

April 24, 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta

Prelude ~ *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* (an excerpt -arr. M. McDonald) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: People of God, do you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord?"

People: We do. Christ is the Lord of our lives and all creation.

Leader: And do you believe in your hearts that Jesus was raised from the dead?

People: We do, rejoicing in the victory that was won over in death and in the resurrection. Amen.

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn #353 ~ "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Holy Lord Jesus, you have called to us and we did not listen. You have shown yourself to us and we have not seen. Lord, in your mercy open our hearts and minds so that we may recognize you in our lives and believe you in the times when we do not see you. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Responsive Chorus #240 ~ *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #267 ~ *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* (v. 1)

*Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!.*

Offering Prayer

\*Doxology - *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* (Avery & Marsh)

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

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture - Psalm 150

Special Music - *"What Does the Lord Require of You?"* (#70-Glory to God);  
*"He Is Risen Like He Said"* (S. Peterson) - Celebration

Christian Scripture - John 20:19-31

Message - "Thomas and his doubts"

\*Hymn #729 - *"Lord I Want to Be a Christian"*

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation #286- *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

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.

\*Hymn #649 - *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

\*Benediction

\*Response #232 - *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"* (v. 4)

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

Postlude - *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* (an excerpt -arr. M. McDonald)

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**NO Sunday School TODAY.**

**THANK YOU to our brothers and sisters who are serving at Crossroads Soup Kitchen in Detroit this morning! In addition to the volunteers who are serving, St. Paul's provided \$800 in financial assistance, which included your donations received on "Souper" Bowl Sunday and a donation from the dress sale proceeds.**

**The Livonia Community Theatre presents a production of *Forever Plaid*, on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 – both at 7:00PM with a matinee on April 30 at 2:00PM. Admission is \$15.00. CASH only at the door or online at the LCT website.**

**Information from Kathy Potter..."ROMANS will next be meeting on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** following worship in the Social Hall for a meal, fellowship & Making Necklaces for BINGO at the nursing facility on 5 Mile Rd under new ownership & named Majestic Care of Livonia!! As of now, St. Paul's is not running Bingo, but has been in touch with the activities people & they are happy to receive them for their residents' in house activities. Please plan to join us for this enjoyable artistic event! Watch for the sign-up in the lobby & sign-up!  
This helps with meal planning! Thanks!"

**A message from the Board of Deacons:**

**CARES in Farmington Hills has been providing comprehensive support services to 500+ families in 9 cities in the form of a food pantry and store. Located in what used to be St. Alexander's Church on Shiawassee Rd., this organization has been operational since 2017, providing food, clothing and other household goods to the surrounding 9 cities. CARES has reached out to St. Paul's in the hope that we could partner in their campaign to fill the store with items that are sometimes difficult to acquire by families in dire financial straits by asking for donations of 4-Roll packs of bathroom tissue (this size is necessary for distribution purposes) and Laundry detergent. These items may be dropped off in the lobby. The deacons would like to distribute these items to CARES by the end of May. All are invited and encouraged to attend the **GRAND OPENING of CARES of Farmington Hills on May 1<sup>st</sup>**, beginning at 1:30PM and ending at 4:00PM.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**PLEASE RSVP to this invitation at <https://caresfh.charityproud.org/eventregistration/index/8407> on or before April 27 for the tour of the facility located at 27835 Shiawassee Rd. All are welcome!**

**The Board of Deacons thanks you for your support!**

**Highlights from the April 19 Session Meeting:**

- 1- Please, welcome our new Music Director, Mark Handford
- 2- Communion on May 1st will return to 'served' communion using food handlers gloves to serve bread. Single serve communion packets will still be available to those who prefer them.
- 3- Passing of the peace may again include hand shakes or hugs if comfortable doing so.
- 4- Please support St. Paul's Foundation by using the envelope found in your Month of May offering envelopes.
- 5- Thank you to those that will be volunteering at Crossroads on Sunday, April 24th

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

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 Iaquina ~ 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.**

**The Board of Deacons thanks the following for their support of the tulip sale...**

<b>Anonymous</b>	<b>In memory of Nola Bonandrini In honor of Ben Bonandrini</b>
<b>Pattie &amp; Al Benoit</b>	<b>In honor of their beloved grandson, Kyler</b>
<b>Yvonne Cameron</b>	<b>In memory of Jack Cameron</b>
<b>Cheryl Dove</b>	<b>In memory of Richard Dove</b>
<b>Gary &amp; Terry Earnley</b>	<b>In memory of Gail Artinian In memory of Nola Bonandrini</b>
<b>Pat Hutchison</b>	<b>In memory of Gaylord and Dorothy Sweany In memory of Gerald and Mary Hutchison</b>
<b>Sandi Liebertz</b>	<b>In memory of Nola Bonandrini</b>
<b>Joyce MacLennan</b>	<b>In memory of Dave MacLennan In honor of her sons, Allan and Dan and their families</b>
<b>Pam &amp; Bruce Phillips</b>	<b>In honor of all their wonderful family-immediate and church</b>

<b>Sue Rakay</b>	<b>In honor of her family and friends</b>
<b>Janet Sandin</b>	<b>In honor of her daughters and sons-in-law, Shari and Michael and Rhonda and Adam</b> <b>In honor of her granddaughter and grandson-in law, Emma and Jeremiah</b> <b>In honor of her grandson, Dillon</b> <b>In honor of her great grandsons, Joseph and Jackson</b> <b>In honor of her great granddaughters, Eliana and Olivia</b>
<b>Wanda &amp; Bob Seymour</b>	<b>In memory of their parents, Helen and Jim Hoyer and Ann and Ken Seymour</b> <b>In honor of their children, Jenn Penix and Bryan Casebere</b> <b>In honor of their grandchildren, Soraya, Sebastian, Sadie, Paige, and Finn</b>
<b>Kathy &amp; Bill VanEck</b>	<b>In memory of Mary Frandsen</b> <b>In honor of Barb VanEck</b>
<b>Mike &amp; Margaret Weber</b>	<b>In honor of their grandchildren, Trinity, Briana, Kellen, and Kayla</b>

# 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

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Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.