

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 12, 2026

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

TIME OF SHARING

SUNG INTROIT Come and Fill Our Hearts

Screen

Come and fill our hearts with your peace

You alone, O God, are holy

Come and fill our hearts with your peace

Alleluia!

(repeat x 1)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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One: Though darkness seems to envelop us.

MANY: JESUS BREAKS THROUGH WITH A WORD OF PEACE.

One: Fears are banished!

MANY: HOPE IS MORE THAN RESTORED

One: Rejoice! The Lord is with us!

MANY: WE REJOICE IN THE PEACE AND BLESSINGS HE BRINGS. AMEN.

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OPENING PRAYER

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GRACIOUS LORD, EASTER WAS SUCH A HIGH POINT. WE WALKED THROUGH THE WEEKS OF LENT AND THEN BOLDLY MARCHED WITH JESUS INTO JERUSALEM. OUR STEPS HESITATED AND FALTERED DURING HOLY WEEK WHEN WE ATE WITH OUR LORD AND THEN RAN FROM HIS CRUCIFIXION. IT WAS SO HARD FOR US TO REALLY BELIEVE IN THE MIRACULOUS EVENT OF EASTER WHEN OUR BELOVED LORD WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

WE, LIKE THOMAS, WONDER IF IT WAS REAL OR SOMETHING MADE UP FROM DESPERATE LONGING. HELP US TO LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS WITH OUR HEARTS AND OUR EARS. REMIND US THAT THE LORD BRINGS HIS PEACE TO US ALL. AMEN.

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HYMN

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

#67 v1-3

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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GOD OF RESURRECTION POWER, BREAK THROUGH THE LOCKED DOORS OF OUR CERTAINTY TO ENCOURAGE OUR WONDERINGS AND OUR QUESTIONS. BREAK THROUGH THE WALLS OF OUR FEARS OF OTHERS, THAT WE MIGHT MAKE ROOM FOR ALL. BREAK THROUGH OUR DOUBT AND CONFUSION, THAT WE MIGHT COME TO KNOW YOUR PRESENCE MORE FULLY IN OUR LIVES AND OUR WORLD. AMEN.

Adapted from *Before the Amen* Maren C. Tirabassi and Maria I. Tirabassi, editors

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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SUNG RESPONSE

Adapted from #769

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Hear our prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
And grant us your peace.

SCRIPTURE Ps 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20: 19-31

LITANY

Screen

One: We've been in hiding for too long.

MANY: Perhaps we should open the doors of our lives to welcome whatever comes.

One: But suppose that destruction, fear, and death arrive at our door?

MANY: Jesus always said to us "Do not be afraid, I am with you."

All: Lord, help us to believe.

One: Why is it so difficult to believe?

MANY: We have been disappointed so many times.

One: Do we dare trust that this time will be different?

MANY: Everything is different when we trust in Jesus Christ.

All: Lord, help us to believe.

One: What will we do if we actually see the risen Lord?

MANY: Our fears will be banished and we will live in the truth of Christ.

One: What is the truth of Christ?

MANY: Christ has overcome the bonds of death. He is risen and goes before us.

All: Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Amen

<https://ministrymatters.com> Nancy C. Townley

HYMN

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

#459

MEDITATION Thomas

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 SINS, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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***DOXOLOGY**

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Halle, halle, hallelujah,

Halle, halle, hallelujah,

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

(repeat once)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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GENEROUS GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS WHICH YOU HAVE POURED INTO OUR LIVES. NOW WE ASK YOUR BLESSING ON THESE GIFTS THAT THEY MAY BE USED TO YOUR GLORY. AMEN.

***HYMN**

Peace I Leave with You My Friends

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*If rising from a seated position is an issue for you, please remain seated. The phrase, “Stand in body or spirit as you are able” is intended to give you permission to do so without embarrassment.

Congregational Response to each prayer request is: **Your prayer is our prayer. Your joy is our joy.**

Reminders - Head to <https://stpaulserin.org> for details

04/13 - Council Meeting at 6 PM

04/15 - Women’s Guild at noon

04/16 - Bible Study at 1:30 PM

04/22 - Earth Day gathering at the Prayer Garden at 1 PM - Birds

If anyone would like a reminder text/phone call or a ride to any church event, please call Pastor Bonnie on the church phone.

Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Diane S., Joyce O’K, Mark G., John and Polly E., Mary and Tom G., Lucy K., Steve M., Cheri J., Dave Z. and Gary B.

Greeters for This Week:

Greeters for Next Week: Mark and Debbie G.

Liturgist for This Week: Kay O’K.

Liturgist for Next Week: Jill P.

Following worship, you are invited for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall.