THANK YOU!

We want you to know that your presence today is valued, and we pray that your experience here will make an impact in your life. Again, thank you for choosing to worship at St. Paul and please come again.

| Keep in Your Prayers | | <u>Birthdays</u> |
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| Annie Elliot Dorothy Holloway Kimberly Mosley Joseph Godine Emmitt Johnson, Sr. Martha Parker | The Johnson Family Verbie Watkins Jr. Anita Wallace Dominique Lewis Georgia Sims Anthony Hall | Happy Birthday to everyone born in the month of April. |

****Weekly Reminders & Events****

Holy Communion - Every First Sunday - In Person Service *Virtual Sunday School - Every Sunday Morning at 9:30 A.M.* *Virtual Midweek Bible Study - Every Wednesday at 6:00 P.M.* *Virtual Prayer Line Devotional - Every Friday Evening at 7:00 P.M.*

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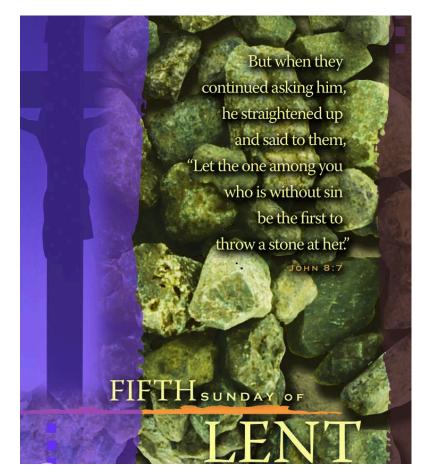
Thought For the Week: It is good to remember all the ways God's providence and grace has led us, that we may cheerfully serve him and trust in him. "He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." ~ *Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV*

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Welcome to the 1st Sunday in April Saint Paul United Methodist Church Elder Haywood Hannah, Pastor Liturgist – Sister Daphne Darden Order of Service April 6, 2025 – 11:30 a.m.

Entrance

| <u>Prelude</u> | Organist, Andrew Thomas |
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| Song of Praise | The Saint Paul Ensemble |
| Presentation of the Light | Acolytes |
| Greeting and Announcements | Sister Daphne Darden |

Opening Prayer

Sister Daphne Darden

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we who confess Jesus as Lord may put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. **Amen.**

Call to WorshipPsalm 126:1-6*Please Stand*God Does Great Things For Us

Leader: 126:1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion; we were like those who dream.

People: 126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

Leader: 126:3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. **People: 126:4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

Leader: 126:5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

All: 126:6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Hymn of Praise "O How I Love Jesus" p. 170

Congregation

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 43:16-21 Sister Mary McLendon

The Lord gives water in the wilderness

43:16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 43:17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 43:18 Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. 43:19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 43:20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 43:21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

| | <u>Altar Call and Prayer</u> *You are welcome to come to | Pastor Haywood Hannah o the Altar* |
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| | <u>Tithes & Offering</u> | Ushers |
| | Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All | Blessing Flow" p.95 |
| | Song of Praise | |
| | Morning Message | Pastor Haywood Hannah |
| | Invitation to Christian Discipleship | Pastor Haywood Hannah |
| | Response to Word | |
| Invitation to Confession and Prayer | | |
| | Thanksgiving and Communion Announcements: | |

- Worship Committee Zoom Meeting; Monday, April 7, 2025
- Wednesday night Zoom Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- Friday Night Prayer Line at 7:00 PM

Sending Forth

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