

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**May 15, 2022**

**Stockbridge, Massachusetts**  
**The 5th Sunday of Easter**

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**COVID Precautions**

*Out of an abundance of caution, and because of our affection and care for one another, we strongly urge everyone to wear a mask while in the church.*

**A Message from Libby**

I will not be with you on Sundays for several weeks, as I fulfill a long-standing prior commitment to help St. John's in Williamstown during their Rector's paternity leave. However, I will still work with Jean in the office most Wednesdays and continue collaborating with our parish wardens, who provide such sound leadership. My contact info is at the end of this insert, along with theirs, so please get in touch if you need me during this time. The Rev. Jane Tillman and Verger Darryl Lafferty will lead Sunday worship for the rest of May. Please let them know how much you appreciate their faithful and loving service to St. Paul's.

In today's Gospel lesson, which takes place at the Last Supper, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment to love one another as he has loved them. And furthermore, Jesus tells them, the world will know them as disciples by their love. Sadly, we often fail. Striving to love one another as Christ loved us isn't easy, yet it is our calling as Christians. May we at St. Paul's feel God's love surrounding us and share that love with each other and the world.

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**Collect**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**May 15 – Easter 5**

**10:00 Service Music**

Hymns are in the blue *Hymnal 1982*

Prelude		<i>Cornet Voluntary</i>	Jon Travers
Opening Hymn	487	Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life	<i>The Call</i>
Sequence Hymn	538	O holy city, seen of John	<i>Morning Song</i>
Offertory Hymn	581	Where charity and love prevail	<i>Cheshire</i>
Communion Voluntary		<i>Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
Closing Hymn	182	Christ is alive! Let Christians sing	<i>Truro</i>
Postlude		<i>Christ is alive! Let Christians sing</i>	J. Wayne Kerr

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**Worship Teams** (If you exchange shifts with someone, please notify the Church Office by Wednesday morning at [stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com))

**Sunday, May 15**

Celebrant/Preacher  
8:00 Reader  
10:00 Usher/Greeter  
10:00 Reader

**Holy Eucharist**

The Rev. Jane Tillman  
Rob Maloney  
Anne Covell  
Bill Higgins

**Sunday, May 22**

Officiant/Preacher  
8:00 Reader  
10:00 Usher/Greeter  
10:00 Reader  
Senior & Junior Wardens will speak at 8 & 10

**Morning Prayer**

Darryl Lafferty  
Darryl Lafferty  
Martha Bodine  
Kendra MacLeod

## **Readings**

### **Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

### **Psalm 148**

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord,  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

### **Revelation 21:1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and

true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

### **John 13:31-35**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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**Today’s Flowers  
are given by Jorja Marsden  
in loving memory of Francis Pilling**

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### **Parish Prayer List**

- People we pray for on Sundays: **Sarah, Bruce, Robert**
  - Long-term prayer list: **Piers, Katrina, Rich, Karen, Michael, Tom, Khali, George, Doug, George, David, Barbara, Christy, John, Peter & Darryl, Jim, Florence**
  - Those who have died: Dillon’s mother, **Karen Streifeneder**
  - Our partners at Grace Church, Great Barrington and their priest Tina Rathbone; Christ Trinity Church, Episcopal-Lutheran, Sheffield and their priest Erik Karas; the Austen Riggs community and the Riverbrook Residence; victims of war, violence, abuse, persecution and disaster at home and abroad; those impacted by the pandemic
  - Outreach Ministry of the Week: **Cathedral of the Beloved**
  - Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: **Trinity Church, Milford**
  - Anglican Cycle of Prayer: **The Scottish Episcopal Church**
  - Anniversaries: **Tom & Anne Skakel** (May 20<sup>th</sup>), **Charlie & Deborah Piccinnini** (May 20<sup>th</sup>), **Bill Higgins & Anne Covell** (May 21<sup>st</sup>)
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### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

(from Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell of York, Church of England)

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### **Tuesdays, May 17, 24, 31    Community in Faith Adult Forum    7:00 pm via Zoom**

Our three-parish Community in Faith Adult Forum continues on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> with a lectionary-based Bible Study facilitated by the Rev. Tina Rathbone, Rector of Grace Church. The group meets on Zoom to focus on the ways stories from the Gospel come to life through our own journeys of love, struggle and (sometimes stumbling) faith. The link is on our website. Come join us!

## **2022 Appalachian Trail Mini-Mission Day Trip**

**June - August, 2022 in Sheffield**

Begun in 2018 as a shared ministry of two Sheffield churches, First Congregational (UCC) and Christ Trinity (Episcopal/Lutheran), Mini-Mission Trip, *Trail Magic* is back. You can share in this fun mission of hospitality, spending a day outdoors chatting with hikers and friends while sharing refreshments! One St. Paul's team has already formed to serve on Saturday, August 9. We hope to field another team from St. Paul's. Training will be provided. The flyer on the bell tower bulletin board has more information. To join a team, please e-mail Libby Wade or speak with Martha Bodine.

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## **Gideon's Garden Planting Day**

**Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.**

Our sister church, Grace Church in the Southern Berkshires, invites you to help plant Gideon's Garden. This annual event is full of camaraderie as volunteers plant and water tender young vegetables and fruits to be harvested throughout the growing season and donated to various feeding programs and food pantries, including Lee Food Pantry. If you like to dig in the dirt and want to spend an hour or two furthering the mission of feeding the hungry, bring your trowel and gloves to Gideon's Garden on Division Street near Taft Farm in Great Barrington at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4.

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## **What's Happening with the Search Process?**

**A Talk by Our Wardens on Sunday, May 22 at 8 & 10 a.m.**

Much has changed in the last seven years in how congregations search for a new rector. Our diocese has established a thoughtful and inclusive process that St. Paul's will follow with the guidance of our Interim Priest and the Diocesan Canon for Transitions as guides. On Sunday, May 22 at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. worship services, Jorja Marsden (Sr. Warden) and Martha Bodine (Jr. Warden) will speak to the congregation, giving a brief introduction to the process and outlining some of the important ways that you can be involved. This is a Sunday you will not want to miss!

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