



**SAINT  
PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL  
DAYTON·OH**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 21, 2024, 10:00 AM**

*As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.*

### **TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S**

**Welcome to The Rev. Canon Michael Spencer as our Celebrant today.**

Raised in a small town in Michigan, Michael graduated from Michigan State University and then served a term in the Episcopal Service Corps in Los Angeles. Upon his return to his home state, Michael was a human resources officer at Michigan State for eight years. While serving as a lay leader in Eastern Michigan, he served on the Commission on Ministry, the diocesan youth and young adult leadership team, and has served as a deputy to General Convention since 2009. After graduation from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Michael served his curacy at St. Christopher's in Grand Blanc and also served at an ELCA parish.

During his nine-year service on the staff of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, Michael helped launch the multi-diocesan effort known as "Flyover Church," which is an effort to recruit clergy on the coasts to consider ministry in the heartland, and he convened a team of diocesan transition ministers to revive the practice of gathering all the transition ministers in the US once a triennium to engage in collegial relationship building and professional development.

Michael and his partner David are looking forward to continuing their interests in travel, homespun culinary arts, sacred choral music (amongst lots of other music), and providing a home for four-legged companions.

**GROW! TODAY at 5pm.** Join us for Evening Prayer, dinner, and *Being With* book discussion.

**We ask your prayers for:** Jay, Joan, Doug & family, Jean, Marilyn, Elizabeth, Guy, Daniel, Dan T., Abby, Earl, Anne, Tom, Bob, and Emilee.

**And for those serving** in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: John Sampson, Isaac Maze, Brandon Wood, F. David Geesler, Dylan Ferguson, Brett Griffin, Joshua Elliott, R.J. DaPrato, and Philip Pretzinger.

**See list of Birthdays in the weekly email.**

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—**The Church in Australia.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—**La Iglesia Episcopal del Espíritu Santo, Forest Park; Chaplains to Clergy Spouses & Partners; Extraparochial Priests; and Deacons, and their ministry in the world.

**The Altar Arrangements** are given to the Glory of God.

**PRELUDE: PASTORALE, MOVEMENTS I AND 2**

*J.S. BACH*

**HYMN #518**

*WESTMINSTER ABBEY*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GLORIA, #S278**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12**

**T**he rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all

the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE: PSALM 23** (*SUNG BY THE CHOIR*)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**SECOND READING: I JOHN 3:16-24**

**W**e know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;

and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*All rise as they are able.*

**GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #343**

*ST. AGNES*

**THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18**

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**J**esus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

THE REV. CANON MICHAEL SPENCER

*All stand as they are able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this  
gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all  
people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on our Parish Prayer List, Jay, Joan, Doug & family, Jean, Marilyn, Elizabeth, Guy, Daniel, Dan T., Abby, Earl, Anne, Tom, Bob, and Emilee. Anne, Tom, Bob, and Emilee.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC: UBI CARITAS**

*GJEILO*

Where charity and love are, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen

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.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

*Celebrant and People*

SANCTUS, HYMNAL #S128

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*All stand or kneel..*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love. . .



## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People* **We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

.. .By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**, BCP, p. 364

**FRACTION ANTHEM**, HYMNAL #S155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Taken them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**HYMN #645**

*ST. COLUMBA*

*All stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**E**ternal 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.

## BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN #708

*SICILIAN MARINERS*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE: TRUMPET TUNE

*HENRY PURCELL*

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## OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Movie Night** - Tuesday, April 30 join us for the movie Roxanne (1987) starring Steve Martin, Daryl Hannah, Fred Wilard and Shelley Duvall. Perhaps the success of this modern day Cyrano de Bergerac retelling is the genius of Steve Martin's screenplay. Join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, movie at 6:30 and popcorn throughout.

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**APPLE**

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Rising

Convocation  
with The Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White





*Come and meet our new Bishop and celebrate  
The Episcopal Church in the Miami Valley!*

We will begin with *choral evensong*  
followed by a *reception to*

- hear Bishop White's thoughts about mission strategy
- engage in conversation with Bishop White and others
- connect with congregations in our region

*An RSVP is not required. However, it is helpful.*

*Please scan the QR Code to RSVP.*

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**2024**

**PROCTER**  
SUMMER CAMP

**JUNE 9-14** | **SR HIGH CAMP**  
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**JUNE 16-19** | **MIDDLER CAMP**  
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**JUNE 20-22** | **FAMILY CAMP 1**  
AGES 4-10

**JULY 7-12** | **JR HIGH CAMP**  
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**JULY 14-16** | **CAMP LAUNCH**  
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**JULY 18-20** | **CHOOSE-UR-OWN-ADVENTURE**  
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**JULY 24-25** | **CONSERVATION CAMP**  
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**JULY 30 - AUG 2** | **FAMILY CAMP 2**  
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**AUG 4-7** | **PRIMARY CAMP**  
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**AUG 8-11** | **SILVER & GOLD CAMP**  
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**END OF CAMP CELEBRATION AUG 10**

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**Procter Camp & Conference Center Summer Camp** - We can't wait to see you at Camp! We offer overnight camps, adult camps, and family camps.

Register now at [proctercenter.org](http://proctercenter.org). Camperships and payment plans are available! See more information about Procter on our hallway bulletin board.

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence — in person, or online — with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

**Communion Instructions** - *All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please proceed to the front of the church to the kneelers. Standing or kneeling, place one palm in the other to receive the host. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communicants who wish to receive from the Common Cup may intinct or drink directly from the Chalice. Those who would like a blessing are invited to cross their arms over their chest, and a member of the Clergy will say a blessing.*

### WORSHIP TIMES

**10:00 am** - Sung Service with Hymns  
(also available online)

**Morning Prayer:** Tuesday & Friday at 9:30 am

**GROW!** - 2nd & 4th Sunday every month at 5pm  
(In April, GROW! will be on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday)

**Office hours:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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