

Great Thanksgiving

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Communion

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Prayer After Communion

God of mercy, God of grace, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this Easter feast of redemption. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us living signs of your love; through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

Community Sharing

Offering

Hymn Of Response We Give Thee But Thine Own 360

Hymn I Want Jesus To Walk With Me URW 110

Dismissal With Blessing

Go in the peace and power of the Risen Christ, to love and serve God and your neighbor.

We are sent in the power of Christ's resurrection. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Preaching This Week: Elizabeth Ahern

Next Week: Hannah Marshall

Celebrant: Bob Munshaw

Acolytes: Caitie McPeak, Caden Wayman

St. Paul's Free Methodist Church Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Call To Worship

Lift Your Glad Voices

Insert

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn Of Praise

Sing Your Joy

URW 178

Prayer

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. . . . So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Hymn

Rain Down

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Second Lesson

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Gospel

John 17:6-19

R: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf;

I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

R: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Prayers Of The People

The Peace

By dying, Christ destroyed our death;
In rising, he restores our life;
In giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a few moments to greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.

Doxology

WELCOMING OUR CHILDREN TO GODLY PLAY

Our preschool and elementary-age (3+) children gather Sundays at 9:45a at the Godly Play room door. Here in Godly Play they are creatively and imaginatively engaged with the church's stories, rituals and rites, preparing for the worship and life of the church. Please note that our last Sunday for Godly Play this spring will be June 3; stay tuned for details on the fall schedule.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL(S)

Preteens meet with Pastor Niquita for Sunday School at 10a in the Teen SS Room. Today and next Sunday, May 20, teens join with the Fellowship Hall Sunday School class at 10a. May 27 and June 3 Pastor Rick will meet with teens at 10a in the Mural Room. As with Godly Play, our last Sunday for youth Sunday School this spring will be June 3.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for Sunday School downstairs at 10a for great coffee and stimulating discussion of the lectionary psalm of the day, led by Matt Zahniser.

ST. PAUL'S PRAYS WITHOUT CEASING

Join us, with others from across the community, for Morning Prayer Monday-Friday 7:30-8:00a in the Sanctuary, with prayer, Scripture and Communion. Morning Prayer continues throughout the summer and all year long.

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RESURRECTION 11 11 11 11 (irregular)

1 Lift your glad voices in triumph on high,
2 He burst from the fetters of darkness that bound him,
3 Glo - ry to God, in full anthems of joy;
4 But Je - sus hath cheered the dark valley of sor - row,

for Je - sus hath ris - en, and we shall not die.
re - splend - ent in glo - ry, to live and to save.
the be - ing he gave us, death can - not de - stroy.
and bade us, im - mor - tal, to heav - en as - cend.

Vain were the ter - rors that gath - ered a - round him,
Loud was the cho - rus of an - gels on high,
Sad were the life we may part with to - mor - row,
Lift then your voices in tri - umph on high,

and short the do - min - ion of death and the grave.
the Sav - ior hath ris - en, and we shall not die.
if tears were our birth - right, and death were our end.
for Je - sus hath ri - sen, and we shall not die.

NO POTLUCK TODAY! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

We will gather to feast at our **May potluck** following worship **NEXT Sunday, May 20**, instead of our normal "Second Sunday."

SATURDAY BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER

Come on out to the **Thrift Shop parking lot** for **barbeque** by **Wes Pourchot** this **Saturday, May 19th, 10a-2p**. Support **Jordie File**, who's raising funds for her trip to Spain this summer, and enjoy some locally famous barbeque for lunch!

PRAYER REQUESTED BY THE CLEMENTES

This comes **from our missionaries in Asia, David & Sarah Clemente**: During the month of May, David is in Nepal, visiting five different areas and sharing with our many local churches and FM members. In this time of teaching and training he will have short teaching sessions from the Gospel of Mark, and some of our District Leaders (pastors who are responsible for leading other local church pastors) will also have an opportunity to teach and lead a session or two. Please **pray for God's wisdom in teaching, and traveling mercies** (with six in-country domestic flights and two days of land travel). **Pray for a time of encouragement and affirmation of Free Methodists in Nepal.**

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FAMILY CAMP

Gateway Conference's **2018 Family Camp Week** runs **June 9-15**, and includes daily activities for all ages. Featured speaker is **Rev. Denny Wayman**, lead superintendent of the Southern California Conference (and honorary member of St. Paul's ☺). Register online (**only**) at: <http://durleycamp.org/family-camp>

DURLEY YOUTH CAMPING & SCHOLARSHIPS

Gateway's Durley Camp offers a full calendar of summer camping for individual youth campers as well as families (see above). **EARLY-BIRD PRICES** end this **Tuesday, May 15**. **Partial scholarships are available** for youth campers!—for more info email stpaulsfmc@gmail.com **ASAP**.

The **2018 Durley Youth Camp** schedule is as follows:

- June 18-22 Young Teen 1 (Grades 6-9)
- June 26-29 Guide (Grades 4-6)
- June 30 Day Camp (Grades K-2)
- July 5-7 Trailblazer (Grades 2-4)
- July 9-13 Young Teen 2 (Grades 6-9)
- August 31-September 2 Senior Teen Weekend

Register for 2018 youth camp(s) on the **website (only)** at: <http://durleycamp.org/youth-camps>

GODLY PLAY TRAINING OPTIONS

If you'd enjoy spending an hour Sunday mornings **sharing the stories of God and the Church's traditions with our children**, you might belong on our Godly Play team! Godly Play **Training (required)** is offered this summer in **Dayton, OH (Aug 2-4)**, and (closer yet) **Bloomington, IN (Aug. 24-26)**. All costs—training, transportation, lodging and meals—are **covered by St. Paul's**. Please contact Pastor Ben (ben.wayman@greenville.edu) or Georgann Kurtz-Shaw (georgann.kurtz-shaw@greenville.edu) for more information.