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WORSHIP AT 9 AM

Prelude Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist Pastor Pam Dubov Welcome All People That on Earth Do Dwell No. 75 *Hymns How Great Thou Art No. 77 *Apostles' Creed No. 881 **Prayer with Lord's Prayer** No. 895 Offering **Amazing Grace** Prerecorded Sanctuary Choir *Doxology **Praise God From Whom** No. 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above No. 96

Message "Lamenting with Hope"

Pastor Bob Martin Lamentations 3 (selectively)

Directed Prayer

*Hymn Soldiers of Christ Arise No. 513

*Benediction Closing

> 9 AM Worship Leader: Dr. Robert Williams 10:30 AM Worship Leader: Alison Van Duyne

HOW TO STREAM ONLINE

We stream both worships at 9 and 10:30 AM. There are currently three ways to stream:

- Visit our website stpaulumc.org and click on the link on the front page. You can also click on Live Worship in our free app or click here to visit the streaming site directly. When the streaming site opens, click on the play triangle to start streaming.
- 2) **If you have Facebook** follow us to get a notification when we start streaming. You can also visit our Facebook Live page: **facebook.com/StPaulUMCLargo/live**
- 3) **Stream on Youtube**: youtube.com/stpaulumclargo1

HOW TO GIVE ONLINE

Visit our website stpaulumc.org and click **the "Give" link** at the top of the page. You can also click on Give in our free St. Paul app (search St. Paul United Methodist in your app store). Make a one time gift or set up a recurring gift. You can use credit card or ACH to donate.

A PRAYER FOR TIMES OF TROUBLE

Life brings good days and bad. No matter what we face, God is there to comfort us. "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalm 50:15) On those days that end in "why," this prayer reminds us of God's constant presence in our lives.

Dear Lord,

When all we have left to do is cry out in the midst of the pain, give us hope.

When our tears feel like the only way to quench our thirst, remind us of your providing presence.

When loneliness seems overwhelming, Make your presence known.

This world seems so full of death and destruction, but you are a God of life and restoration.

Mold us into an unwavering people of grace, passion and love that cannot ever be ignored.

Amen.

This prayer was written by the Rev. D.G.Hollums.



If you're looking for something you can do to stand against racism, the United Methodist Church has some resources to help you get started.

www.umc.org/EndRacism

CONNECT

FACEBOOK GROUPS

FB Group - StPaulUMC
FB group - StPaulParentsLounge

FACEBOOK LIVE Wednesdays at 1 PM

Join Pastor Bob on our St. Paul Face-book (StPaulUMCLargo) for good news, inspiration from scripture and more on Wednesdays at 1 PM.

KIDS & STUDENTS

You can find Student worship on our Student Ministry Youtube and Instagram Sundays at 6 PM. Check our website for our students' summer online schedule. Follow our Children's Ministry on Facebook or Instagram for storytime with Mrs. Kaitie, silly videos, and more ways to connect.

CHOIR CHAT

Check-in with the choir on zoom Thursdays at 7 PM. Anyone is welcome to join in, whether you currently sing with the choir or not! Email **church@stpaulumc.org** for a link to the zoom.

Need help connecting? Email church@stpaulumc.org



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PRAYER LIST

Allen Suban Baumann's Daughters & Husbands Bob Van Hooser Bonnie & Bob Cummings Brian S Carl J, Evelyn B, John B, Amber B, Cindy S, Hope S & Tammy Carmen Munyan Carolyn Goodwin Children, Women, Youth Chris Mitchell Chrissy & Mike's Family Cliff Armbruster and Family **Cody Smith** Darlene Mitchell David David Malone Dennis Lord Desiree Don Naja Eileen Corsini **Evelyn Sukosd** Fisher Johnson Ginger Milner **Inspiration SS Class** Jean Trank **Jennifer** Judy Bobb Karen

Karen Schoonover Kathy Hannas Kathy Herrell Hannas Kim Morris Kristi Melissa Smith Michael, Lucy & Patty Naja Family Medical **Professionals** Our Nation & President Our Pastors & Church Our World **Phyllis Spaulding** Rev. Hays McKay Ron Barker Saylor Family Scott Wilhide Stephen Brower Tammy Barker Tammy's Family Terry's Family World Peace Yvette Gonzalez Carter

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of the people listed below who've recently passed on to life eternal.

Rosemary Potter Gil Simonetti



Ka'ren Naja

Last week Kaitie, our Children's Ministry Director, and Alison, our Student Ministry Director celebrated our 5th graders as they prepare to leave Children's Ministry and enter Student Ministry. You can watch a video about it on Facebook! Members of our Student Ministry Team also dropped

off goodies to welcome our 8th graders to high school. You can find that video on Facebook as well!

