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# St. Paul's United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors*

## FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT

21 MARCH 2010 • 10:00 AM

*\*\*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand*

PLEASE, silence your cell phones

*Nursery available – just ask an usher*

### **GOD CALLS US TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

#### **THE PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT**

*Darin Brown*

#### **WELCOME: ANNOUNCEMENTS & GUESTS**

*Rev. Brandon Austin*

#### **CHORAL INTROIT**      “Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes”

*Chancel Choir*

#### **\*\* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Liturgist*

ONE: There is something more,

**ALL: Or something missing,**

ONE: That sends us searching in the dark,

**ALL: Looking for answers,**

ONE: Risking a question.

**ALL: We are drawn here**

ONE: Because God touched us,

**ALL: Gave us hope,**

ONE: Whispered our name.

**ALL: Here in this place,**

ONE: We journey toward grace

**ALL: And know the “something more”**

ONE: Is revealed in the embrace of God's compassionate love.

#### **\*\*OPENING HYMN #163**

**“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”**

*During the hymn, the ushers will collect prayer cards in the center aisle.*

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

## A MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Rev. Brandon Austin

As the children gather on the sanctuary steps, please sing #2233 (FWS)  
***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: this is where children belong.***

## \*\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL

ONE: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

**ALL: And also with you!**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*

Chancel Choir

## \*\*THE SCRIPTURE STORY **Philippians 3. 4b – 14 & John 12. 1 - 11** Rev. Brandon Austin

ONE: May blessings be added to the reading, the hearing, and the comprehension of the scripture, and may we find in all that is said, done, and sung, a word from God for our day and for our need. Amen.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## WITNESS TO THE WORD

"Beans"

Rev. Brandon Austin

## WITH OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS WE RESPOND TO GOD

### PRAYER HYMN #2161

**"To Know You More (vss. 1 – 2)"**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR: *God, to your love...*

PEOPLE: ***...we trust this prayer.***

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal #895)

**Our Creator/Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom/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 have trespassed against us. And, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom/kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### AN INVITATION

Please make checks to: *St. Paul's UMC*

Liturgist

We offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives at this altar. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

### \*\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### \*\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Liturgist*

## WE GO TO SERVE GOD & OUR NEIGHBORS IN ALL WE DO

### \*\*HYMN OF BENEDICTION #707

### "Hymn of Promise"

### \*\*BENEDICTION

*Rev. Brandon Austin*

May God grant us  
the wisdom to discover God's desires  
the will to choose it, and  
the courage to make it endure.

### POSTLUDE *(please be seated)*

*Darin Brown*

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### Guests and visitors - Please join us for refreshments following worship

**Ministers:** Congregation

**Pastor:** Brandon Austin

**Children & Youth Ministries:** Lisa Brown

**Music Director:** Anthony Dahl

**Office:** Kim Borges

**Organist/Accompanist:** Darin Brown

**Liturgist:** Kelly Bergman

**Coffee Fellowship:** Stephen Ministry

**Head Usher:** Mike Seelye

Stuart Peters, Mary Lingenfelter

Ole & Lorraine Tokheim

**Sound:** Steve Parsons & Robert Sumner

**Facilities:** Alena & Robert Sumner

**Lay Leaders:** Jay Holmes

Karen Talbot, Al Lingenfelter

### **Family Ministry Team Meeting**

**TODAY 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Youth Room**

If you are currently serving on the Family Ministry Team your attendance will be greatly appreciated. Reports will be given by the various ministries and we will be looking ahead for Vacation Bible School 2010. We will have a light lunch during our meeting and everyone is asked to bring something to share for our meal.

### **United Methodist Women Hope Circle**

**Wednesday, March 24th, in the Fireside Room at 1:00 p.m.**

Hostesses this month will be Velma Scarborough and Barbara Heston. Jeanne Johnson will be leading the meeting and Deanna Phillips will lead the program.

### **April Epistle Deadline—March 25**

Please submit your April Epistle items to the church office by Thursday, March 25.

### **Final Lenten Breakfast**

**Saturday, March 27th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**Contact the church office 823-7154 for further information**

If you plan to attend the final Lenten breakfast and have not yet signed up, please fill out one of the purple sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex or contact the church office. Join us for a time of food, music, fellowship, and to hear one of our St. Paul's church members share their faith journey. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

### **All-Church Work Day**

**Saturday, March 27th**

**Contact Richard Hoogendoorn @ 599-4655 for further information**

The Trustees are sponsoring an All-Church Work Day. It will begin following the Lenten breakfast and go until around 2:00 p.m. This will be a general clean up of the church facilities and grounds. Instructions will be given following the breakfast. We appreciate your help in keeping St. Paul's looking its best!

### **United Methodist Woman Annual Bake and Craft Sale**

**Sunday, March 28th in the Fellowship Hall following worship**

### **Good Friday Prayer Vigil**

There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board for those wishing to come to the Sanctuary and pray. The prayer vigil will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. You may sign up for a 30-minute prayer slot or longer.

