



# ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

235 South Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

*Feel free to follow the order of worship below, clicking on the links for music, the children's moment, and a virtual video of the spoken parts of the service, including the sermon. Note: links for music can be accessed by "right clicking" on the link. Songs from YouTube may have ads. Please know that we have no interest (financial or otherwise) in what is being advertised. Please skip as you are able. The YouTube links include the lyrics to the music, so that you can sing along.*

*In this time of COVID19, the gifts that you share of your time, your financial resources, and yourself are valuable and much needed ways to worship. Your offering of money may be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours, mailed to the church office, or given by PayPal or Realm through the link on our website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>*

\*Courtesy photos in video contributed by the church in honor of the graduates!



### THE CHURCH GATHERS

**We are so proud of our graduates!!**

**Check out the graduation pictures of our congregation!!**

<https://youtu.be/obW-wFtJJP4>

### **PRELUDE**

(During the prelude, let us be in silence preparing our hearts for worship.)

### **SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION**

"I read a wonderful quote from the twelfth century mystic, Hildegard of Bingen, that gave me pause. She described the Holy Spirit as 'the Greening Power of God.' Of course she did not intend that in the context that we might mean by "Greening" something, that is, making it more environmentally friendly. She meant, I believe, that as plants are greened by water, sunlight, and soil, the human soul is 'greened' by the Holy Spirit's presence in one's life. Because of the Holy Spirit the human soul can 'flower and bear good fruit.'"

~ Sandy Olson, *Alternatives for Simple Living*, 20th century

“You never know God is all you need until God is all you have.” ~ Rick Warren

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

<https://youtu.be/8gkwrpbv04I>

(This link contains most of the service.)

Good morning and welcome to worship! No matter who you are, or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here! We worship virtually, with the assurance that the church is not just a building, but more importantly is the people. Where we are, there is church. And when we gather in Jesus' name, Jesus is in our midst.

Please click on the worship bulletin at <http://www.woodstockucc.com/> so that you can access the readings and links to the music used for this service,. You can access the music, readings, children's moment, sermon, prayers, and communion service by right-clicking on the links. The YouTube links include words so that you can sing along. They may have ads. We are not promoting any of these items and encourage you to skip them.

In this time of COVID19, the gifts that you share of your time, your financial resources, and your very self are valuable and much needed ways to worship. Some of us have lost jobs, or had our hours cut significantly. While not everyone may have the ability at this time to give generously of our money, everyone can give through acts of love and service and these are greatly needed. Your offering of money may be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours, mailed to the church office, or given via PayPal or Realm which are available through links on our website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>

**GLORIA PATRI** <http://woodstockucc.com/Music/Gloria%20Patri2.mp3>

## OPENING PRAYER

### HYMN

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

<https://youtu.be/F3WPGbluKZo>

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

“The Comforter”

<https://youtu.be/iGya6d0a6ig>

### ANTHEM

“Homeward Bound”

(Senior Choir 2016)

<http://woodstockucc.com/Music/Homeward%20Bound.mp3>

### SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

read by Melissa Andrews

### SERMON

“Images of Presence”

<https://youtu.be/8gkwrpbv04I>

### WORDS FROM GRADUATE

Stephen McCarthy

<https://youtu.be/eZ5uMybqFLs>

### HYMN

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58e9meQDbSg>

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (including silent prayer and the Lord's Prayer)

**PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN #490** “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

<http://woodstockucc.com/Music/Hear%20Our%20Prayer2.mp3>

**TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERING**

**Note:** *Please continue to support the church with your regular giving. Checks can be sent to the church office. You can also give via the PayPal link and the [new Realm link](#) on the church website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>*

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN** Doxology

<http://www.woodstockucc.com/Music/Doxology2.mp3>

**TO GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Blessed Assurance”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GADPpwtKqg>

**BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

**Resources:** Prayers adapted from Worship Ways and Ministry Matters

Announcements/Birthdays/Prayer List

**REMINDERS:** May 18 – Newsletter Articles Due

May 19 – Election Day

May 19 – 4:00 pm Worship and Music Team meeting

**Opportunities to Gather On-Line:** If you are interested in any of the options below, please call (540-459-3643) or email ([spoffice@shentel.net](mailto:spoffice@shentel.net)) Becky at the church office for more details about how to be involved.

**Worship with St. Paul’s:** Sundays any time after 8 am - posted at [www.woodstockucc.com](http://www.woodstockucc.com) Sunday mornings at 8 am

**Kola Class:** Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am. Join in the discussion and fellowship about upcoming sermon texts and what God might be saying to us through Bible texts

**30-Minute Theology:** Mondays, 7 – 7:30 pm. Men sharing their beliefs and questions about God.

**Virtual 1:1 Coffee or Tea with Pastor Anne:** Wednesdays, 10 – 11am. We can talk about questions you might have, catch up on life in general, share concerns and praises password: 412519

**What’s Up:** Wednesdays, 12 – 1 pm. A youth gathering password: 611460

**Sacred Seasons:** Thursdays, 4 – 5 pm. Women of faith reflecting about God’s presence in their lives.

**Making Sense in This Season:** Thursdays, 8 - 9 pm. For folks balancing the demands of multiple roles while caring for self and soul

**Pastoral visits:**

While in-person visits are not possible at this time, Pastor Anne welcomes opportunities to meet with you by phone or virtually through FaceTime or WhatsApp. Please email or call to arrange a time to meet. Of course, if you have an emergency, please call Pastor Anne immediately. 808-282-4631

**BIRTHDAYS for this week:**

May 17 - Linda Sheetz  
19 - Ron Bankert  
21 - Josh Orndorff  
22 - Josh Rhea  
23 - Teddy Snarr  
24 - Steve Wood

**PRAYERS and CARDS**

Joyce Chamberlain  
Dorothy Corder  
Martin Cullers  
Beverly Dahlgren  
Judy and Jan Dobbins  
Ginger Funk  
Dr. Jerry Germroth  
Randy and Valorie Hockman  
Bill Holsinger  
Kynli Hoover  
Wes Irvin

Jake Johnson  
Daniel Rohne Kasten  
Marcie Lambert  
Nora Long  
Cheri May  
Spencer McIntosh  
Jessie Payne  
The family of Doug Ritenour  
Maddie Ritenour  
Jack Sullivan  
Phil Taylor  
Pete Wright