THANK YOU

We received this note from Gianni Danielle, one of the seniors that you sent cards for in the Adopt a Senior project:

I just wanted to say thank you for the cards and everyone who sent the letters, it's nice to know people are always supporting me now and in the future. I'm glad I chose to be a part of St. Paul for the last 6 years and wouldn't trade it for the world. Everything you guys do has such an impact on the students and community as you are always striving to help as many people as possible

We also received this thank you to the Dorcas Sewing Circle for the items they donated to Sabal Palms:

To the Dorcas Circle, OF LARGO

We would like to thank everyone for
the personally handmade items. They were

very appreciated!

Sincerely,

Sabal palms Life Enrichment



Join us on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 PM so we can give your VPK graduates the celebration they deserve. Drive by, honk and wave as we honor their big accomplishment! Please enter on the Highland entrance and we will direct you. Begin arriving as early as 6:20 PM. Please have your child sit on the passenger's side so they are able to receive their diploma. Anyone is welcome to attend to cheer our graduates on. You can bring signs or just come and make some noise or wave.



Lunch Pals is a lunchtime mentoring program where students who could especially benefit from a supporting relationship are matched with mentors from the community. Mentors meet with a student for lunch on a day and time that works best for your schedule. Show up, listen, encourage and be a friend. It is that easy! Conversation starters and resource materials are provided to assure that your experience is impactful and fun. Support is always available. Want to be a mentor? Attend a workshop webinar online in the convenience of your office or home one of these times:

08/20/2020 — Noon to 1:00pm 08/25/2020 — 6:00pm to 7:00pm 8/27/2020 — 9:00am to 10:00am 09/09/2020 — Noon to 1:00pm

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If you're using Amazon to shop from home, you can also donate to St. Paul with every purchase. When you use Amazon Smile and select St. Paul United Methodist Church as your charity, the Amazon Foundation will make a donation of 0.5% of your purchase price. It doesn't increase what you pay, and it's just like using regular Amazon. It's the same account, same cart, the only difference is Amazon makes a donation to St. Paul when you buy! Use smile.amazon.com to shop the Amazon website, or activate Amazon Smile on the Amazon app by going to "Settings" and "Amazon Smile." There's more than one St. Paul listed so be sure you select the St. Paul in Largo, FL!

REOPENING UPDATE

We are working with a team of staff and laypeople to finalize a reopening plan. We will make that available as soon as it is finalized, but in the meantime here are a couple things I can share with you:

We will return to worship in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall instead of the sanctuary. We are moving worship to the Fellowship Hall in our Christian Life Enrichment Center because the flexibility of the space and standalone chairs allows us more freedom to configure seating that follows the CDC social distancing guidelines for large groups. The lobby area and bathroom facilities in the CLEC are also larger to allow safer movement.

We don't have a reopen date yet. We are tracking the case numbers in our county every day and the averages every week. We are looking for a sustained downward trend for 14 days in number of cases and percent of positive tests. This will be our sign that it's safe for us to reopen and allow us to set a date. When a date is set, we will share it through email, on our website, in worship announcements, etc. In the meantime we invite you to worship with us online and we are proceeding with setting up our worship space in the hall so we will be ready when it's safe to go ahead.

We have looked at a study by the CDC and other medical studies by epidemiologists which indicate that when people sing in groups, they create a higher risk for transmission of the virus. The findings also showed wearing a facemask does not preclude the risk of spreading the virus when singing. Our team is prayerfully seeking an answer for how we worship if we cannot sing. I ask you to pray about it as well.

Other churches around us are opening, why aren't we? Let me say this, "Churches are indeed essential, but our parishioners are not expendable." Many of the churches that are reopening have younger aged congregants that we do. The average age of a person attending our church is in the upper 60's to low 70's. All re-

ports say this is the most at risk age group, and we want to be careful that our reopening does not put any of you at risk. I hold onto the mandate of Jesus when he said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Because I and our staff and reopening team love you, we will do all we can to also protect you out of that same love.

When we do return to building worship, we will no longer greet one another with hugs and handshakes. We will find alternative ways to express our love for each other. We will also replace passing the plate for offering with "giving boxes" which will be located throughout the room.

We are discussing having medical protocols as people enter the building, such as temperature checks and wearing face masks. Instead of seeing it as an inconvenience, I ask that we work together and comply to ensure everyone's safety. You may not be worried about the virus for yourself, but by going through these protocols you are also protecting your friends and fellow St. Paul family members. We will also place stationary and mobile hand sanitizer stations throughout the building.

We will comply with social distancing. Our seating will be arranged so that those in the same household may sit together, but those outside the household will sit in seats that are socially distanced 6 feet apart. We are working on a seating plan to allow as many seats as possible while maintaining the safety of social distancing.

As you can see, there is a lot to work through and this is merely the tip of the iceberg on the many decisions that must be made to return to on campus worship during a pandemic. I want to continue to ask your grace, prayers and cooperation as we finalize our plan.

Blessings,

Pastor Bob Martin