

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 2025

Prelude: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (Scriver, arr. Leonard)

Hymn: “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Welcome of All & Call to Worship

WE PRAISE GOD

***Opening Hymn: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” #158**

***Opening Prayer**

Risen Christ, like the disciples, we often remain unaware and unconscious of your Resurrection. Like the disciples, we often lock ourselves up behind closed doors of insecurity, loneliness, unworthiness, shame and guilt. Come to us in our hiding places and bless us with your presence and peace. Help us to receive you into our darkest places of life so we can live as bearers of your radical peace and forgiveness. In risen Christ, Amen.

***Hymn: “Gloria, Gloria” #72**

Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria! Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia! (sung twice)

***Greeting One Another with the Sign of Peace**

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ with great joy.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture: John 20:19-23

Hymn: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #420

Today’s Message

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns

You may end your prayer with “This is my prayer.”
We all respond with “This is our prayer.”

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Our Father-Mother, 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, forever. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE TITHING & OFFERING

Offertory Hymn: “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood” (early American melody, arr. Hayes)

***Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” ...#95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, ye creatures here below,
Praise God, ye hosts in heaven above,
Praise God, the Trinity of Love. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, as we offer our gifts today, may our hands express the love and power of your grace. Guide us to use our hands not only to receive, but also to give generously, to serve compassionately, and to embrace those in need. May these offerings extend your love and power to the darkest corners of our world, illuminating lives with hope and healing. In risen Christ, Amen.

***Closing Hymn: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” #521**

***Benediction**

The asterisk () indicates “standing” if you are able to do so.*

Coffee hour follows the service. Please join us downstairs in Barber Hall to share refreshments & fellowship.

ST PAUL'S METHODIST FAITH COMMUNITY

Ministers: Each & every one of you

Greeter: Louise C.

Musicians: Dave M.

Sunday School Team: Melissa B. & Karen D.

Bell Ringer: Dave B.

Liturgist: Bob G.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jaegil Lee

Lay Leader: Linda S.

Office Team: Louise C., Joe R., & Veronique R.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Announcements insert.

Have an announcement? Or an update? Or a correction?

Email us at stpauls@stpaulsnewport.net. Please include complete information: what, where, when, who, and how.

DONATING TO ST. PAUL'S ONLINE WITH TITHELY

Thank you for donating to St. Paul's! To donate online:

- Visit stpaulsnewport.net/donate and select the **Donate** button.
- Or scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone's camera and tap the **tithely** button that appears on your screen.



Hope sprouts
Healing grows
Love blooms
St. Paul's Methodist Faith Community



Peace
be
with
you

John 20:19 NIV

April 27, 2025

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Welcome to St. Paul's

We hope worship is fulfilling for you today.

Please join us for refreshments in Barber Hall after the service. Barber Hall is on the first floor directly beneath the sanctuary.

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