

April 12, 2020 ~ Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements ~ The Rev. Paul V. Stunkel

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118) ~ *responsive*

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Praise #614 ~ "Great Are You, Lord"

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!

Great are you, Lord!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**you are invited to stand as you are able*

***Hymn #236 ~ "The Strife Is O'er"**

*** Prayer of Confession ~ in unison**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;**

we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***The Peace of Christ**

Breathing Prayer

Response #455 ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

***Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand. (repeat)***

Epistle ~ Romans 1:1-6 ~ Salutation

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Special Music ~ “The First Song of Isaiah” (J.N. White)

Gospel ~ Matthew 28:1-10 ~ The Resurrection of Jesus

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Art work by Christie Piastowski

Message ~ “God’s NO! and learning to say No and Yes.”

***Praise #616~ “Our God Is an Awesome God”**

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

***Affirmation of Faith** ~ The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontus Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***Hymn #525** ~ *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* ~ verse 1

*Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Community Prayers and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Signs of Resurrection ~ Bread and Cup

Prayer

***Hymn #232** ~ *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

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In lieu of the traditional purchase of tulips to grace the sanctuary, donations have been made to the Board of Deacons to support their hunger ministry. These are the donations received as of April 11.

Board of Deacons Donations 2020

Pattie & Al Benoit	Give thanks for everything good in their lives
Steve Boyak	In memory of Arnold Boyak In memory of Doris Boyak In memory of Betty Barclay
Yvonne Cameron	In memory of her dear husband, Jack
Leigh Emmett	As a gift to the Board of Deacons
Carol Falle	In memory of all her loved ones
Pat & Bill Garvey	In honor of their children and grandchildren In memory of their loved ones
Bob & Sandi Liebertz	In honor of all Medical Personnel and First Responders
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Allen & Chery Nicholas	In memory of their granddaughter, Haleigh Katherine Nicholas In memory of Eli Nicholas, Allen's father In memory of their parents and grandparents In honor of their children, John, Carrie, Scott, Maria, Mark, and Katie Nicholas In honor of their grandchildren, Jessica, Joey, Juliana, Brendan, Eli, and Jaxon Nicholas In honor of the St. Paul's Staff As a gift to the Board of Deacons
Don & Kathy Potter	In memory of Beatrice Dingess and Donald and Margaret Murphy In honor of Mardon and Carol Murphy
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Wanda & Bob Seymour	In memory of their parents, Helen and Jim Hoyer and Ann and Ken Seymour In honor of their children, Jenn Penix and Bryan Casebere In honor of their grandchildren, Soraya, Sebastian, Sadie, Paige, and Finn
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Kathy & Bill VanEck	In memory of Mary Frandsen

Brent & Kathleen Warren

In memory of Bill and Kay Warren
In honor of Dorothy Warren

Mike & Margaret Weber

In honor of their grandchildren, Trinity, Briana, Kellen, and Kayla

A few announcements...

The Mission/Outreach Committee sent a donation of \$1,000.00 to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan from the funds received from the previous dress sales. A note of thanks was received, stating that the funds were matched dollar-for-dollar by other generous donors.

The President and CEO, Gerry Brisson writes, “While many people are at home, my team is working overtime to get food to kids, families, and seniors who are especially hard-hit by our current state of emergency. Fortunately, folks like you are willing to step up and help so that together we can bring hope to our hungry neighbors. You can be sure of the gratitude of my team and all the people we serve. I am deeply honored to have you stand with us in these difficult times. Be well and rest assured that you are making a tremendous difference.”

St. Paul’s remains grateful for your financial support – helping us keep up with our obligations! And, IF you are out and near the church and don’t want to rely on the mail, there is a secure mailbox near the doors that is emptied every day. As a measure for conserving resources, the trustees have shut down the boilers in anticipation of greatly reducing the Consumers Energy bill.

And about that March Branch that you probably received this week!

That was not intended to be an April Fool’s edition!

It was in the mail system somewhere for 3 weeks plus!! Sorry!!

With the latest guidelines, all of the worship services in April will be live-streamed at Hangouts Meet (meet.google.com/qas-atta-syp) or phone at 484-998-0624 PIN: 639 106 034#.

May the joy and peace we find in our resurrected Lord bless and keep you and your family. Stay well!!