

**Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017**

**Resurrection:
Return to Life, Restoration, Renewal**

Prelude

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

* **Congregation please stand if able**

* **The Call to Worship**

L: Welcome to this joyous Easter Day!

P: Praise God for the brightness and the color.

L: The darkness has been overcome. Jesus Christ has defeated our greatest fear, death.

P: He is risen from the dead.

L: Sing your praises to the Lord!

P: For God has given to us life! ALLELUIA!

* **Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* **No. 302**
 (Verses 1-4)

* Entrance of the Light of Christ

Joy and prayer concerns (please sign attendance pads found at the end of the pew)

Unison Prayer

Loving God of light, we hid in the darkness and you brought the light of Salvation to our eyes and our spirits. We praise you for the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We have received the greatest good news of healing, hope and restoration. Praise be to you, eternal God, for this gift of love. AMEN

Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer - Lord’s Prayer

Choral Prayer Response *Christ is Alive* **No. 318**
*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.*

Chancel Choir Anthem *Alleluia! Our Lord is Risen* John Carter

Children’s Message Mrs. Alisha Cooley

The Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

* Doxology (No. 95), Blessing
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Chancel Choir *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Joel Hoelscher
 Joe Swinkey, Trumpet

* **Hymn** *Thine Be the Glory* **No. 308**
 Kelly Vergowven, Piano

Scripture Lesson *John 20: 1-18*

Message “Outrunning Death” Rev. Evans C. Bentley

* **Hymn** *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* **No. 312**

The light of Christ leads us into the World

Benediction

Choral Response *Crown Him with Many Crowns* **No. 327**
*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

St. Paul's Staff

Pastor: Evans C. Bentley

Office Manager: Susan Paterson

Director of Music: John C. Tyner

Organist: Inger Oswald

Director of Children's Choirs: John Fedosky

Christian Education Director: Alisha Cooley

Youth Leaders: Jon Oswald & Kelly Vergowven

Liturgists:

9:00 a.m. – Mary Ann Bair

11:00 a.m. – Kelly Vergowven

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Brenda Cadle, Fran Rayce

Patty Siekierda, Paula Massengill

11:00 a.m. – Bob Paterson, Tom Paterson

Jerry Spence, Will Paterson

Greeters:

9:00 a.m. – Jennifer & Emma Lee

11:00 a.m. – Rick Reicherd

Acolytes:

9:00 a.m. – Olivia Gladieux & Kylie Jacobs

11:00 a.m. – Alyssa LaRoy & Jenna Balk

Worship attendance last Sunday – 268

Budget Information:

Expenditures: \$ 91,612

Income 73,859

Endowment Income and

2014 Carryover used: 17,753

Announcements

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: **Jannet Low** who broke her leg and is recovering from surgery. **Betty Albain** is recovering from a broken arm and is in the Lutheran Home.

Childcare is provided for children, 4 years old and younger in the nursery on Sundays during worship service.

Jack Volker will be running in the Boston Marathon Monday beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Pictures are being requested for Mother's Day. Taiya Himebauch is composing a montage of photos for services on Mother's Day. Send your photos to taiyahimebauch@gmail.com or text 734-625-4253 by May 5th.

Eve Circle will once again be holding their *Trash to Treasure Sale* this summer with proceeds to benefit various church and community projects. As you organize for the new year and the new seasons, please put things aside to bring in later this year. We'll let you know exact dates later. **Please do not bring items now. We do not have any storage space!**

Church Directory Update – How long has it been since your family was professionally photographed? Plan now and you will have a portrait to be proud of. The photographer recommends wearing bright colors as the most photogenic (and he also suggests avoiding prints and plaids). Scheduling is easy and convenient. Go on the Universal web site www.ucdir.com, click the yellow sunburst icon, enter mi943 in the church code field, and enter directory in the church password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment. Be sure to log off when finished.

2017 UMC Summer Online Registration is now open! Go to www.umcamping.org to see what the Michigan Area UM Camping can

offer. There are camps for everyone and programs for all ages. See Mrs. Cooley, Christian Education Director, for a camping catalog if you have not received one. \$100 rebates are available for St. Paul's members on one camp registration.

VBS themed Maker Fun Factory will be held June 26-30, 2017 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers and leaders needed! Please prayerfully consider participating. Contact Alisha Cooley, Christian Education Director, at (734) 344-8535 or alisha@cooleyservices.com.

Change of meeting date...St. Paul's Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, April 16, 2017 - Easter

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. – Community Dinner

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Noon – Kiwanis Club

Thursday, April 20, 2017

10:00 a.m. – *Sounds of Joy* Community Singers

Friday, April 21, 2017

10:00 a.m. – Mary Martha Circle

Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Worship