

LENT 1



Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

9 am Worship ~ online

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Virtual Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on stpauluccorg (our website - and watched at your convenience), and heard on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- Please send prayer requests by email to tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at 618-233-3303.
- We want to know that you are listening / watching online!
Please call, email or message us!
- If you would like a call or know someone who might need a call, please let us know.
- To continue your offering during this difficult time, go to stpaulucc.org for online giving or contact the church office to set up automatic withdrawal.
- 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Director of Faith Formation & Care.....	Craig Bielke
Music Director	Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Non-Traditional Music.....	John Posth



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OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

St. Paul
United Church of Christ
First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021 9:00 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ
(I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ), BWV 639
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-2750)

ENTRY INTO WORSHIP

We gather to respond to the call of God's love
May we be compassionate enough to share
this divine presence with others.
Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.
Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.
May our gathering beckon and welcome
those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

INVOCATION

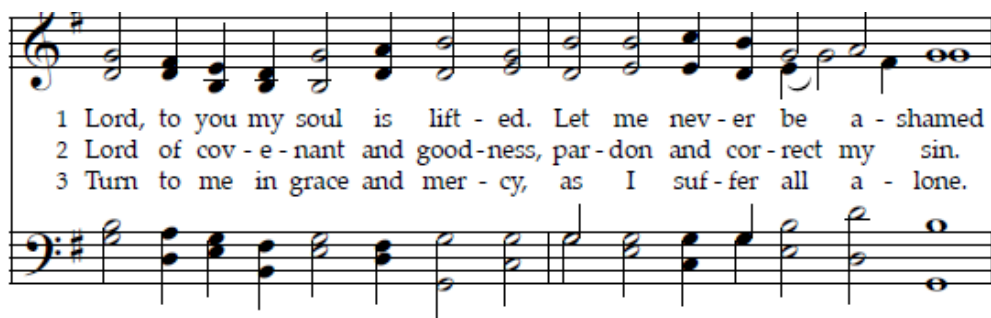
From deep within us we know of a loving presence.
All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.
We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!"
In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper,
may our awareness of the divine presence
around us grow more intense.
May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God,
who loves us at all times and in all places. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

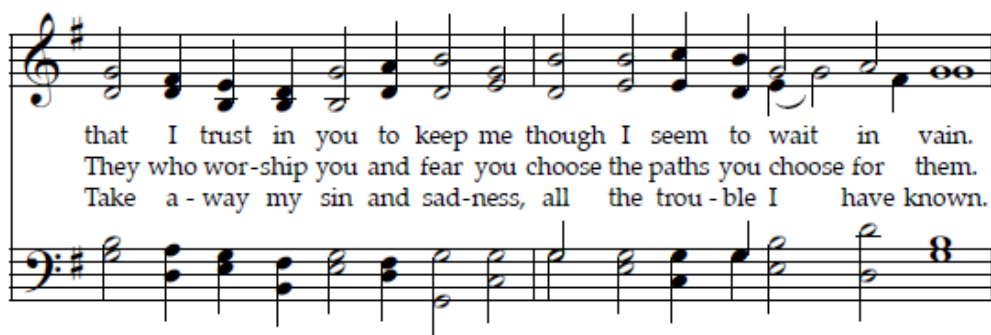
Lord to You My Soul Is Lifted (Psalm 25)

(GENEVAN 25)

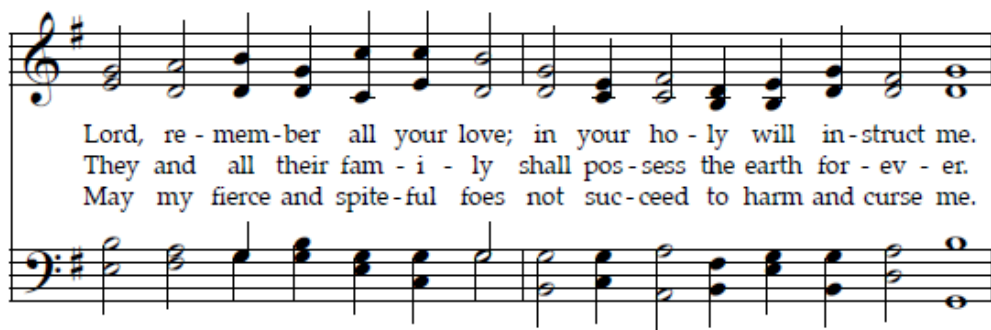
Text: Stanley Wiersma; Music: Louis Bourgeois; harm. Howard Slenk



