

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 19, 2019, the Fifth Sunday in Easter

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 in the bulletin insert

Prelude	Ruhig	Paul Hindemith
Opening Hymn	414	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	148	BCP p. 805
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	Dixit Maria	Hans Leo Hassler
Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	
	Praise God, all creatures here below;	
	Praise God above, ye heav'nly host:	
	Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen	

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest when you are at the altar rail. 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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	339, 487	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	459	Hymnal
Postlude	Phantasie	Paul Hindemith

The Altar Flowers are given by the St. Paul's Cursillo Community to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dana Couey who, through her joyous and generous music, inspired us all to Walk in the Light.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Buddha, Living Christ. All are invited to join us in a convivial book discussion of the classic bestseller by Vietnamese Zen teacher, Thích Nhất Hanh, as we seek to understand the common denominators between two great spiritual paths. We meet in the Upper Room, on the second floor, above Duncan Hall, Sundays between 11:30 and 12:30.

The **RenewalWorks** group (RWG) is inviting you to continue your growth towards being the spiritual leader of your own faith. On Sunday May 19th we will gather during the Spiritual Forum time, from 9 until 10, to reflect on your experience with your Lenten practice and delve into how this practice is finding its way into your everyday life. We will also offer a gathering after the 10 am worship to do the same. Your presence is very welcome. Secondly, the RWG is inviting you to engage deeply in the first signpost, " Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the scriptures" by joining in a congregation reading of the Gospel of John. John will be the focus of the Wednesday Bible Study so if you can join it at 10 am on Wednesdays please consider doing so. And please join in reading and then talking with your brothers and sisters about its profound message.

Summer Book Study. Join the Rev. Carol Luther for four Wednesday evenings in July and August in reading Elaine Pagels' book *Why Religion?* July 3, 17 and 31 and August 14, 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Duncan Hall. Please email Carol at carol.luther@gmail.com to register.

Rime. The Spiritual Forum, from 9:00 to 9:45 each Sunday in the conversation end of Duncan Hall, will be reading aloud and discussing Samuel Taylor Colerdige's great poem, the Rime of the Ancient Mariner. All are welcome to jump in at any time.

John. The Wednesday Bible Study, from 10am to 11:15 each Wednesday in Duncan Hall, will soon be diving into the Gospel of John. All are welcome.

Isaiah. The Thursday Bible Study, from 6:15pm to 7:15pm each Thursday in the Downing Library, will be continuing its study of Isaiah, beginning with the second section, chapters 13-23. All are welcome.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:The Rev. Molly HawesChoirmaster/Organist:Michael StruckAcolytes:Michael Green, Chris Hammond, Eric GuastavinoReaders:Michael Green, Chris Hammond, Judy RowcliffeUshers:Neville Armstrong, Scott HastingsAltar Guild:Michael Green, Judy Rowcliffe, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

FIVE STORY LINES

Here's an orientation and update to five stories unfolding at St. Paul's this month and into the summer:

• **RenewalWorks.** The RenewalWorks group is keeping us focused on becoming spiritual leaders of our own faith. This Sunday, after both services, we are invited to gather with them in Duncan Hall and share stories of our experiences in Lent. Then, in the months ahead we are encouraged to read the Gospel of John along with the Wednesday 10am Bible Study.

• Welcome! Katie T and Kate S are creating great ideas and projects for the next chapter of our ministry of welcoming new folks. God has been sending a lot of new people to us in these last few months. Let's attend to what Katie, Kate and others are going to be sharing with us!

• St. Paul's Forward. Pat C. is leading a team to help us all be better financial stewards. Among our pledged income, gifts, rent from the school and our very moderate financial reserves, our financial picture can be confusing. St. Paul's Forward is shining a helpful light on the resources we share at St. Paul's.

• **Campus.** We are currently pursuing three improvement projects on the campus. This week the new sewer line will be in place, with pipes impervious to the roots of the Redwood trees. We will also likely be moving forward with replacing the retaining wall of the parking lot and the outdoor lights of the education wing.

• **The Summer.** I will be taking some extra time away this summer. My last Sunday will be June 16th and I will be back in time to lead services on August 4th. The Rev. Molly Hawes will be covering the services all 6 weeks that I'm gone, so from June 23rd to July 28th, and also coming in Thursday afternoons this summer to prepare bulletins, make pastoral visits and lead Bible Study.

As it happens, I am preaching at St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville this Sunday. They are leaders of The Restoration Project and now have 9 Discipleship Groups. I've been asked to go and encourage them even more. Of course I'll be sharing the teaching on the new vow on Call. So, Molly will be leading services at St. Paul's this Sunday too. I will be leading Sunday services at St. Paul's the last Sunday of May then and the first 3 Sundays of June.

Blessings, Christopher

REGULAR PRAYER AND STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

Spiritual Forum Book Group Centering Prayer Group Morning Prayer Bible Studies Sundays at 9am in Duncan Hall Sundays at 11:30am in the Upper Room 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7pm in Duncan Hall Tuesdays at 7:30am in the Church Wednesdays at 10am in Duncan Hall Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Downing Library

WHO'S WHO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Governing Board (called the Vestry)

Walter Tanner (Senior Warden), Buzz Wollam (Junior Warden), Libby Silvestri, Tom Witt, Richard Micheli, Katie Taggart, Michael Welcome, Patrick Bowen and Janie Burtch (Secretary)

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 Towery and Larry Santucci
Altar Guild	Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Flowers	Alex Elliot

Children's Ministry Youth Group Kati Dombrosky David Hardin

Downing Library Epistle (Monthly Newsletter) Service Bulletins and Centering Prayer St. Anne's Monthly Book Group and St. Paul's History

Death Row Ministry Teen Success Breakfast San Rafael Health Care Worship St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community Our Homeless Neighbors Tom Witt Chloe Martin Chris Olson Alice King Joy Moss

Richard Olive Ginny Horton Sue Adamson Jacob Moody and Kati Dombrosky Bobby Owen and Ginny Horton

PRAYER LIST

Abby Aiden Schellinger Alberta Buller Andrey Anna, Marie & Donnie Caravan in Mexico David S Jayme F Jerry Robinson Kappen Family Kevin Sobalvarro Larry W & Family Laura Gordon Lynne, Earl, Austen & Levi Love Mark Hardin Mary Lou Olivia Monforte Paradise Survivors Rose Sandy & Herbert Sue Merriman Susan Fischer