April 3, 2022 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements ~ Don Tulley

Prelude ~ "Wayfarin' Stranger" ~ Karen Danke

Procession of the Cross and the Elements of Communion

Call to Worship ~ responsive

Leader: Come into the gates of the Lord with Thanksgiving.

People: We come to the Lord with hearts full of praise.

Leader: Leave behind former things which hinder and harm.

People: And let us instead live our lives in reflection of God's love and grace.

Amen!

*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit

*Hymn #836 ~"Abide with Me"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ in unison

Jesus, through your life, death and resurrection you have shown us great love and care. We thank you and we praise you. For the times when we have strayed from your call for our lives, forgive us. Wash us clean with your blood so that we may renew our new lives in your kingdom. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Responsive Chorus #551 ~ "Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Offering Prayer

*Doxology #606 ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Traditional)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 43:16-21

Special Music ~ Katie Achterhof

Christian Scripture ~ John 12:1-8

Message ~ "Anointing and Arguing"

*Hymn #423 ~ "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation #184 ~ "Calm to the Waves"

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.

The Lord's Prayer ~ in unison

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ~ responsive

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

"All Belong Here" ~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many

Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.

Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.

At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding's ok.

At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.

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Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #626 ~ "As the Deer"

*Benediction

*Response #458 ~ "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Congregational Meeting

CCLI#2342595/20863950 CVLI#504369287

A Meeting of the Congregation is called for today, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of presenting amended bylaws for approval.

THANK YOU ST. PAUL'S!!!

At the beginning of March, at the request of the Mission Committee, you were asked: "CAN you help Crossroads Soup Kitchen with their month of March request for CANned meat and CAN openers?" Of course, we knew you could and you did! With the donations dropped off in the lobby and the monetary donations which were used to purchase additional CAN openers and CANned meat, St. Paul's will send 140 CAN openers and 290 CANS of meat to be distributed to the guests at Crossroads!!! The Mission Committee is grateful for your generous support as St. Paul's once again reaches out and blesses our neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity.

The final **Lenten Study** will be Wednesday, April 6 with a soup and bread supper beginning at 6:00PM. The study will begin at 6:30PM and will also be offered virtually. Please sign up in the lobby for in person attendance. The goggle meet link will be in the ebranch and the website.

Next Sunday, April 10, in celebration of the April 8 Detroit Tigers opening day, please wear your favorite Tiger garb and prepare to stay after worship to enjoy some Detroit favorites - Ball Park Franks, Better Made chips, Vernors and Faygo!!

An update from your Board of Deacons...To support their outreach ministries, the deacons will offer a tulip plant - not yet blooming - but ready for planting, which will be available on Easter morning. For a donation of \$10.00 per plant, you may memorialize or honor someone by completing the form available in the lobby and enclosing cash or a check made payable to the St. Paul's Board of Deacons. Your donations will be acknowledged in the bulletin for the ebranch and in the announcement page available in the Narthex each Sunday. The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 11.

The Maundy Thursday service on April 14 at 7:00PM will be hosted by Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. Their session has provided St. Paul's and the other partner churches with their current Covid guidelines. All those participating in the combined choir <u>must be fully vaccinated</u> - masks are optional. For the congregation - masks are now optional for those fully vaccinated. Masks will be available for all those who need/want one.

Reminder: Thank you to those who have donated to the 2022 Per Capita assessment. Each year the churches in the Presbytery are assessed PER EVERY MEMBER on the roll. Asking the membership to voluntarily donate greatly reduces the burden on the General Fund. There is also an opportunity to donate to the Shared Mission campaign. \$32.00 per member is currently assessed toward St. Paul's 2022 commitment of \$4,330.24.

August Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley Mark Feely, Phil Decker, & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor

Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock

Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet

MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne; Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.