**OUR GUESTS IN WORSHIP:**

Janita Ferrando, Phyllis Oestreich, Elaine Myers

**PRAYERS OF CONCERN & SYMPATHY**

Rick Gianni, Cliff Bickle, Ron Weimer, Glen McCortie, Diane Lee, Joe Schillinger, John & Carolyn Van Zant, Rod Cloud, Betty Sazama (friend of Margie Bolan's), Louane Walker, Karel Hoogendoorn, Chris (Robert & Jean Phillips' brother-in-law), Stan Michaelson, Ruth Michaelson, Allen Gehman, Quincy (Esther Jundt's great grandson), Dave Eavenson, Clarence Edwards

**CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS**

**Birthdays this week**

Ross Kilpatrick 3/22  
Pat Kilpatrick 3/25  
Heather Alicia 3/26  
Loree Newland 3/26  
David Vest 3/26  
Kayla Ruckman 3/27

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN ACTION  
Office Hours**

**Mon—Fri 9:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m.**

**Today, March 21st:**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study—All Ages (AL) and (FSR)  
10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE  
Children's Church (S)  
11:30 a.m. UMW Sunday Committee Mtg. (L)  
11:30 a.m. Family Team Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Kindred Arts Concert (S)  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group (FH)

**Monday, March 22nd:**

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry (FSR)

**Tuesday, March 23rd:**

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council (FSR)

**Wednesday, March 24th:**

1:00 p.m. Hope Circle (FSR)  
6:00 p.m. Wed Nite Lite Potluck (FH)  
Taizé Worship (S)  
Classes for all ages

**Thursday, March 25th:**

6:00 p.m. Mission Bells Practice (CR)  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (CR)

**Friday, March 26th:**

8:30 a.m. Doorkeepers  
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry

**Saturday, March 27th:**

9:00 a.m. Lenten Breakfast (FH)  
10:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School Mtg. (YR)  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. All Church Clean-up

**Sunday, Palm Sunday March 28th:**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study—All Ages (AL) and (FSR)  
10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE  
Children's Church (S)  
11:00 a.m. UMW Bake & Craft Sale (FH)  
11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Youth Service Project

<b>Please call, write, and/or visit our homebound friends and members:</b>		
> <i>Neva Thomas</i>	209-599-4221	Bethany Home, 430 W. Main St., Ripon, CA 95366
> <i>Betty Lou Miniaci</i>		Bethany Home, 430 W. Main St., Rm 1, Ripon, CA 95366
> <i>Beulah Stevens</i>		1908 N. Rose Street, Porterville, CA 93257
> <i>Lottie Bishop</i>	209-858-2196	P. O. Box 127, Lathrop, CA 95330
> <i>Louise Maxwell</i>	209-823-8653	425 N. Powers Avenue, Manteca, CA 95336
> <i>Evelyn Allen</i>	209-239-3617	2174 Debutant Walk, Manteca, 95336
> <i>Marguerite Beedy</i>	209-239-6246	430 N. Union Rd., #118, Manteca, CA 95337

FSR— Fireside Room; FH—Fellowship Hall; L— Library; CR—Choir Room; S—Sanctuary; YR—Youth Room

## KEEPING OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Sunday Attendance: 182      Sunday Offering: \$ 6,171  
 Wednesday Night Attendance: 32      Wednesday Offering: \$ 0  
 Youth Group Attendance: 15

### Our Gratitude to God Expressed Financially March 21, 2010

<b>Tithes, Offerings and Gifts applied to Our General Budget</b>					
Month	2010	2009	Month	2010	2009
January	\$26,534	\$23,683	July		\$24,999
February	\$25,015	\$23,683	August		\$24,801
March		\$24,469	September		\$17,985
April		\$23,873	October		\$25,867
May		\$26,183	November		\$37,007
June		\$24,689	December		\$25,658
<b>Minimum Needed for March</b>				<b>\$ 24,499</b>	
<u>Received for the Month</u>				<u>\$ 18,113</u>	
Needed to meet monthly minimum				\$ 6,386	

### 2010 Giving for Our Conference & Global Missions (Adopt An Apportionment! – see [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) for details)

LINE ITEM	BUDGETED	GIVEN
Annual Conference Ministries	28,267	6,160
Clergy Pension & Benefits	16,833	4,208
World Service	5,175	
Black College Fund	707	
Africa University	158	
Episcopal Fund	1,424	
General Administration Fund	561	
Interdenominational Coop. Fund	138	
Ministerial Education	1,772	200
Jurisdictional Conference Admin. Fund	168	
Jurisdictional Korean Mission	90	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,293</b>	<b>10,568</b>

**St. Paul's United Methodist Youth Ministry  
Revisited and Revitalized!**

What: Junior and Senior High Youth Group  
6th through 12th grade

When: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Where: St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Fun, Food and Fellowship! Bring a friend!

Any questions, please call the church office at 823-7154.



**Need a Stephen Minister?**



Going through a rough time - emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, and helpful. **Contact Pastor Brandon (823-7154), Bea Lingenfelter (239-3881) or Kit Oase (599-3408). Information is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.**

**\*\*Wednesday Night Light\*\***

**6:00 – 8:00 PM Weekly**

In the Fellowship Hall

**Potluck Dinner** – bring your dish, family and friends or just come and eat!

**Worship Service** – Taizé singing, a message and prayer – come join us!

**Children & Youth** – Bible based activities for your children!

**Interactive Adult Study Focus:** Spirituality – we are improving our connection with God by reading and reflecting on insights from the book *Hunger of the Heart* by Ron Delbene.



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