



June 16, 2024
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me- Martin/Gabriel

Processional Hymn: *How Wondrous and Great Thy Works, God of Praise!* H-533

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of Praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.*

*To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
Their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
Thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
Till earth's every people confess thee their God.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP, p. 355**
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you... Through Christ our Lord
People **Amen.**

Song of Praise: *All Praise and Thanks to God* Hymn 397, vs 3

*All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given,
The Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
Eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson:**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14 (*Spoken responsively.*)**BCP, p. 720**

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

**2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

**4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

**14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

The Second Reading:**2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(During the singing of the Gospel hymn, a wooden cross will be carried down the center aisle and the children are invited to follow and to go to Children's chapel- they will rejoin their family at the Peace)

Gospel Hymn: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight***H-209**

*We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we bear
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near*

*We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
But in his promise we rejoice; and cry "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, oh Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
To call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:*

*That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are in full and endless sight*

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 4:26-34

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend W.R. "Rusty" McCown

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – Form VI

BCP, p. 392

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For all bishops and other ministers.

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died; that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*Silence*)

Confession

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Lord, Plant My Feet On Higher Ground- Oatman/Gabriel

Presentation Hymn: *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* H-388, vs 1 and 5

*O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *(Sung)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Rick Jackson

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

...And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Our Father, 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Rick Jackson

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Music During Communion

All Who Believe and are Baptized- Kingo/Hassler

For the Fruit of All Creation- Green/Jackson

We invite all who seek God, and are drawn to Christ by the Spirit, to join us at this Table.

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will serve you in your pew.

*If you need to receive a gluten-free host,
please extend hands, crossed, palms down at the communion rail.*

The Prayer after Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant. Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High H-448, vs 1-2, 5-6

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortal's sake.*

*For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought:
By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.*

*For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
For us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*

*All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and for evermore.*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Walk On, O People of God- Cesáreo Gabaráin



TODAY – June 16, 2024

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 6:00 pm

- 10:00 am **Children's Chapel**
- 11:00 am **Lemonade in the Shade – Barnabas Open House**

Special Events

Lemonade in the Shade and Barnabas

The church office is now in Barnabas. Most meetings during the renovations will either be in Barnabas or Founders Hall. This Sunday and next (6/16, 6/23), Lemonade in the Shade will be held at Barnabas. Come enjoy some refreshments and tour the building.

Blue Grass and Stained Glass

Save the dates for **Blue Grass and Stained Glass** at 10:00 am: June 9th, July 14th, and August 11th. **Rite One Eucharist** at 8am: June 2nd, July 7th, and August 4th.

New Meeting Space

During our renovations, all groups will meet either in Founders Hall or Barnabas. We are working on a list and a map for those unfamiliar with Barnabas. Keep checking, News From The Pews, the website, app, or the group leader for more details. Email the office with any questions to shannon@stpaulsfranklin.com. You can also find the staff happily working in Barnabas this week! We will hold the same business hours. Come by to visit!

Episcopal Youth Group (EYG)

Summer Coffees: Join Brett at The Fainting Goat Coffee in Franklin any time between 10-12! June Summer Coffee Dates: Wed, June 26.

Summer Edition- The next EYG Summer Edition is June 23 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Sing your heart out at Karaoke Night! Email Brett your favorite Karaoke song to add it to the list! brett@stpaulsfranklin.com

Week of Wonder Celebration

Everyone is invited to **Jim Warren Park on Thursday, June 20th from 5:30-7 pm** to celebrate a successful Week of Wonder! Fried chicken will be provided. Families with last names beginning with A-P, please bring a side to share, Q-Z please bring a dessert. If you are not volunteering or have a child participating in VBS, please email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com to RSVP to the potluck celebration so we know how many to expect!

Juneteenth Tent

St Paul's plans to have a tent at the Juneteenth celebration at the McLemore House, location of the African-American Heritage Society Museum at 446 11th Avenue North, Franklin, TN. We need a few volunteers to sit with the tent from **11:00 - 3:00 PM on Wednesday, June 19th** to hand out bracelets and enjoy the festivities. We will have two, 2-hour shifts. If all the spots are taken, feel free to come anyway! Please bring a lawn chair. If you would like to carpool, call Jackie King 914-329-3017. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/sp-juneteenth-2024>

You can learn more about Juneteenth here: <https://visitfranklin.com/events/19th-annual-juneteenth-celebration/>

Bad Girls' Book Club

Tuesday, June 25 - Tom Lake by Anne Patchett

Beginning in June, we will meet in Barnabas throughout the rest of the year. Barnabas is the building on Fair Street, across the street from Otey Hall. There is plenty of parking in the lot behind the building. We will have a classroom-type arrangement with plenty of room to spread out.

