

Church Calendar

Monday, March 25, 2024

Closed

8:00 p.m. - to 9:00 p.m. AL-Anon

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - El Nido Family Centers

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Pacific Discussions (AA)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - El Nido Family Centers

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Remain Teachable (AA)

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Thursday AA

Friday, March 29, 2024

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - AA Group (Farsi)

Saturday, March 30, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - El Nido Family Centers

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Resurrection Sunday/Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m. - In-Sanctuary Service & Live Streaming

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Sunday AA/NA

Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Dottie Escobedo-Frank

Bishop in Residence

Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon

North District Superintendent

Rev. Vernon Kemp

Pastor

Jacqueline Tringov

Music Director

Evelyn Arnold

Administrative Assistant

St. Paul's - Leadership Team

Diana Bruno - Administrative Chair/ Lay leader
to Conference

Deborah Davies - Staff Parish Relations Chair

Linda Graul - Finance Chair

Donald Metzger - Team Member

Cathy Green - Team Member

Jackie Adams - Team Member

Vacant - Trustee Chair

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Pastor Vernon's Email: V_kemp2000@yahoo.com

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March 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Vernon Kemp

Our Mission is to be: The Beacon of the Valley

Lighting 'The Way' of Jesus

Growing Disciples and Community in God's Love and

Sending the Hope and Joy of Jesus into the World



ST PAUL'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Beacon of The Valley

Color: Purple
March 24, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Prelude

“Hosanna”

****Gathering Words**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Open wide the gates of your hearts.

P: Let the Savior enter!

L: Shout with joy, all you people.

P: The Savior has come forth bringing peace.

P: Let us wave the palm branches high. Jesus is coming!

L: He comes in humility to claim God's own.

P: May he claim us this day and heal our hearts!

L: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: Hosanna to the blessed Son of God. Amen.

**Processional

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH #278

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

L: The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

P: We wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!"

L: But there will come a time of silence and of mourning.

P: Help us to be ready for that time, O Lord.

L: Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

P: Blessed is Jesus who comes into our hearts always. Amen.

Praise Songs

“King of Glory”
“Oh, Magnify the Lord”

Diane Spann/St. Paul's Singers
Mike Spann/St. Paul's Singers

Opening Prayer

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

God of grace and glory, blessed is your Son, Christ Jesus, and blessed is your holy name. As we bless your name and sing with joy, awaken our ears to hear your word; awaken our hearts to listen for your wisdom. As we rejoice in this day that you have made, help us hear even the hard news of Christ's suffering and death. As we celebrate your presence with palms and praises, guide us to live your teachings, even when the path is painful and difficult. May your presence flow through us into your world. In the name of your Son, Christ Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Let us keep the following in prayer and please reach out to them for care, comfort, and prayer:

**Diana Bruno, Cathy Green & Family, Dean Brown,
Gwinn Lavery & Family, Bonnie Jay, Marianne Crosby, Anthony Basuto,
Mildred Porter & Family, Jae Sessions, David Cox & Family,
Marina Bezinovir, Roberta Lanning, Ellie Harrison, Rowena Anderson,
Donna Beers (Linda Graul's niece), Deanna Borque, Marilyn Wright,
Kamonie Wright, Miracle Wright-Lindo, Henry Lindo, Alice Crawford**

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16



Healing
PRAYER

March Birthdays

3/12 – Rev. LLC Hammond

3/17 – Leslie Baidoo

3/25 – Trevor Doherty

3/26 – Ginny Thomas

3/30 – Eli Cox

3/30 – Daniel Cox

If you would like to add your name to this month's Birthdays and/or Anniversaries list, please call 818-708-7068.

St. Paul's UMC -Tarzana Announcements

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily for \$15 in honor or celebration of a loved one, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the Church Office at 818-708-7068 to place in your order.

Easter Brunch

Join us next Sunday, March 31st, after our Resurrection Sunday service, for our Annual Easter Brunch! Let's celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the salvation it brought to us all.

New Women's Group

We're excited to announce the launch of a women's group open to all ages, offering support and friendship within a community that shares God's love. If you're interested in joining, please reach out to Michelle Fletcher, Robyn Lewis, or Pheleta Santos, or the office during our office hours.

Music Selection

“Change Me”

Diane Spann

Call to Confession

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

At the name of Jesus, may every knee bend, every tongue confess, and every soul trust that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of us all. In trust and hope, let us confess our sins before God.

****Unison Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

Gracious God, you know our every sorrow, our every need. Hear us as we remember the times when our strength failed us, when our distress led us onto paths of hopelessness and despair. Forgive us when we betray you, when we deny you, when we deride you, or mock you. Awaken in us a new resolve to be aware of your call and presence in our lives. Help us stay awake, even when the days are hard and the nights are long. Strengthen us to trust in you and to walk with you, even on this path to the cross. Let your face shine upon us, so that we may know your steadfast love and trust in your resurrection promises. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

Know that the Lord is God, and that Christ's face shines upon us even when we turn away from God's brightness.

Walk in the light, dear friends.

Gaze upon the Son and know that in the name of Christ, we are forgiven!

****Passing the Peace of Christ**

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

As forgiven children of God, let us share together the peace of Christ's love in our lives.

Words of Preparation

As we hear the word, let our minds be of one mind in Christ Jesus. Let us empty ourselves, and with humility and grace listen for the word of God as the Spirit speaks to us this day.

**Music Selection

“Hosanna”

St. Paul's Singers

**Scripture Reading

Psalms 118:26; Luke 19:28 -36

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation

“Total Praise”

St. Paul's Singers

Sermon
Kemp

“When Jesus has a Need of You”

Pastor Vernon

****Altar Call/Invitation to Discipleship**

You are welcome to light a candle and kneel at the altar for prayer.

Music Selection

"Good, Good Father"

Mike Spann

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

Remembering Mary of Bethany, we come now to pour out our gifts to God. May we remember that the poor are with us still, that our kindness and generosity are needed, even now. May we remember Christ in each face of need, in each cry for help, in each yearning for grace. May we offer our alabaster jars, the gift of our very selves. May we open ourselves and pour out the gifts of the Holy Spirit, living with us, that our gifts may flow with blessing and joy to a world in need.

Music Selection

Jimmy Reid

**Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #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 uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Offertory Prayer

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts so we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Announcements

Liturgist, Lukman Alli

**Benediction

Pastor Vernon Kemp

The road has been long. You have seen much on this journey, but it is not time to quit. There is much to be done. Go in peace, dear people of God. Go ready to proclaim with your lives that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Go to offer God's love and peace to all. **Amen.**

**Closing Song

"Let the Church Say Amen"

Scripture Readings

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 & Psalm 31:9-16

Mark 11:1-11 & Mark 14:1-15:47

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

St. Paul's UMC of Tarzana

HOLY WEEK

Schedule

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MARCH

Maundy Thursday

In Person | 5:00 PM

29
MARCH

Good Friday

In Person | 12:00 PM

31
MARCH

Easter Sunday

In Person/Online | 10:00 AM