



**St. Paul's  
United Methodist Church  
April 21, 2024 - 10:30 AM Service  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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*We welcome you, trusting that this time of worship will open our hearts to experience the Spirit's movement among us. Together, we seek peace, health, and wholeness as we gather in God's presence.*

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*\*Indicates a standing portion of the service. Please stand as you are able.*

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**Gathering as The Beloved Community**

**Gathering Music**

“Pavan”  
by W.Byrd  
“Kommt Zu Mir, Sprecht Gottes Sohn”  
by J. Pachelbel

*Sondra Wayman, organ*

**Greeting & Welcome**

*Rev. Beckie Sweet, senior pastor*

**\*Sharing Love and Peace with All**

**Centering Music**

“The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm”  
arr. by Bobby McFerrin

*IC Jazz Vocal Ensemble  
Dr. John White, director*

**\*Call to Worship**

Though the way seems long and the road rough,  
**Yet will we trust the One who leads us.**

Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome,  
**Yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.**

It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls.  
**It is Christ who gives us hope and peace.**

**\*Singing Together**

“Christ Has Risen”

FWS #2115

**Opening Prayer**

**Encountering God Through the Word**

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 23 (KJV)**

*Unison*

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul:**

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for  
thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:**

**thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**John 10:11-18** (NRSVue)

*Lorraine Miner*

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes<sup>(a)</sup> it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **A Message for All God’s Children**

*Following this, children ages 4-11 may go to “Curious with Christ.”*

#### **Special Music**

“The Prayer of St. Francis”  
arr. by The Burns Sisters

*IC Jazz Vocal Ensemble  
Dr. John White, director*

#### **Message**

“They Smell Like Sheep!”

*Rev. Beckie Sweet*

### **Responding with Joy and Generosity**

#### **\*Hymn of Response**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

UMH #545

#### **Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

*Jami Breedlove-Crouch*

#### **Offering Our Gifts to God**

#### **Offertory**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”  
Arr. by J. Denton

*Sondra Wayman, organ*

#### **\*Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**How can we express our thanks, O God, for the one who laid down life itself in witness to your love for all people? We are aware that many have not experienced that love. We see the need, and we want to respond. Use what we offer today to bring healing and peace where they are most needed. Draw us together as one flock in the care of one shepherd, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### **Going Forth to Serve and to Bless**

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

“We Are All One in Mission”

FWS #2243

#### **Announcements**

## Dismissal with Blessing

### Postlude

“How Majestic is Thy Name”  
by F. Ritter

*Sondra Wayman, organ*

### PSALM PRAYER FOR HEALING AND RESTORATION

The Lord is (*Name's*) shepherd, they shall not want.  
God makes (*Name*) lie down in green pastures,  
Leads (*Name*) beside still waters; God restores (*Name's*) soul.  
God leads (*Name*) in right paths for God's own name's sake.

Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil;  
For you, God, are with us; your rod and your staff – they comfort us.

You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies;  
You anoint (*Name's*) head with oil; their cup of blessings overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow (*Name*) all the days of their lives,  
And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long. Amen.

### -----PRAYERS-----

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, confidential concerns seen only by those who participate in the Prayer Chain, please contact Pastor Beckie at [pastor@stpaulsithaca.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsithaca.org).

**Prayer Requests:** Tricia Barnes-Garback (Gorham); Kathleen Jacklin; Todd Smith (brother of Linda Yetter); Mary and Matthew Boardman; Kevin Harvey. Pray for healing within the United Methodist Church, especially for those who are excluded because of sexual orientation and gender identification. Pray for those preparing for General Conference.

Prayer requests will be published in the bulletin for four weeks. If you would like someone to remain on the list, contact Jami Breedlove-Crouch at [lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org](mailto:lovingcare@stpaulsithaca.org) or 607-269- 5509. Please remember that we also need permission from the person listed.

## ***St. Paul's Ministries ~ Week of April 21, 2024***

### **Sunday, April 21– Fourth Sunday of Easter**

10:30am – Worship and “Curious with Christ.”  
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time in Memorial Room  
12:30pm – 1:30pm – Fire and Evac Training -  
Sanctuary

### **Monday, April 22**

### **Tuesday, April 23**

10:00am – Fiber Arts Group – Memorial Room

### **Wednesday, April 24**

### **Thursday, April 25**

6:00pm – Festival Chimes rehearsal – Sanctuary  
7:15pm – Choir rehearsal – Dining Room

### **Friday, April 26**

Church Offices Closed

### **Saturday, April 27**

### **Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10:30am – Worship and “Curious with Christ.”  
11:30am – Coffee/Fellowship Time in Memorial  
Room

