

# SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

235 South Main Street, Woodstock Virginia 22664

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Sunday School: 9:45 A.M.      Worship: 11:00 A.M.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

### *Come, Grow, Serve*

\*Indicates that the congregation stands

**PRELUDE**                      “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”                      Wilson  
(During the prelude, let us be in silence preparing our hearts for worship.)

### **SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION**

Holy God, in this season of spring, we are surrounded by examples of your abundance, from the verdant green of grass to the colors of redbuds, forsythia, dogwoods, and crabapples. Yet when it comes to our own resources of time, money, abilities, we live under a cloud of scarcity. Open our hearts and minds to the possibilities of living and serving out of your abundance. Amen.

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

L: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**P: We are called to be Easter people!**

L: Darkness cannot claim us!

**P: Fear cannot bind us!**

L: Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen, indeed! AMEN!**

**OPENING MUSIC**                      “The Day of Resurrection”

<https://youtu.be/Czh8YTVfyCU>

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of empty tombs and empty people:  
when we hesitate to speak of your hope,  
forgive us, and give us voice.  
When we find it difficult to love another,  
forgive us, and give us new compassion.  
When we want to stand with the high and mighty,  
forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed.  
When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,  
forgive us, and send us out to share your grace.  
When we cannot believe your Word of new life,  
forgive us, and fill us with your joy.

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Ouchies”

#### ANTHEM

“Were You There” African-American Spiritual  
Hand-Bell Choir

#### SCRIPTURE

Acts 3:1-26

Susan Brill

#### SERMON

“Responding with What We Have”

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things,  
who loves all people.

We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us:  
he sees us for who we are,  
heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.

In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.  
We live by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
which empowers us for self-giving love.  
We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ,  
and for the gift of forgiveness,

**the power of resurrection  
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using "debts" and "debtors")

**OFFERING DEDICATION**

**CLOSING MUSIC** "Savior, Again to thy Dear Name We Raise"  
<https://youtu.be/npczd-NI-XA>

**BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Postlude on Three Easter Carols" Wilson

Organist: Emily Koon  
Music Director: Mary Catlett

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST**

**WELCOME** to this Lord's Day at St. Paul's! It is our hope that all who gather here will be enriched in the fellowship of other Christians and encouraged in the presence of God.

**THE MISSION STATEMENT OF SAINT PAUL'S UCC**, Woodstock VA is to recognize God as our Father, friend to all, and with his help teach the Bible as God's inspired word; to promote and encourage Christianity as the centerpiece in the lives of individuals, families, and the world community.

**PASTORAL VISITS:**

If you would like a visit from Pastor Anne, she would love to visit members and friends of the congregation, respecting social distance on your porch or patio. Please call the church office to schedule a visit.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

The altar flowers are given by Derwood and Kathleen Myers' extended family in tribute to the resilience and unshakeable faith of St. Paul's congregation.

**FLOWERS ON ORGAN:**

The flowers are in Memory of Marcie Lambert from her family.

**REMINDERS:**

- April 18 – 3:30 p.m. Shenandoah Association Meeting on Zoom
- 18 – Herb garden orders due for Stew/Mish Team
- 20 – Bell Choir Practice

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

**BIRTHDAYS for this week:**

- Apr. 19 – Evelyn Neff
- 21 – Carol Rhea
- 21 – Amy Palatnick

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**PRAYERS and CARDS**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Donna Babcock                   | The family of Marcie Lambert |
| Margie Cook                     | Nora Long                    |
| Martin Cullers                  | Cheri May                    |
| Carol Czarneski (Anne’s sister) | Spencer McIntosh             |
| Dr. Jerry Germroth              | Regena Miller                |
| The family of Luke Heird        | Jessie Payne                 |
| Randy and Valorie Hockman       | Craig Smith                  |
| Wes Irvin                       | Patty Snarr                  |
| Jake Johnson                    | Jack Sullivan                |
| Daniel Rohne Kasten             | Pete Wright                  |

Prayers for peace and unity for our great country

Prayers for the families of the 129 people who have died in Shenandoah County from COVID-19