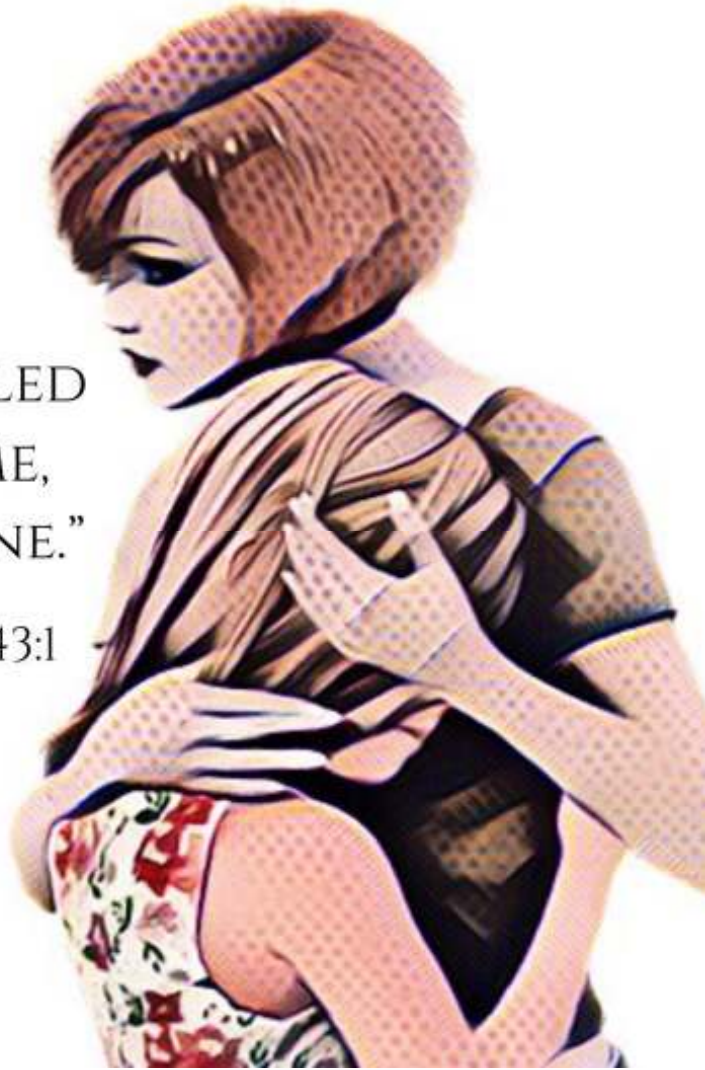


“I HAVE CALLED  
YOU BY NAME,  
YOU ARE MINE.”

ISAIAH 43:1



“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!

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9 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

10am Sunday School in the library

11am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

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## Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a theological based sermon. And our **11am Celebration Service** has a relaxed family-friendly message with contemporary Christian music. *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

<i>Lay Reader</i> .....	Susan Relfe
<i>Radio</i> .....	Sherry Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i> .....	Rick Haar & Tina LakeHopper
<i>Ushering Team</i> .....	Donna Davis, Bob & Judy Harms, Scott Gentry, Terry Kalinowski
<i>Welcome Center</i> .....	Janet Heil, Eric Gentry, Shirley Martin, Jerry Messick, Gloria Strohm
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i> .....	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Music Ministry</i> .....	Chancel Choir
<i>Director of Music Ministry</i> .....	Dan Fry
<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian

***St. Paul***  
***United Church of Christ***

*First Sunday after Epiphany*

January 13, 2019      9:00 am

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

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Air from Water Music*

G.F. Handel

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In this space, we bring our whole selves to worship God.

**All: In this place, God affirms us for who we are today.**

One: Even when drifting away, God calls us back by name.

**All: Even when doubts settle in our mind, God walks with us.**

One: In our times of flooding and fire, we are not alone.

**All: In our despair, God nurtures our wounded hearts.**

**INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Divine Designer, you constructed creation and called it good.  
You formed all humans in your image, and you celebrated with  
joy. Whether we join you here in this place at a time of joy or  
sorrow, we thank you for your steadfast presence. May we focus  
our attention to listen to each other's stories, and may we grow to  
understand one another as Jesus the Christ understood the people  
of this earth. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "How Firm a Foundation". It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,  
by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;  
What more can God say than to you has been said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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**+UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

One: There are distracting messages around us which sidetrack our authentic journeys with God. We believe we are not good enough until we change our looks or our socioeconomic status. We constantly compare ourselves to our neighbors, wondering why our lives are not as successful. We will even pressure others to live into society's shallow principles.

**All: We do not follow the Divine's call to be authentic. We take our cues from the world's fondness for superficiality. Forgive us for placing this pressure upon ourselves and others. Help us to live an authentic life, and nudge us to encourage our neighbors to live true to themselves. We are all made in your image, God. May we allow this genuine picture of ourselves to shine in this world. Amen.**

**+ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: God says "you are mine!" God know us throughout, and God is willing to join us on our journey through floods and fires. Let us embrace grace, knowing that all of your children are an integral part of our communities and this earth. Amen.

**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** with Pastor Michelle

**ANTHEM**

*On Jordan's Bank* arr. Randall DeBruyn  
Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:21-22

**SERMON**

You Are God's

**+HYMN**

*Be Not Afraid*

Bob Dufford

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands, and all will understand,  
You shall see the face of God and live.  
Be not afraid, I go before you always,  
Come follow Me, and I shall give you rest.  
If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amidst the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you, through it all.  
Be not afraid, I go before you always,  
Come follow Me, and I shall give you rest.  
Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you, all because of Me,  
blessed, blessed are you!  
Be not afraid, I go before you always,  
Come follow Me, and I shall give you rest.

**Worship Service for Epiphany 1C/Baptism of Christ written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian**

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*Please note: All services may be audio and / or video recorded.*

**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: The gifts of God embolden us to serve our world with love and understanding. How is God calling us to serve in this new year? With thanksgiving, we explore our gifts from God and seek ways to share them with God's children.

**OFFERTORY**

*Offertorio Pastorale*

Domenico Zipoli

**+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**

**In this sparkling new year, Divine Designer, we thank you for all we have. Impart wisdom upon us. Give us the humility to listen for the best use of our gifts. Allow the courage that comes from you to enter our hearts so that we, too, can face fires and floods to comfort your children. Amen.**

+CLOSING HYMN *I Was There To Hear Your Born-ing Cry*

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be  
 2. When you found the won - der of the Word, I was  
 3. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not to  
 4. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you  
 there when you are old, I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. I was  
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long. Should you  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. When the  
 were bap - tized to see your life un - fold. END

there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I'll be  
 find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be  
 eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be

there in case you wan - der off, and find where de - mons dwell.  
 there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk 'til ris - ing sun.  
 there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

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**BENEDICTION**

One: May the God of Courage restore your hearts.  
 May the Christ of Compassion renew your minds.  
 May the Spirit of Continuous Presence replenish your souls.  
 Throughout this new year, may you each remember that God will  
 always exclaim "You are mine!" and accompany you wherever  
 you journey. Amen!

**All: Amen!**