



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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May 12, 2019 10:15 a.m.

Online Bulletin

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.

Our Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in room 7 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets in the Youth Center at 10am for the opportunity to explore the Bible, express their faith through art and discuss important questions. They join us for Eucharist.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist *Liturgy of the Word*

Prelude

Pastorale

William H. Harris

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.

Entrance Hymn

Awake and sing the song of Moses

Hymnal 181

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer



Glo-ria! Glo-ria! in ex - cel-sis - De - o! Glo-ria!



Glo-ria! peace to all peo - ple on the earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God al-migh-ty, we wor-ship and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Je-sus! on-ly Son of God Je-sus! on-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: Je-sus! have mer-cy on us, Je-sus! you are seat-ed at the right hand of God, re-



ceive our prayer. you are ho-ly, you are Lord, most high with the spi-rit in the



glo-ry of God! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

All stand as able to sing.

We walk by faith

Hymnal 209

Holy Gospel

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

John 10:22-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

All stand as able and together say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

In this Eastertide we rejoice together at the resurrection of Christ. That the world may be commended to the care of the Good Shepherd, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

For churches throughout the world, that they may experience unity and may follow Christ their Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world, that they may turn from oppression, imperialism, and warfare, and seek only the welfare of their peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all mothers and those who give motherly care, that they may follow the example of the Good Shepherd who leads his children to good pasture, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, the hungry, and the sick *especially (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for those affected by recent violence or recovering from fires and floods, that they may find comfort in the one who shelters them with holy presence, guides them to springs of living water, and wipes away every tear from their eyes, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Lorraine Helen, Bill Danforth, Jeremy Brooks *(the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¹ universal; all embracing

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the Grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory Anthem

The 23^d Psalm (dedicated to my mother)

Bobby McFerrin, transcribed by Dan Stolper

Presentation Hymn

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal 708

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 3

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Translation: "Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" - Holy, holy, holy "Benedictus qui venit" - Blessed are those who come

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Christ Jesus come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer



Translation:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

All are welcome to come forward. The table we set is the Lord's. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish to receive a blessing.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshippers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

Meditation on St. Columba

Fred Binckes

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

Go in the peace of the Lord Jesus. May Christ's light shine brightly in your hearts so that you may bring the joy and the hope of Easter to others; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Hymnal 522

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Sortie on Sicilian Mariners

Alfred Fedak

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Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

Check out next Sunday's readings at www.lectionarypage.net

Digital Disciples are in The House!

If you see someone typing on their phone or iPad, know that they are serving as E-vangelists, spreading the Good News far and wide through social media. You too can be a Digital Disciple -

Follow & Post to Twitter: @stpaulsventura

Like & Post on Facebook Group Page: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura, California

Like & Share Facebook Page: St. Paul's Ventura

Evangelism
Sharing the Good News
has never been so easy!

When you arrive at St. Paul's Ventura, make sure you go to Facebook on your phone and check in!

Let your friends know where you are and invite them to join you!



Serving This Week

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| Acolytes | Charlotte & Marina Bretz, Ti Nahabedian |
| Chalice | Maggie Kennedy, Woody Bretz |
| Psalm | Maggie Kennedy |
| Lay Readers | Bridget Wareham, Janet Koehn |
| Prayers of the People | Woody Bretz |
| Cantor | Diego Magaña |
| Eucharistic Prayer Minister | Joanne Wakelee |
| Pastoral Care Team | Kathleen Crookston & Pam Owens |
| Ushers | Elizabeth Rose, Julie Braithwaite |
| Vestry Greeter | Kay Armstrong |
| Welcome Ministry | Jennifer Golland, Gene Pitman |
| Sunday School Leaders | Heidi Trevisan, Sarah Lamola |
| Hospitality | Bruce & Judy Kelly, Woody & Louise Bretz, Bert & Ernie Fickerson |
| Altar Guild | Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge |
| Flower Guild | Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews |
| Counters | Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson |
| Facility Lock Up | Woody Bretz |

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

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| Today 5/12 | 8:00 am | Rite I Sunday Service |
| | 9:00 am | African Team Ministries (Kahler Hall) |
| | 9:30 am | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
| | 10:15 am | Rite II Sunday Service |
| | 11:30 am | Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall) |
| | 11:30 am | African Team Ministries (Kahler Hall) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
| Mon. 5/13 | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall) |
| Tues. 5/14 | 10:00 am | Pastoral Care Team (Library) |
| | 1:30 pm | Comprehensive Growth Project Committee (Room 13) |
| | 6:30 pm | Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall) |
| Weds. 5/15 | 9:00 am | Healing Service (Chapel) |
| | 10:30 am | Bible Study (Library) |
| | 6:00 pm | Finance Committee (Room 13) |
| | 6:30 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
| Thurs. 5/16 | 11:00 am | Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Café) |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
| Fri. 5/17 | 6:30 am | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant) |
| | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study (Library) |
| Sat. 5/18 | 6:45 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |
| Sun. 5/19 | 8:00 am | Rite I Sunday Service |
| | 9:30 am | Newcomer Information Series (Community Room) |
| | 9:30 am | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
| | 10:15 am | Rite II Sunday Service |
| | 11:30 am | Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall) |
| | 11:30 am | Newcomer Information Series (Community Room) |
| | 11:30 am | Music Ministry Open House |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting (Community Room) |

Prayer Intentions for the Week of May 12, 2019

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams
Ed Steever, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, James, Rebecca, Lila, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Stephanie, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Lynn, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, JoAnne Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: *St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiauso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

IN MEMORIUM

Lorraine Helen
Bill Danforth
Jeremy Brooks

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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St. Paul's Announcements May 12, 2019

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.
We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning:
8:00 am-Vicki Paul
10:15 am Bruce & Judy Kelly, Woody & Louise Bretz, Bert & Ernie Fickerson
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00 Bill Brewer, Dela Parker
10:15 Bridget Wareham, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Lori Redding)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.
The Vestry Greeter today is Kay Armstrong, come by and say hello!

