

March 20, 2022 ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit

Prelude ~ *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* (arr. Ray) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: We call upon the Lord our God this morning as we come into worship.

People: We praise the Lord, knowing that the Spirit of the Living God is always with us, guiding and encouraging us.

Leader: Give us clean hands and hearts, Lord our God, that we may receive what you give.

People: May we praise you today in our worship and all our days as we work together in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

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

**Hymn #610 ~ “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord, you have saved us from sin and provided for our needs. We thank you and praise you for your continued love and support. For the times we have forgotten you and instead sought things that will not satisfy us, forgive us Lord. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Responsive Chorus #551 ~ *“Lord, Have Mercy”*

*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology #606 ~ “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* (Traditional)

*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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 55:1-9

Special Music

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 13:1-9

Message ~ “Eat and Seek”

*Hymn #743 ~ “O God, You Are My God” (x2)

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation #184 ~ “Calm to the Waves”

*Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.*

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 #187 ~ “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Benediction

*Response #458 ~ “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Postlude ~ “O For a Thousand Tongues” (arr. Halberg)

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A Meeting of the Congregation is called for Sunday, April 3, 2022, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of presenting amended bylaws for approval.

Highlights from the March 15 Session Meeting:

- 1- There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, April 3, 2022 to approve the amended St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church Bylaws.
- 2- The church will be closed the day after Easter, Monday, April 18, 2022
- 3- St. Paul’s has proper Liability Insurance coverage of \$1M

St. Paul's has reached out to the people of Ukraine with a donation from the Outreach Fund to the **World Central Kitchen**. This charity is providing comforting meals to families crossing into Poland, Moldova, Romania, and Hungary as well as sending meals to shelters housing evacuated families. Dry goods and cooking equipment has been sent to the city of Lviv to set up a food depot. This donation is in keeping with the mission of St. Paul's ongoing dress sale - all proceeds fund charities.

CAN St. Paul's help with another request from Crossroads? **Of course we CAN!!**

The request for the **month of March** is to collect **CANned** meat products of **any** kind (think SPAM!) and basic manual (non-electric) **CAN** openers for Crossroads to provide to their guests.

Or, if you prefer to support with a monetary donation, we **CAN** do the shopping!!

Please designate the donation for "March Crossroads." (A \$25.00 donation will provide funds for several **CAN** openers and **CANned** meat!) A designated collection container is in the lobby.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of **Crossroads Soup Kitchen!**

The third **Lenten Study** will be Wednesday, March 23 with a soup and bread supper beginning at 6:00PM. The study will begin at 6:30PM and will also be offered virtually. Please sign up in the lobby for in person attendance. The goggle meet link will be in the ebranch and the website.

Directory Changes

The 2022 directory will be published next month. Please check your current copy for accuracy and report any changes to businessadmin@stpaulspresbyterian.church **no later than March 25.**

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
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley
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 Duksay ~ 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



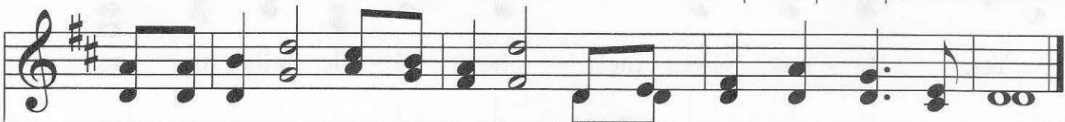
1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



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.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;

Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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O God, You Are My God 743

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
 you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
 you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
 learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
 me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

Though this refrain from a longer song is not a paraphrase of any particular psalm, the language in the first six lines has definite scriptural overtones (such as Psalms 31:14, 5:3; Deuteronomy 26:17). The final two lines sound more spontaneous and lead to a confident conclusion.