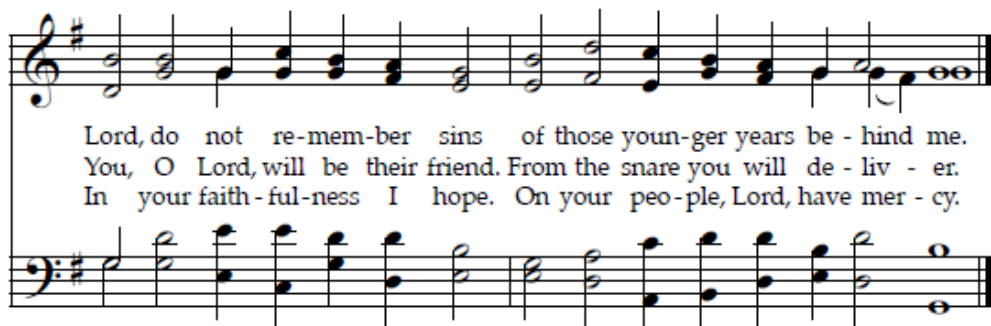
1 Lord, to you my soul is lift - ed. Let me nev - er be a - shamed
2 Lord of cov - e - nant and good - ness, par - don and cor - rect my sin.
3 Turn to me in grace and mer - cy, as I suf - fer all a - lone.



that I trust in you to keep me though I seem to wait in vain.
They who wor-ship you and fear you choose the paths you choose for them.
Take a - way my sin and sad-ness, all the trou - ble I have known.



Lord, re - mem - ber all your love; in your ho - ly will in - struct me.
They and all their fam - i - ly shall pos - sess the earth for - ev - er.
May my fierce and spite - ful foes not suc - ceed to harm and curse me.



Lord, do not re - mem - ber sins of those youn - ger years be - hind me.
You, O Lord, will be their friend. From the snare you will de - liv - er.
In your faith - ful - ness I hope. On your peo - ple, Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share
here in this sacred time and among this loving community.
But, like Jonah, who you sent to help Ninevah repent,
we sometimes are reluctant to share the grace of God.
We know that others are longing and thirsting for this word of hope.
Forgive us for our reluctance to open our doors,
open our hearts to others; some like us, some not.
We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness
to share your love with those we have considered strangers
and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The one who calls us to this time of worship
calls us to reconciliation through grace.
God will not deny an open spirit.
Know that you are forgiven
and walk in the new way that is made
known to you in God's love. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAT with Pastor Michelle

ANTHEM

My Song is Love Unknown

Text: Samuel Crosman; Music Mark Schweizer
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| 1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be. | 2 O who am I,
that for my sake
My Lord should take
frail flesh and die? | 3 Christ came from heaven's throne
Salvation to bestow;
But people scorned, and none
the longed for Christ would know |
| 4 But O! my Friend,
my Friend, Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend. | 5 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine. | |
| 6 This is my Friend,
in Whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend. | 7 My song is love unknown,
my song is love unknown,
is love, is love, is love. | |

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1

SERMON

The Reluctant Prophet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

REFLECTION OF GIVING

Gestures of gratitude are a demonstration that a blessing
or benefit has been received.
The gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings
of the new life we live in Christ.
Your gifts with joy remind us of just how blessed
we are to know this love
that flows so generously from the spirit of God.

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace,
be a blessing to friends and strangers,
those like us and those not,
those deserving and those not,
for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

We All Are One In Mission

(AURELIA)

Text: Rusty Edwards; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name,
 3. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are a dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of in - oth - ers; by God's sur - pri - sing grace,
 all are one in call.

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel Christ, God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

BENEDICTION

Now may the One who is faithful to all
be with us all as we begin this new week.
May we be a blessing to every person with whom we interact,
walking with the Spirit of God in each moment. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Elegy from Arietta (1898)
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)



Archives Artifacts ~ St. Paul trivia from the desk of Roger Henke

Question: *The Church Library was established in what year?
Who was the church secretary / church school treasurer
who started the Church Library by cataloging books?*

This Week

Sundays 9am Worship-online
10:30am Zoom Social Hour
4pm Online Worship

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1) **Watch the services and check for
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2) **Go to stpaulucc.org**

- and you will find: videos of services,
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3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**

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Praying for your health and well-being!

For Your Prayers

Walter Beatty

Joyce Maurer

Phil McClary, Lynn Koehler's nephew

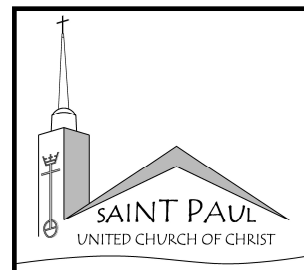
Carl Schneider

Sherry Stepp

Donna Thomas

Carol Wilkinson, Oriana's aunt

James, Kevin, & Chaz



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to

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Thank you!

Financials will return next week

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

*Answer: 1944
Miss Emma Flessa*