

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 26, 2019, the Sixth 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	Rockin' Jerusalem	Spiritual
Opening Hymn	8	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	67	BCP p. 675
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Hymn	The Tree of Life My Soul Has Seen	Insert
Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	
	Praise God, all creatures here below;	
	Praise God above, ye heav'nly host:	

All haptized 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.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	Resucito	Insert
Closing Hymn	405	Hymnal
Postlude	10,000 Reasons	Matt Redman

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assessment of Core Christian Practices Sometime from May 30th to June 9th, please take 3 minutes to fill out this very brief anonymous assessment of Christian practices at St. Paul's and in The Restoration Practice.

Pentecost, the feast where we celebrate the birth of the church, will be June 9th. The 10am service that Sunday will be at Nativity Church at 333 Ellen Drive along with Redeemer, San Rafael and St. Francis, Novato. The Rev. Lynn Oldham-Robinett will be preaching. The 8am service that morning will be at St. Paul's.

Trinity Sunday on June 16th marks the beginning of Ordinary time. To mark the shift, the 8am service will be a celebration of silence, led by Brigitte McCulloch and Pat Curtis.

Time Away. Christopher is taking some extra time away to begin work on his next book. He will be away from June 17th to August 1st. The Rev. Molly Hawes will be covering Sunday services and in on Thursday afternoons to prepare bulletins, make visits and lead Bible Study.

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.

St. Paul's Book Sale. October 5th and 6th. All book donations are welcome, but please not your yearbooks!

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.

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.

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. Christopher H. Martin

Choirmaster/Organist: Michael Struck

Acolytes: Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Demelza Rice Readers: Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Carolyn Welcome

Ushers: Steve Avanzino, Katie Taggart

Altar Guild: Brigitte McCulloch, Kathleen Minor, Ann Lisk, Alex Elliot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

SPIRITUAL LEADERS

I want to briefly draw your attention to four ways people are being spiritual leaders of their own faith at St. Paul's. But first, a public announcement. We are getting the parking lot sealed over the weekend so it will be closed for Sunday services. The lot across the street is available as always.

Here are four ways people are attending to Landmark #1 from our RenewalWorks Team, "becoming spiritual leaders of our own faith."

Gospel of John. We have all been invited to read the gospel of John this season, and probably into the summer too. John is what we're reading in our Wednesday Bible Study at 10am, and at least one new person has joined us. As Always, I recommend the HarperCollins Bible Commentary if you want a guide.

Prayer List. Chris O tends to our prayer list each week, Nancy S. and Brigitte M pray it through every day and our Thursday Discipleship Group prays it through together occasionally. Linda D put someone on the list recently and, although she was on the East Coast, heard some good news and wanted me to tell Nancy. I told Nancy and she cried for joy!

Discipleship Groups. There are pictures of everyone in 4 out of our 8 Discipleship Groups on the bulletin board by the conversation area of Duncan Hall. There are currently 35 people in the groups that are meant to encourage us in 7 Core Christian Practices. Talk to me if you're interested.

Confirmation. Dylan, John, Kati, Zoe and Sara are getting ready to go to Grace Cathedral with hundreds of other Episcopalians to be confirmed by Bishop Marc. Pray for them as they make this public affirmation of their faith!

God is good.

Blessings, Christopher

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 Studies 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 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 CommunityJacob Moody and Kati DombroskyOur Homeless NeighborsBobby Owen and Ginny Horton

PRAYER LIST

Abby David S Kevin Sobalvarro Olivia Monforte
Aiden Schellinger Hasan & Connie Sume Larry W & Family Paradise Survivors

Alberta Buller & Family Laura Gordon Rose

Andrey Jayme F Lynne, Earl, Austen & Levi Love Sandy & Herbert
Anna, Marie & Donnie Jerry Robinson Mark Hardin Sue Merriman
Caravan in Mexico Kappen Family Mary Lou Susan Fischer