

February 20, 2022 ~ 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ *“Wonderful Words of Life”* (arr. Curry) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: God welcomes all! Strangers and Friends.

People: God's Love is strong and it never ends.

Leader: Who does God call us to love?

People: Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #366 ~ “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

God our Father, we come to you bringing our whole selves. You have shown your love for us through Christ and you call us to love others. We admit that at times we have chosen our own comfort over loving those you have called us to love.

Forgive us and renew us with your Spirit so that we may follow in your ways.

Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #829 ~ *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* (v. 1)

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away:

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #406 ~ *“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”*

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;

let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Offering Prayer

***Doxology - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture - Psalm 37:1-11;39-40

Special Music - "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (E. Hatch/ R. Jackson) - Katie Achterhof and Jerry Stone

Christian Scripture - Luke 6:27-38

Message - "Love, Especially When it's Difficult"

***Hymn #187 - "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation - "Come and Rest" (C. Bell & M. McFee)

***Come and rest. Come and listen. Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.
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The Lord's Prayer - *in unison*

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.

***Hymn #223 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

***Benediction**

***Choral Response #600 - "Amen"**

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude - "O Worship the King" (arr. McDonald)

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Highlights from the February 15 Session Meeting:

1. St. Paul's is hosting the Ash Wednesday Service on March 2 @ 7:00PM. The Rev. Joel Puntigam from St. Timothy Presbyterian Church will preach. The Rosedale Gardens and Garden City Presbyterian Churches will also participate.
2. The \$297,923 portion of the Foundation to be held in perpetuity (cash funds 'donated' to be protected for eternity) have been fully secured in Annuities. The balance of the Foundation funds remain in marketable securities.

**"Souper Bowl" results: \$115.00 for the Cincinnati Bengals
\$211.00 for the Los Angeles Rams
Thank you for your support - the funds will be distributed to the
Crossroads Soup Kitchen!**

From Kathy Potter...

"ROMANS 12:4-5 is next Sunday, February 27, 2022 immediately following worship! We will meet in the Social Hall for a meal, fellowship, and to **assemble condiment/utensil packets for Crossroads Food Kitchen!** This is a constant need in their service of meals to the hungry in their local community. Our long partnership with Crossroads and commitment to feed our community physically and spiritually motivates us to serve in this way. Please plan to join us for this event. **Masks and gloves will be required as we work.** All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! **Please sign up in the church lobby or respond to the email** being sent out to indicate your participation. This enables us to have adequate food for lunch!"

Reminder: Thank you to those who have donated to the 2022 Per Capita assessment. Each year the churches in the Presbytery are assessed PER EVERY MEMBER listed on their roll. Asking the membership to voluntarily donate greatly reduces the burden on the General Fund. \$32.00 per member is currently assessed toward St. Paul's 2022 commitment of \$4,330.24. There is also an opportunity to donate to the Shared Mission campaign.

Our Lenten Bible Study for 2022: Habakkuk: Talking with God... Sometimes with Shouting

As we come into the time of Lent we come into a time of reflection. And in our reflections it is important to continue to talk with God. But how do we talk with God when times are hard or when we are confused? For help working through that question we'll turn to the small Hebrew Bible book of Habakkuk. Join us Wednesday nights at 6pm through March and early April for meals and to study together and work to understand better how we talk with God, especially in the times when we feel like shouting.

An important update from your Board of Deacons...As a result of a very significant decline in participation as well as many more opportunities in the local community for more enhanced food assistance, the Board of Deacons Food Pantry has closed. The board will now distribute donations received to local agencies that serve the community, and will continue to support any ongoing needs of this congregation. You may continue to make celebratory or memorial donations or your donation can simply be a gift to the Deacons Ministries. Information as to how the funds are distributed will be made available to the St. Paul's congregation. Donation acknowledgements will be published in the weekly bulletin and ebranch. To donate, please: **Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons** and enclose a note with: Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In

honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents). Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance, or bring it to the church for Sunday worship or during office hours. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. May the peace of Christ be with us all.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

August Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Mark Feely, Phil Decker, & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne; Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison
Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.