Please join us again next Sunday!



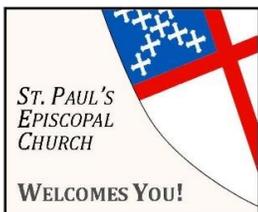
AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES POP-UP SHOP – TODAY Shop and support African Team Ministries. Wares will be on display after church services in Kahler Hall on May 5 & 12. The proceeds from the sale of the handcrafted items will make it possible to provide Drip Irrigation Kits for the families in drought and famine areas. We also resettle displaced people, support orphans, provide AIDS education and prevention and literacy training. African Team Ministries has been serving the churches in East Africa for more than 20 years.



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, May 16th
All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Mimi's Cafe. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office by Sunday, May 12



MUSIC MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY MAY, 19th
Want to become a Jeopardy super-star? Then you need facts. Lots of them! And the easiest way to learn fun, unique, and rare facts is to come to the Music Ministry Open House! Join the Music Ministry during fellowship hour following the 10:15AM service for fun, games, and hands on experiences related to all things music at St. Paul's!



Newcomer Information Series **SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM** (meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall)

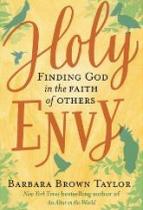
5/19 Getting to know each other and the Episcopal Church
5/26 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries
6/2 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

You are also invited: 6/9 New Member Blessing in Church

Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, EXPLORE THE FAITH All are welcome!



GRADUATION CELEBRATION & ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Sunday, May 26th
At our services on **May 26th**, we will offer a special blessing for anyone graduating from preschool, kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, college and beyond or perhaps transitioning to retirement.
Let us know in advance, if you can, so we can prepare a card with the printed blessing as a keepsake. We look forward to seeing the graduates, but can offer blessings even for those who cannot be present. Join us for an Ice Cream Social after the 10:15am service. Congratulations!

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|  | <p>REACH! FOR LAUNDRY LOVE Our next Reach project will be to support Laundry Love. This program works by bringing items and conversations into local laundromats where guests typically can't afford the expense of doing their own laundry. If you would like to donate items please grab a bag with the list attached in the narthex.</p> <p><i>Collections will be gathered until June 2.</i> Needed items are:</p> <p>Laundry Soap (<u>Pods ONLY</u>) Women's Underwear Dryer Sheets New Socks Quarters Feminine Products(pads/tampons)</p> <p>Checks can be made out to St. Paul's with Laundry Love in the memo line.</p> |
|  | <p>LET'S GO FLY A KITE! – Sunday, June 2 In honor of the Ascension of our Lord. It is a long-standing tradition of St. Paul's Episcopal Church to fly kites as we remember the Ascension. Join us at 4pm At Harbor Cove Beach (across from Ventura Harbor Village). Bring a kite, a friend, some food or don't bring a thing. Just come have some fun as we remember and give thanks to God.</p> |
|  | <p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday June 3 "Holy Envy: finding God in the faith of others" by Barbara Brown Taylor is our current selection. She recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations. Join us at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome. <i>Sponsored by the Daughters of the King.</i></p> |
|  | <p>NIGERIA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP St. Paul's parishioners Dr. Steve Jones, Karen and Tegan Jones are going on a medical mission trip to Nigeria on June 20. Let's help bring medicine and medical care to our brothers and sisters who are in need. Monetary donations may be given to St. Paul's noting "Nigeria Medical Mission" in the memo or they may be written directly to West African Community Mission also noting "Nigeria Medical Mission." <i>Donations will be collected through May 31.</i> All are invited to a "packing Party" at 12:30pm on Sunday, June 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall (Biedermann Hall behind the church).</p> |
|  | <p>SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL—JUNE 23-AUGUST 25. This year's theme is <i>A Family Celebration.</i> We will look at families in the Bible and talk about our own families. Each child will create a scrapbook, adding pages each week. Our teens will be building a town for us to learn about community and who is our neighbor. SUPPLIES NEEDED—Look for the list in the narthex (lobby). We are also looking for volunteers to help. Interested? Please contact Rev. Liz.</p> |
|  | <p>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE Why? Because all are welcome here. In each week's ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul's Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the "Learning Sign Language" playlist. If you enjoy it, share it. Help us spread the word that St. Paul's has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thank you!</p> <p>← This sign means, "I love you."</p> |
|  | <p>June 2 Ascension Sunday – Fly kites at Ventura Harbor June 9 Pentecost Sunday – Celebrate the birthday of the Church June 23 Summer Sunday School Begins</p> |

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