

"No matter who you are, No matter where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here."



# Welcome to Worship

Welcome to St. Paul Church. We are glad you are here!

Brighten Your Winter Worship 9 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary Congregational Meeting 11am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

# Information for our friends ~

•Our 9am Traditional Service is inspired with hymns, scripture and a theological based sermon. Our **11am Celebration Service** has contemporary Christian music with an uplifting message.

Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.

•The Nursery is open during 9 am service (first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary) If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy.

•Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available, please see your ushers if you have any questions.

•Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio &

streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.

•We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today. If you are new to St. Paul,

want your information updated or with us every week- let us know you are here!!

Please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.

•When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify

the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or

phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP	
Lay ReaderSandy Wag	gner
Radio	epp
Sound / Control RoomRick Haar and Tina LakeHop	
Jshering Team	'ski
Welcome CenterFred & Carol Hotz, Sandy Rit	tter
Director of Christian Education / Sunday School TeacherTyler Ko	hrs
Music MinistryChancel Cl	hoir
Director of Music MinistryDan	Fry
Senior Pastor	
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# St. Paul United Church of Christ

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 10, 2019 9:00 am

**OT** = Old Testament **NT** = New Testament † Please stand if able

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

In Thee is Gladness

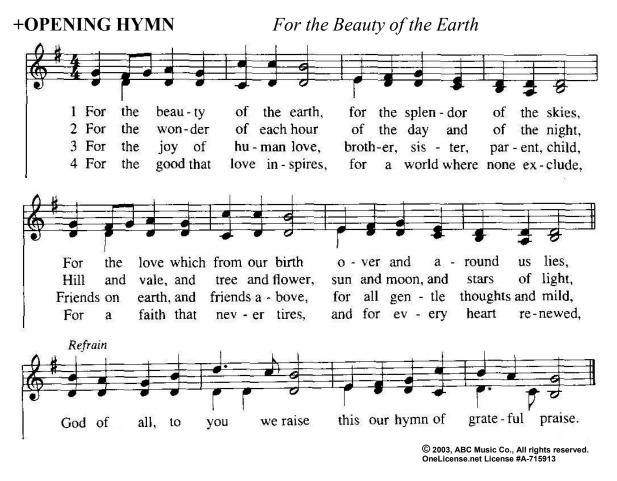
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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: In this space, God's glow surrounds us.
- All: In this place, God's glimmer brightens the surrounding gloom.
- One: We yearn to see the radiance from the sun's company.
- All: We hope to see the moon's glow accompanying us until the morn.
- One: Winter's malaise will not last long.
- All: Arise, friends. For God's warmth endures forever.

#### **INVOCATION**

Holy Radiance, Holy Spirit, in our seasons when gloom invades our skies, may your mirthful glow shine brightly. As brisk winds monopolize our air, may your welcoming breezes nudge us to comfort and serve our world. Help us to seek you beyond thick layers of clouds. Encourage us to steer our neighbors to see you in the short days of winter and the long nights of summer. Amen.



#### +UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

- One: God of breezy nights and dreary days, we hoard Divine Brilliance for ourselves - even when we have been reminded that to love our neighbors means to spread light into the world.
- All: Without thinking, we cast shadows across the earth. Shift our perspectives so that we avoid becoming obstacles to God's gleam. May we become carriers of light instead of barriers to God's glow. Amen.

# +ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God will always share Divine Beauty with us. God will call us to find splendor in darkness and magnificence in daylight as both are where God abides. God will continue to ask us to share radiance and joy with our neighbors. God gives us second chances, calling us again and again to be channels of love and warmth.

# All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

## **+PASSING OF THE PEACE**

- One: May the peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.
- One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

# **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

# SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

#### Covenant

Pastor Michelle: Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

## Council and Board members: I am.

Pastor Michelle: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

## Council and Board members: I do, relying on God's grace.

Pastor Michelle: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our siblings in Christ who have answered

God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

## ANTHEM

O Bless the Lord Chancel Choir Joseph Martin

SCRIPTURE

#### **SERMON**

Dreary Days

HYMN

From All That Dwell below the Skies



#### **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

# **RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

One: Holy Radiance, you fill our hearts with levity and our souls with joy. Even in the seasons that appear gloomy, your steadfast presence kindles our spirits, sustaining us until the new season approaches. In our gratitude for love and light, we share our gifts and our luminosity with our world. Loving God, let us take these moments to share our treasures and reflect on how we share your Divine Glow with our world.

**OFFERTORY** All Creatures of Our God and King arr. John Hudson

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know Praise Spirit, with us evermore; One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

## **+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER**

We look to you for what we need, God of Love. We ask that you continue to fill our hearts with your Divine Glow. Ignite our spirits so that we can pass along your radiance with our world. We pray all of this with hearts of hope. Amen.



#### **BENEDICTION**

- One: In seasons of despair, God's Glow will warm our hearts. In seasons of hopelessness, Christ's Light will spark our minds. In seasons of gloom, Holy Radiance will sustain our souls. As clouds droop low and shadows stretch, let us carry Divine Illumination into our world! Amen!
- All: Amen!

#### POSTLUDE

Now We Offer

Jeffrey Honore

All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded.

Worship Service written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Installation Service from the United Church of Christ