**Children and Worship** – Children are always welcome in worship! To help keep hands busy, we have books and toys on the black cart near the main sanctuary door. *Children ages 4-11 are invited to attend “Curious with Christ.”*

### ***It's Hanging Basket Time***

Festival Chimes is once again selling (mainly) hanging baskets as a fundraiser during the month of April. The plants are locally grown in a green house, not from a big box store! Consider the beauty of a hanging basket of Fuchsia, Million Bells, Geranium, Petunia or perhaps you and a friend would like to share a flat (48 plants) of Begonia, Impatiens or Coleus. To order, please go to <https://stpaulsithaca.org/music/> or pick up a form in the hallway near the Festival Chimes Poster Display, returning it with payment to the church office by April 28. Flowers are to be picked up on Saturday May 18th from 10-12pm. Phone 607-277-0759 if you would like to order a different color basket or type of flat.

### ***St. Paul's Seeks Sunday Childcare Provider***

Our Staff/Parish Relations Committee is seeking a Child Care Provider to staff our nursery (Newborn through three) during Sunday worship and rehearsal time. The candidate must be willing to receive Safe Sanctuaries Training, pass a background check, and work with an adult volunteer from the congregation. Please spread the word and encourage all candidates to contact Pastor Beckie at [pastor@stpaulsithaca.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsithaca.org) or Alice Mehlman at [alicemeilman@gmail.com](mailto:alicemeilman@gmail.com)

### ***Village At Ithaca Update***

Thanks to everyone who so generously donated toilet paper--we've already met our goal for the month! All we need now is sixteen bottles of laundry detergent...please help if you can. Thanks!

### **Our Staff**

**Rev. Rebekah (Pastor Beckie) Sweet** / Senior Pastor / [pastor@stpaulsithaca.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulsithaca.org)

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**Sue Orzel** / Custodian

*“St. Paul's is a compassionate community led and transformed by the Spirit.”*

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church, A Reconciling Congregation**

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Find us at [www.stpaulsithaca.org](http://www.stpaulsithaca.org), Facebook and Instagram

**Church Office Hours are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Sunday – Thursday**

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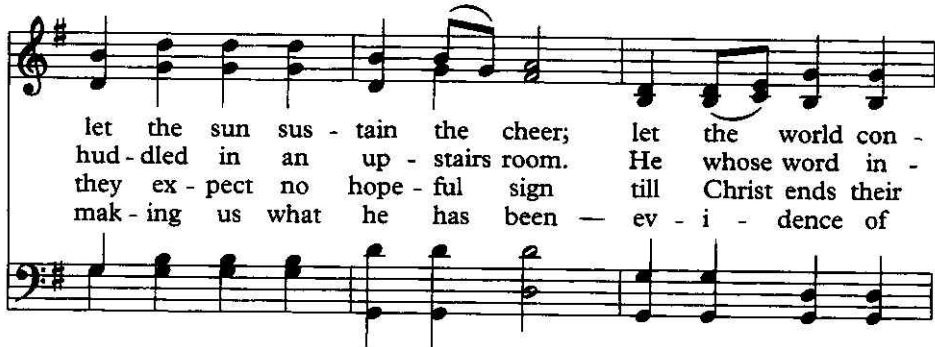
## Christ Has Risen

1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers,  
 2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple  
 3. Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion  
 4. Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er

Christ has ris - en where hope died, as he said and  
 whom he died to love and save; Christ has ris - en  
 for - mer friends who fear the night, sens - ing loss and  
 lives to chal - lenge and to change all whose lives are

as he prom - ised, as we doubt - ed  
 for the wom - en bring - ing flowers to  
 lim - i - ta - tion where their faith had  
 messed or man - gled, all who find re -

and de - nied. Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing;  
 grace his grave. Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples  
 once burned bright. They be - moan what is no long - er,  
 li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent



let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the world con -  
hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose word in -  
they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ ends their  
mak - ing us what he has been — ev - i - dence of



firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.  
con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.  
trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

## The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

## 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Unison*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

*Harmony*

God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-

*Unison*

lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

*Harmony*

Je-sus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it!

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a unison setting of 'Alleluia'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' are centered between the two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a G4 note, moves to A4, Bb4, and C5, then descends through Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, and Bb3. The second staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The bass line starts on a G3 note, moves to A3, Bb3, and C4, then descends through Bb3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, and Bb2. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of each staff.

# We All Are One in Mission

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1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
To touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

WORDS: Rusty Edwards (Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 12:4-6)

MUSIC: Finnish folk melody

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