St. Pauls United Church of Christ



Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024

St. Pauls United Church of Christ Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

(* = YOU MAY STAND.)

PRELUDE: "Prelude and Palm Processional"

arranged by Benjamin Harlan

RINGING THE BELLS AND WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back Guest Musician Ahmi Emig

THE JOYOUS BELLS CHOIR: "Fanfare: Danza"

arranged by Kevin McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Friends: on this day of apparent triumph,

ALL: As the Savior enters the great city,

Leader: Let us dare to join the crowd, **ALL: To shout our loud hosannas:**

Leader: "Hosanna to the Son of David!

ALL: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,"

Leader: The One who can be known as we pray:

Children's Processional (waving palms)

*INVOCATION:

Leader: Triumphant God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us to enter with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon the example of Jesus who rode in on that humble donkey. We raise our palm branches in rejoicing. We lift our voices shouting with people of all times and ages, "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes." Amen.

*OPENING SONG: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #192

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: God of our hosannas, it would be all too easy to embrace a vision of you as entering Jerusalem with all the pomp and circumstance and violence that power provides. And yet, that is not your way. We confess that we often whisper rather than shout our glad hosannas! Help us to lay our lives at your feet and welcome you with shouts of joy. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Pastor: People of God, embrace this word with courage: God offers us the way of hope, humility, and hosannas. Rest in the assurance that we are forgiven and embraced in God's tender love and peace.

*SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And, also, with you.

READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Liturgist's Reading: Psalm 118:19 - 28 (P. 730) Pastor's Reading: Mark 11:1 - 10 (P. 1199)

SERMON: "Shout Out for Jesus" Rev. Stephen J. Davidson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...We ask these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to say when we pray:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*SERMON SONG: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" #190 (vs. 1, 3)

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP (from the UCC Statement of Faith):

We believe in you, O God, eternal Spirit, God of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds in being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.
You seek in holy love to save all people

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth,
our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself ...

from aimlessness and sin.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

Leader: The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope of God among grateful people. Today we are invited to lay down our treasure as an outpouring of our gratitude for God's gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us give with shouts of hosanna in our hearts.

OFFERTORY



(Please place your offering in the plates as they are passed, give through your usual method, or click on the QR code to the left by using your cell phone camera and clicking on the St. Pauls Giving website.)

THE JOYOUS BELLS CHOIR:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arranged by Patricia Sanders

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God for all that love has done Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.

*DEDICATION

Leader: God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" #191 (vs. 1, 4)

*BENEDICTION:

Pastor: As we go forth to wave our palm branches,

ALL: Let us be guided by these words:

Pastor: Go forth into the world in peace.

ALL: Be of good cheer.

Pastor: Hold fast to that which is good. **ALL: Render to no one evil for evil.**

Pastor: Help the afflicted and support the weak.

ALL: Love and serve God,

Pastor: Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

* POSTLUDE: Medley "Jesus Paid It All"

Adapted from *Fear: Service Prayers for Palm/Passion Sunday Year B* was written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbot, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.



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RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Lectionary Readings for March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday

~Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 ~1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ~Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 ~John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Lectionary Readings for March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

~Acts 10:34-43 ~1 Corinthians 15:1-11

~Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

~Mark 16:1-8

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Mar 24 Amy Krohn
Mar 31 Tom Lindow
Apr 7 Gladys Hoagland

USHER SCHEDULE:

Mar 24 Team #5: Nooyen, Toebe, Tracy
Mar 31 Team #6: Dethloff, Krohn

Apr 7 Team #1: Maury, Martin, Rubatt, Seehaver

GREETER SCHEDULE: COFFEE HOUR HOST:

Mar 24 Tom & Kam Lindow Pam Gibowski & Kate Tracy

Mar 31 Amy Krohn Deacons Breakfast

Apr 7 Mike & Amy Dethloff Jean Lipenski

COURTESY DRIVER:

Mar 24 Chris Sparrow Mar 31 Sue Schuelke Apr 7 Sue Schuelke

OUR STAFF:

Interim Pastor: Reverend Stephen J. Davidson

Guest Musician: Ahmi Emig
Bell Choir Director: Chris Sparrow
Pastor Emeritus: Russell Knoth

Admin. Assistant: Michelle "Mickey" Jegl

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Mickey: Tuesday - Friday, 11am - 3pm, Sunday, 10:30am-11am Pastor Steve: Wednesday 10am-12pm or by appointment

## CPR (Church and Pastor Relations Committee) MEMBERS

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Don't forget to complete the Who's In The Pews Form located on the end of the pew near the main aisle. PLEASE put completed forms in the offertory plate.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday service: March 28th at 7:00pm.
- Easter Sunday, March 31st: an outdoor service on the front lawn of the church at 8am, weather permitting, a continental breakfast, and a traditional Easter service at 9:30am.

#### **ATTENTION CONFIRMATION FAMILIES**

Pastor Steve is on vacation, or in his UK tradition, "on holiday," the first week of April. The April 7th confirmation class has been postponed to April 14th.

#### TREASURER NEEDED

We are still in need of a volunteer to sit on the Church Cabinet and perform the treasurer duties. If you can balance a checkbook and understand how to pay bills electronically, we can teach you the rest. Prior treasurer's include: Tom Lindow, Amy Dethloff, and Andy Toebe; they'd be happy to answer your questions. We need a detail oriented person willing to give some time to do the Lord's work. If interested, please contact Mickey or Chris Sparrow.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24 Palm Sunday

9:30am - Service

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - CPR

## **TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

7:30pm - Bell Choir

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

7pm - Maundy Thursday Service

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

9:00am - Meditation Group (for more info, contact Terry Tracy, terencepatricktracy@gmail.com)

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 31** Easter

8:00am - Easter "Sunrise" Service (front lawn)

8:45am - Easter Breakfast

9:30am - Easter Service

10:45am - Fellowship

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

7:30pm - Bell Choir

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

6:15pm - Cabinet

7:30pm - Board of Trustees

7:30pm - Board of Deacons

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

9:00am - Meditation Group (for more info, contact Terry Tracy, terencepatricktracy@gmail.com)

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

9:30am - Communion Service

9:45am - Children's Church

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Confirmation Class postponed until April 14 (Pastor Steve on holiday today)



## St. Pauls United Church of Christ's Mission Task Force

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Invites You to attend a



Tuesday, April 16, 2024

5:30 - 7:30pm

(5pm dinner)

\$20/person

Presented By: Treva Wetherell, Life & Leadership Coach & Terri Donlin, ICF Certified Coach

Based on *Positive Intelligence*, this workshop will help build your mental fitness so you can remain calm, clear-headed, stress-free, even in the middle of handling life's greatest challenges. You'll learn about three core mental muscles and practices to help grow them, so you can shift your inner balance of power from your Saboteurs (your negative self) to your Sage (your positive self).

And there will be fun and laughter along the way!

Register through St. Pauls UCC's website stpaulsucc.org or click the QR code:

#### Questions?

Call the church office during the hours of 11am - 3pm Tues-Fri at (262) 251-5160 or leave a message.

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