

St. Pauls United Church of Christ



Fresco from Decani Monastery of Christ appearing to the Apostles after the Resurrection

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 2024

St. Pauls United Church of Christ
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

(* = YOU MAY STAND.)

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELLS, WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back Guest Musician Tim Hoeller

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Friends - as we move through the season of Easter,

ALL: We do so with gladness of heart.

Leader: As we shout our alleluias,

ALL: As we proclaim again that Christ is risen,

Leader: The risen Christ dwells among us,

ALL: Reminding us that no matter who we are,

Leader: Or where we are on life's journey,

ALL: We are welcome here,

Leader: And eager to praise God as we pray:

***INVOCATION:**

Leader: Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart that we can dwell in your presence, abide in your mercy, be filled with your justice, and be made new by your love. In your name, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING SONG:** "The God of Abraham Praise" #24 (vs. 1 and 3)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

ALL: Loving God, in your infinite wisdom, show us your way.

When we go astray, forgive us. Show your love, bring your peace, magnify your hope, reveal your way. By your grace and mercy, guide us and empower us by your Spirit to be your people. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Pastor: Friends - be assured of God's forgiveness. Through God's forgiving mercy and grace, we are set free, free to experience the risen Christ, free to set our feet on the way of Christ, which is the way of 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: 1 John 3:1 - 3 (P. 1483)

Pastor's Reading: Luke 24:36 - 44 (P. 1262)

SERMON: "That I May See" **The 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 (ALL QV)

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**

"Open Our Eyes"

#586

***CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP** *(from the United Church of Canada)*

We believe in God,
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come to us in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust God.

We are called to be the Church:
 to celebrate God's presence,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus,
 crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.
 We are not alone.
 Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Leader: All are invited to give joyously to the church that bears witness to Christ's love. Let us give with a joyful heart. God's generous love has given us every good and gracious gift. We offer our gratitude for God's abundant blessings in our lives. Let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed us.

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.)

***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: Holy God - may these gifts of blessing be a sign of your love, light, and glory. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “He Lives” #226 (vs. 1 and 2)

***BENEDICTION:**

Pastor: As we go forth to be God's people,

ALL: May we experience the risen Christ,

Pastor: Who abides with us in trial and rejoicing,

ALL: As we become God's servants in the service of others,

Pastor: Proclaiming the gospel to all the world,

ALL: That all may know God's justice and peace.

Pastor: Go in peace, and may God go with you always.

ALL: Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Adapted from *Witnesses of These Things: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter* was written by The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey, Pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ.



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RESOURCES FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Lectionary Readings for April 21, 2024 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

~Acts 4:5-12

~1 John 3:16-24

~Psalm 23

~John 10:11-18

LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

Apr 14 Kate Tracy
Apr 21 Amy Dethloff
Apr 28 Mike Dethloff

USHER SCHEDULE:

Apr 14 Team #2: Gibowski, Gardebrecht
Apr 21 Team #3: David, Lindow, G. Hoagland
Apr 28 Team #4: Medrow, Schweigert, Maury, L. Hoagland

GREETER SCHEDULE:

Apr 14 Gardebrechts
Apr 21 Mary Kubesch
Apr 28 Shawn Frank

COFFEE HOUR HOST:

Eileen Mattfeld
Sue Schuelke & Mike Gresen
Shawn Frank & Elaine Laabs

COURTESY DRIVER:

Apr 14 Gibowskis
Apr 21 Julie Loth
Apr 28 Chris Sparrow

OUR STAFF:

Interim Pastor: Reverend Stephen J. Davidson
Guest Musician: Tim Hoeller
Bell Choir Director: Chris Sparrow
Pastor Emeritus: Russell Knoth
Admin. Assistant: Michelle “Mickey” Jegl

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Mickey: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8:30am - 2pm,**  
**Sunday, 10:30am-11am**

Pastor Steve: Wednesday 10am-12pm or by appointment

**OFFICE HOUR CHANGES NOTE ABOVE**

**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**  
**OFFICE CLOSED NEXT WEEK:**  
**Monday, April 15 - Friday, April 19**

Pastor Steve will be IN the office on Wednesday as usual. If you do not have access to the building and will need access this week, please send an email to [saintpaulsinthefalls@gmail.com](mailto:saintpaulsinthefalls@gmail.com) so arrangements can be made.

**DENISE “DENI” SERIO**  
**Her Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, April 18th at 6pm.**

**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; 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.

**NEW MEMBERS**

New members will be received April 28. If you desire to be received as a member of this community, either by letter of transfer or profession of faith, please contact the pastor (989.388.7657). According to our Constitution, only active members of the church have the right and the privilege to vote at called meetings of the congregation.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

9:30am - Service

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Confirmation Class

10:45am - Prayer Shawl Ministry

10:45am - Mission Task Force Meeting

### **MONDAY, APRIL 15**

6:30pm - Open Knit/Crochet Night

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

5:00pm - Dinner begins for Mental Fitness Workshop

5:30pm - Mental Fitness Workshop

7:30pm - **NO** Bell Choir practice - moved to Wednesday

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

7:30pm - Bell Choir practice

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

6:00pm - Celebration of Life for Deni Serio

6:30pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

6:30pm - Jigsaw Puzzle Night hosted by Women's Fellowship

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

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

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

9:30am - Service

9:45am - Children's Church

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - Confirmation Class,

10:45am - Women's Fellowship Mtg

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

7:30pm - Bell Choir practice

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

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

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

9:30am - Service

10:45am - Fellowship

10:45am - CPR Meeting



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



Invites You to attend a

# Mental Fitness Workshop

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](http://stpaulsucc.org) or click the QR code:



Questions?

Call the church office during the hours of 11am - 3pm Tues-Fri at  
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SPACE STILL AVAILABLE! Join us the day of the event!