

# SAINT PAUL AME CHURCH — ONLINE WORSHIP

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, March 22, 2020 – 9:30am

### The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Call to Worship

**Leader:** I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.  
(Psalm 122: 1-2)

**People:** **For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**  
(Psalm 84:10)

**Leader:** Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.  
(Psalm 122:9)

**People:** **Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God.**  
(Psalm 92:13)

**Leader:** Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.  
(Psalm 26:8)

**People:** **For the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.**  
(Habakkuk 2:20)

**Leader:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight. O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.  
(Psalm 19:14)

**People:** **O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.**  
(Psalm 98:1,4)

### The Worship Hymn

*AME Hymnal #394*

#### *"We Are Often Tossed and Driven (We'll Understand It Better By and By)"*

*1. We are often tossed and driv'n On the restless sea of time.  
Somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine.  
In that land of perfect day, When the mists have rolled away,  
We will understand it better by and by.*

*-Refrain-*

*By and by when the morning comes, When the saints of God are gathered home,  
We will tell the story how we've overcome; For we'll understand it better by and by!*

*2. We are often destitute Of the things that life demands.  
Want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands.  
We are trusting in the Lord, And according to his Word,  
We will understand it better by and by. [Refrain]*

*3. Trials dark on ev'ry hand, And we cannot understand,  
All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed Promised Land.  
But he guides us with his eye And we'll follow till we die.  
For we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]*

*4. Temptations, hidden snares Often take us unawares,  
And our hearts are made to bleed for some thoughtless word or deed.  
And we wonder why the test When we try to do our best,  
But we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]*

### The Worship Prayer

*Followed by, The Lord's Prayer, In Unison*

## The Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41 (New International Version)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

<sup>3</sup> “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

<sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup> “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>8</sup> His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was.

Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

<sup>10</sup> “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

<sup>11</sup> He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

<sup>12</sup> “Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup> Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. <sup>19</sup> “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?”

<sup>20</sup> “We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

<sup>25</sup> He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

<sup>26</sup> Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

<sup>27</sup> He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

<sup>28</sup> Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! <sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”

<sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. <sup>32</sup> Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

<sup>34</sup> To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

<sup>36</sup> “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

<sup>38</sup> Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, <sup>[a]</sup> “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

<sup>41</sup> Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.”

## The Decalogue

Leader: Let us express our commitment to keep God’s law.

People: **God of our salvation, only you are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice your name O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder or slander. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be false witnesses. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.**

Leader: Hear what Christ our Savior says: “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

## The Gloria Patri

**AMEC Hymnal #628**

*“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; World without end! Amen, Amen.”*

## The Sermon

## The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## The Altar Call

Pastor: “Lord in Your Mercy...” ✠ People: “...Hear Our Prayer”

## The Offering

**1 Chronicles 29:14; AMEC Hymnal #644**

*“All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own, have we given thee. Amen.”*

## The Final Remarks

### The Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle’s Creed*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Closing Hymn

**AME Hymnal #522**

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

## The Benediction

# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 22, 2020

## TEACHING MOMENTS

### Next Week's Scripture Lessons and ONLINE Connection Details:

**Fifth Sunday in Lent: Ezekiel 37:1-14 • Psalm 130 • Romans 8:6-11 • John 11:1-45**

- Facebook Live-Stream – [www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles)
- Conference Call (to Listen-In) – (425) 436-6260, Access Code: 2913187#
  - *You are automatically muted, but please mute your phones so you don't disturb others*
- ZOOM (Video Conference or Conference Call) – <https://zoom.us/j/170841778>
  - Or, call (929) 205-6099 *or* (312) 626-6799
  - Zoom Meeting ID for 9:30am SPV Worship Only: 170 841 778
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### **Church School ONLINE – 8:00 am Every Sunday**

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- ZOOM (Video Conference or Conference Call) – <https://zoom.us/j/535400285>
  - Or, call (929) 205-6099 *or* (312) 626-6799
  - Zoom Meeting ID for SPV Sunday School Only: 535 400 285
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### **Prayer Meeting & Bible Study ONLINE –Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.**

- Facebook Live-Stream – [www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulameversailles)
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- ZOOM (Video Conference or Conference Call) – <https://zoom.us/j/809097857>
  - Or, call (929) 205-6099 *or* (312) 626-6799
  - Zoom Meeting ID for SPV Prayer Meeting and Bible Study Online Only: 809 097 857
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## MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Current In-Person, Face-to-Face, Meetings are Postponed until Further notice.

## CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- Special Thanks to Sis. Rita Kirtley, Sis. Rochelle Owsley, and ALL who made our Women's History Celebration such a wonderful success!!!
- Choir Rehearsal – Postponed until further notice.
- YPD – Postponed until further notice.
- **Our Celebration with Saint Matthew Midway will be rescheduled.**
- **Our Church Anniversary, including our afternoon program, will be rescheduled.**

## REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of **\$171.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA171**.
- Conference Claims per member per month is **\$15.00/\$180.00** per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

### Calling Post

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information on the front of the bulletin. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! *The Calling Post comes on your caller-id as "Oklahoma City"*, phone number (405) 308-4474, so please add that to your contacts as "The Calling Post". Thank you!!!

Sunday School, Sunday Worship and Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study Call in: 425-436-6260; Access Code: 2913187#. Please mute your phone so others can't hear you or what's going on around you. Thank you!! For Sunday School, call in about 7:55 a.m., start promptly at 8:00 a.m.; For Sunday Worship, call in about 9:25 a.m., start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; For Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study, call in about 6:55 p.m., start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- Visit our Saint Paul website to "worship in giving" digitally (visit [spvame.com](http://spvame.com) and you will see the link for "Offerings"), get a copy of our Sunday Bulletin, or see our church calendar.

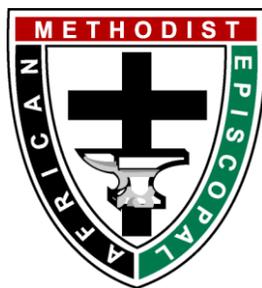
## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ellis Collins	March 3
Phyllis Dockies	March 9
Candice Kirtley	March 16
LaMichelle Haddix	March 17
Yvonne Wilson	March 17
Channing Carter	March 22
Myrtle Granville	March 23
Trumell Ikard	March 25
Domonique Kirtley	March 29

## OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

Armenta Chase	Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Christine Collins	Norman Morton
Lorie Dale	Betty Moseley
Phyllis Dockies	Odes Nash
Lewis Givens	Thomas Parrish, Jr.
Damon Greene	Mona Amburgey Romaine
Jacqueline Greenlee	Rev. James E. Smith
Rev. Frederick E. Hale	Renee Scott Smith
Pearl C. Higgins	Russell Thornton
Kenneth Howard	Frances Walker
Mildred Jones	Anna Williams

*Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Call, send a card, and let them know you care. Also keep in prayer the families of the bereaved throughout our community and area.*



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GOD OUR FATHER ~ CHRIST OUR REDEEMER ~ THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR COMFORTER ~ HUMANKIND OUR FAMILY

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