Women of St. Paul's (WSP) Next Social

July 12 at the home of Mindy Boggs, 320 Hughes Lane in Berry Farms. **Board meeting at 5:00 social at 6:00.** Please bring a snack or beverage to share.

Education for Ministry (EFM) - Registration

St. Paul's EfM (Education for Ministry) group will resume in September but now is the time to register for the upcoming year. Our group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00pm. EfM is an adult formation program for the laity, administered by the University of the South, that examines the bible, church history, and Christian theology. As the EfM website states, "while the course materials provide substantial academic content, the focus of the program is on understanding the call to ministry throughout our daily lives The goal is to become Christians mature in (our) faith who are reflective practitioners of the Way of Love that Jesus himself taught and modeled." Perhaps EfM participant and alumnus, Fred Warner, says it better ... "So, why do I attend EFM? I need the fellowship and conversation surrounding a biblical structure. I need varying reflections from others in the group about their thoughts and actions as a result of the readings. I need the Christian community to continually build on my understanding and forthcoming actions in my daily life. EFM is not a one-time experience, nor a four-year course of study. EFM is a constant renewal process of listening, digesting, and acting on my Christian values." For more information contact Jean Larson at jam.larson@gmail.com or 847-987-6949, or Kelly Pitsenberger at pitz@bellsouth.net.

Weekly Happenings

Women in Theological Studies

WITS or Women in Theological Study is easing into a summer schedule. We will be gathering in various places over the next few months, though always on Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Monna at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527. Here is the June schedule...

June 20 - NO WITS - Week of Wonder at Jim Warren Park

June 27 – TBD

If you have any questions about WITS or wish to be added to our weekly reminder email, contact Monna Mayhall at monna@stpaulsfranklin.com or 615-790-0527.

Announcements

Stephen Ministry

Are you experiencing loneliness, a spiritual crisis, health issues, sadness, transitions in life? Stephen Ministry is here to serve you. Stephen Ministers are trained lay people who meet with Care Receivers one on one to discuss concerns the Care Receiver has in his/her life. Generally, it's a lot of listening on the Stephen Minister's part to help you process your feelings. We have Stephen Ministers who are available to meet with you weekly to help with whatever issue you're facing. Contact Monna Mayhall or Carol Waters if you or someone you know needs an objective listening ear.

Women of St. Paul's Cookbook

The Women of St. Paul's (WSP) is undertaking the exciting task of writing a cookbook! We think this endeavor will be a fun way to have fellowship and community during the months ahead while the new construction gets underway. Also, St. Paul's 200-year anniversary will be here in 3 years, so a fabulous cookbook will be part of that celebration! The proceeds from selling the cookbook will go towards the mission of WSP... Outreach, Inreach, and Historic Preservation. We will be taste testing recipes at various gatherings like WSP Socials, Weekly Staff Meetings, etc. We are in the very beginning of formulating just how to get the cookbook together, and are fortunate enough to have Gwen McKee helping us. Gwen is a very accomplished cookbook author and we're excited to work with her.

WE NEED your fabulous recipes! Please send them to our email below. Also a box in the Narthex has recipe templates to write your recipe and place them

in the box. How ever you can get your recipe to us, we will be most grateful! Please remit your recipes by September 1.

WE NEED COOKS to test the recipes, and TASTERS to rate the recipes. These tests and tastings will be held over the next year or so. Email us your recipe at stpaulscooks@gmail.com OR we can be found in the St. Paul's directory.

Gwen McKee, Heather Creel, Jackie King, Mindy Boggs, Catherine Mayhew, Cindy Thompsen, Gail Haddock, Kathy Ulezelski, Becky Grimes, or Susan Miller.

[St. Paul's Docents](#)

Do you love history and meeting new people? If so, we have the perfect volunteer job for you! St. Paul's docents volunteer one or two hours on Fridays from noon to 2 pm and on certain festival days. As you probably know, folks visiting Main Street are drawn to the beauty of our beloved church and find their way into our doors to explore it further. Our docents answer questions, and share the history of St. Paul's. It's a lot of fun, and you never know who you will meet! If you are interested, email libby@stpaulsfranklin.com.

