

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, July 1, 2018, the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. Please fill out the newcomer card in the pew and place it in the collection plate or give it to a member of the clergy. Following the service, the clergy will be standing near the doors to greet you. We encourage you to join us for coffee hour in Duncan Hall. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit www.StPaulsSanRafael.org or call our office at 415.456.4842.

At St. Paul's we are all called to follow Jesus together in worship, prayer and service.

Worship

The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Voluntary	Benjamin Cooke
Opening Hymn	705	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	130	BCP p. 784
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	708	Hymnal
Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	716	Hymnal

Postlude The Stars and Stripes Forever John Phillip Sousa

> The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Hanson.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Heather Erickson is our celebrant and preacher today.

Book Study. Tom Witt and Walter Tanner lead a discussion of Cynthia Bourgeault's The Wisdom Jesus, Sunday mornings at 11:30am, beginning July 15. From the book's blurb: If you put aside what you think you know about Jesus and approach the Gospels as though for the first time, something remarkable happens: Jesus emerges as a teacher of the transformation of consciousness. Cynthia Bourgeault is a masterful guide to Jesus's vision and to the traditional contemplative practices you can use to experience the heart of his teachings for yourself. You can order the book at https://www.amazon.com/Wisdom-Jesus-Transforming-Mind-Perspective/dp/1590305809/ref=sr 1 1

Please read the first chapter in preparation for the first meeting.

Great Conversations This Fall. Join Marin Christians of all kinds at St. Paul's, San Rafael to discuss topics of interest. The first Wednesday evening of each month from September to December, St. Paul's will be facilitating three discussions. One is on the demographics of Marin, another is on the necessary wisdom of Medieval women and a third is on the definition of Christian Justice. Each is intended to deepen Discipleship and encourage connections among Marin's Christians. Contact the Rev. Christopher Martin at c.h.mrtn@gmail.com or 415 456 4842 to find out more.

Diversified Portfolio of Service. Service of the poor is a core value for us. There are opportunities to serve probationary teens, our homeless neighbors, isolated seniors, those in prison and poor young families. Call Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out more.

Learning for All Ages. We offer Sunday School, Youth Group and regular Bible Studies and Spiritual Formation classes. Contact Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out more.

Small Groups. The heart of our parish is small groups we call Discipleship Groups, which encourage us to pursue Seven Core Christian Practices. Contact Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.comto find out how you can make your way into these loving and life changing small groups.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Heather Erickson

Choirmaster/Organist: Michael Struck

Acolytes: Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Pamela Barnes Readers: Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Jack Beggs

Altar Guild: Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

PRAYWORSHIPSERVE

PrayWorshipServe is a word we made up and have used for both our Lenten discipline and the retreat we hosted in February. It reflects our mission statement, "Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service." Further, the Vestry is now considering a new, simple phrase, perhaps to go on signs and posters, "St. Paul's Welcomes You to Pray, Worship and Serve."

With that in mind, here are three invitations:

Pray On Saturday, July 14th in the morning I'll begin a round of Basic Discipleship. I will be personally coaching a small group of people how to get into and maintain a daily rhythm of 20 minutes of prayer. Even is you've taken this before, but want to deepen your prayer life, you are welcome.

Worship I just concluded a 3 week teaching on our worship service, in our worship service. The two and a half page list of hints and teachings is still available in the entrance to Duncan Hall. Please take one and mark it up for yourself. To pick just one suggestion from the teaching, consider making it your practice to come 10 minutes early to church and sit in the pew as a way of preparing your heart.

Serve In the month of June we have had three new people express great interest in our Death Row Ministry. But that's not all we offer. There's also Teen Success Breakfast, Worship at the San Rafael Health Care Center, ministry to our homeless neighbors and St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community. A find a place that fits you and get into a weekly rhythm of serving the poor.

The doors are open to you. Making PrayWorshipServe a part of your regular week is a way to take seriously, with your time, the inner pilgrimage, the pilgrimage together and the outer pilgrimage.

Blessings, Christopher

What is Education for Ministry?

- 1. EfM is lay education for anyone who is interested in both spiritual development and information about the Bible, Church History and Theology.
- 2. The format of EfM is small group (6 to 12 people) discussion.
- 3. When you join EfM, you commit to one academic year, September to June, with breaks at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Holy Week.
- 4. All required textbooks and materials are included in the registration fee.
- 5. In addition to the factual information we study, you will develop deep friendships, a way of looking at things through a theological lens, and leadership skills. In concert with your parish experience, EfM will help you discern your ministry, or, in the words of author Frederick Buechner, "the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

WHERE: St. John's Church, Ross

WHEN: Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30, beginning mid-September

COST: \$375 for the year

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REGULAR PRAYER AND STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

Spiritual Forum Sundays at 9am in Duncan Hall

Book Group Sundays at 11:30am in the Upper Room Centering Prayer Group 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7pm in Duncan Hall

Morning Prayer Tuesdays at 7:30am in the Church Bible Study Wednesdays at 10am in Duncan Hall

Bible Study Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Downing Library

WHO'S WHO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Governing Board (called the Vestry)

Pierce Gore (Senior Warden), Walter Tanner (Junior Warden), Ginny Horton, Janie Burtch (Secretary), Buzz Wollam, Libby Silvesteria, John Schaver, Alison Blume, Meg Gorman, Tom Witt and Michael Welcome

Campus Care Steve Avanzino, Keatin Holly, Pat Curtis, David Hardin, Eric Guastavino and Larry Santucci

Finances Holly Pritchard, Lorrie Buggatto and John McDermott

Music Michael Struck

Acolytes and Readers Dawn Rice

Ushers Gary Westover and Larry Santucci

Altar Guild Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Flowers Alex Elliot

Children's MinistryKati DombroskyYouth GroupDavid Hardin

Downing LibraryTom WittEpistle (Monthly Newsletter)Chloe MartinService Bulletins and Centering PrayerChris OlsonSt. Anne'sAlice KingMonthly Book Group and St. Paul's HistoryJoy Moss

Death Row MinistryRichard OliveTeen Success BreakfastGinny HortonSan Rafael Health Care WorshipSue Adamson

St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community Jacob Moody and Kati Dombrosky

PRAYER LIST

Anna, Marie & Donnie, John Laurie Hubbard Martin Secker Cathy Westover Kevin & Tara Linda S Mary Lou Gina Larry W & Family Lori Mentel Miriam

Jayme F Laura Gordon Mark Hardin Susan Munro & Family