain: *He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives), salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

*In all the world around me I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that he is leading, through all the stormy blast
the day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The Hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
none other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

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-The bulletins are in memory of Arlan, Fern and Donnie Krause by Ronnie and Cookie Mengel.

- Special thanks to the Church Minstrels for providing the music for our Sunrise Worship service.

-An Easter Breakfast will be held in the fellowship hall this morning at approximately 7:15am followed immediately by a Worship Service with Holy Communion around the breakfast table (8:15am). Sunday School will be held at 9:15am, followed by the 10:30am Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

-Offering on Sunday, April 13, 2025: \$2,907.00

-Weekly envelope & plate budget for 2025: \$3,285.91

PRAYER CONCERNS: All those earnestly seeking God's help in difficult times, Military personnel & National leaders, *Anna Mae Minchoff, family and friends of Allen Herring, Shirley Williamson, Mary Maurer, Alex Krammes and twins*, Terri Snyder, Kenneth Smith, Roxann and Kevin Sweigert, Aiden Rodriguez, Margot Evans Carey, Brian Moyer, Ardith Moyer

CANCER PATIENTS: Marie Bleu, Cindy Boyer, Karen DiCamillo, Deb Dimitri, Alex DuVee, John Eckert, Glennis Eifert, Joanne Forbes, Thomas Galligan, Meg Goodwin, Rebecca Henderson, Lisa Hoynoski, Sherri Jo Jennar, Deb Kemmerling, Joan Krause, Lori Krug, Carol Mallory, Tara Moss, Tom Nagle, Judy Ohl, Nick Reading, Pat Reading, Jen Semenco, Jim Thompson

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, April 20

Sunday, April 20 *Easter Sunday

7:15 AM -Easter Breakfast in the fellowship hall

8:15 AM -Worship service with Holy Communion around the breakfast table

9:15 AM -Sunday School

10:30 AM -Worship with Holy Communion and the St. Paul's Minsrels

Monday, April 21

6:00 – 9:00 PM -Boy Scout Meetings

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 PM -Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 25 *Pastor Ken & Ann's Anniversary!!

Sunday, April 27 *Deadline to sign-up for the church yard sale

9:15 AM -Sunday School

10:30 AM -Worship

1:00 – 7:00 PM -Boy Scout Eagle Ceremony (Sanctuary) and Meal (Fellowship Hall)

***Lectionary Readings for next week:**

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29

Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen, Indeed!!