[Food Pantry](#)

The Food pantry could use the following donations: Dried milk, Canned chicken, Canned dinners, Canned fruit cocktail, Pasta sauce, Rice-a-Roni, Soups, Canned corn, Brownie/cake mix, Peanut butter and crackers, Stuffing. Remember we need regular size portions, and sugar-free items are always welcome. We could also use more recyclable bags with handles (not plastic). Please drop them off in front of the church front office door (there is a collection box). Thanks to all who donate!

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop*

The Reverend W. R. "Rusty" McCown, *Rector*

The Reverend Monna Mayhall, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Ann Van Dervoort, *Assisting Priest, Retired*

Donna Stokes-Rogers, *Music Minister* • Rick Jackson, *Organist*

Libby Sullivan, *Children's Minister* • Brett Smith, *Youth Minister*

Kristy Moore, *Finance Manager* • Shannon Buttrey, *Parish Administrator*

Paula Sherman, *Communications Manager*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Hughes by his family.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sunday: Caroline Pullen, Jacqueline Brown, Pete Pirtle, Ron Howes **Monday:** Sara Cost, Dan Vermillion **Tuesday:** Rick Miniati, Natalie Hennes **Wednesday:** William Branson, Adam Curwen **Thursday:** Doug Mayhall, Sophia Dees **Friday:** Sam Griffey, Josh Sutherland, Cassy Gilchrist, David McGee, Janet Matz **Saturday:** Joe Horne, Anne Garrett Armstrong, Autumn DeRosia

ANNIVERSARIES:

Monday: Robert and Natalie Hennes, Ellen and Mason Hart **Tuesday:** Michael and Lisa Whitten **Wednesday:** Ed and Tammey McCormick **Thursday:** Bob and Margaret Russell

PARTICIPANTS:

Usher: Judy Stockton Chalice Bearer: Lucinda Dyer
Usher: Pat McCracken Chalice Bearer: Andy Peterson
1st Reader: Jim Miller Crucifer: Susan Miller
2nd Reader: Ann Denson Torch Bearer: Kathleen Webster Prayers: Cyndy Howes
Torch Bearer: Elizabeth Webster
Altar Guild: Karen Garfield
Altar Guild:
Vestry Person of the Day: Ron Howes
Musicians: Derek Pell, violin
Kent Burnside, guitar

St. Paul's Prayer List

Susannah Pierce, Dave Berexa, Henrietta Hobdy, Alex Wilkerson, James Dickerson, Jack Honeycutt, Terry O'Donnell, Glenn Trahan, Sarah Lauricella, Robyn Painter, Jim Lauricella, Dean Bose, Eliot Williams, Joy Craig, Scott Faulkner, Lois & Huba Nagy, Bob Van Dervoort, Amanda Ryden, Jim Gray, Judy Phelps, Virginia Callicott, Sharon Collins, Walter Lampertz, Bob Abstein, Suzanne Robertson, Andy Larsen, Sue Worrell, Frank Baugh, John Nickerson, Catherine Mayhew, Rita Warner, Vicki Carlisle, Lorinda Hancock, Vanessa Bryan, Michael, Martha, Fred, Meg and Fulton, Joe, Reed, Molly, John, Ethan, Gray, Kathy, Tamara, Meg, Veronia, Richard, Alister, Adam, Janie and Tom, Bob, Jim, Carol, Susan, Chuck, Katie, Jessica, Colton, Lynette, Bennett, John, Guy, Amanda, Duncan, JoAnn, Bailey, Ann, Sam, Duncan, Brittain and Strider, Tony, Robert, Robin, Beverly, Sam, Suzanne, Glenda, Robin, Ollie, Margo and Matt, Charlotte, Carola, Debbie, Pat, Cheryl, Vivian, Asher, Kay, Patricia, Mackenzie, Chandler, John and Donna, Wendi, Sara, Barbara, Eleanor, Lynn, Lisa, Kristen, Benji, Cary, Paul and Lynda, Mary and Josh, Sam, Brad, Victoria

Military

Currently deployed: Danny, Colin, Nick, Jake, and Gray

Currently serving in the Armed Forces: Tyler, Ryan, Leelee, Michael, Drew, Lee, Emily, Larry, Pete, Zach, Daniel, Roy, and Amanda