

SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

235 South Main Street, Woodstock Virginia 22664

Office: (540) 459-3643

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

Come, Grow, Serve

*Indicates that the congregation stands

PRELUDE

"In the Garden"

Miles

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

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

If you google "quotes about cornerstones" you will discover a variety of things named as cornerstones, among them: home ownership, higher education, forgiveness, doing what you love, and love. All of these are good, but according to the Bible, Jesus, "the stone the builders rejected, is the cornerstone" (Acts 4:11) In these moments of silence share your thoughts with God about what it means to have Jesus as your cornerstone. Close with a few words of thanks for the ways that Jesus, the Cornerstone, has made a difference in your life.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Suffering Servant becomes the healing source.

Many: The stone rejected becomes hope's cornerstone.

One: The Crucified One is raised to new life.

Many: The God of healing, hope and life is in our midst:

All: Let us celebrate and worship our good God!

OPENING MUSIC “In Christ There is no East or West”
<https://youtu.be/YLxhATZcAbs>

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: This is the good news we have declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ.

All: This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN “Giving Credit “

ANTHEM “Jesus Calls Us o’re the Tumult”
Hand-Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE Acts 4:1-12 Davon Ridgley

SERMON “Building on the Cornerstone”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, who built the Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone upon which the Church is built.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who joins us together in unity of spirit so that we may become a holy people through Jesus

Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with God and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

(using "debts" and "debtors")

OFFERING DEDICATION

CLOSING MUSIC "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

<https://youtu.be/yyYUkvbKOX8>

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Thine is the Glory"

Handel

Organist: Emily Koon

Music Director: Mary Catlett

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

WELCOME to all who gather here for enriching worship and warm fellowship! May the call of Christ find response in every heart.

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 flowers are in memory of Bob Rhodes, Richard and Daniel Dunn given by Barbara Rhodes

REPURPOSING: For more information about how St. Paul's is analyzing how the church is using our assets and meeting the needs of our internal and external communities..... or if you would like to volunteer to be part of this project, please contact David or Susan Brill, Melissa Andrews, or Rev. Anne.

COVID-19 VACCINATION EVENT:

First-Dose Vaccine Drive Thru Clinic – April 29 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds. Shenandoah County residents only - appointments are required at 540-459-3733 or <https://vaccineappointments.virginia.gov/reg/5126699049>

REMINDERS:

April 27 – Bell Choir Practice
29 – 4:00 Sacred Seasons
29 – 5:30 TOPS
29 – 6:00 Girl Scouts
May 2 – Herb Garden pickup

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. 29 – Janice Heishman
29 – Miranda Funkhouser
30 – Rev. Jerrold Foltz
May 2 – Ashley Funkhouser

ANNIVERSARY for this week:

Apr. 29 – Alisha and Trent Williams

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PRAYERS and CARDS

Donna Babcock	Randy and Valorie	Regena Miller
Margie Cook	Hockman	Jessie Payne
Martin Cullers	Wes Irvin	Craig Smith
Carol Czarneski	Jake Johnson	Patty Snarr
Dr. Jerry Germroth	Daniel Rohne Kasten	Jack Sullivan
The family of Luke	Nora Long	Pete Wright
Heird	Cheri May	
	Spencer McIntosh	Prayers for the families of
Prayers for peace and		the 129 people who have
unity for all		died in ShCo from COVID