

August 9, 2020 ~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements ~ Robert Seymour, guest

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship (from Psalm 117) ~ *responsive*

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations! For great is God's steadfast love toward us.

All: The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Chorus #614 ~ "Great Are You, Lord"

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!

Great are you, Lord!

Psalm Prayer ~ *in unison*

God of all, you have revealed your love to all the world through Jesus Christ your Son. Gather all peoples to yourself so that in every tongue one mighty hymn may rise to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**you are invited to stand as you are able*

**Hymn #145 ~ "What Child Is This"*

**Sharing the Peace*

Reflection with children

Special Music ~ "Beautiful City" (S. Schwartz, arr. E. Lojeski) ~ St. Paul's Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Response #455 ~ "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;

listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand. (repeat)

Scripture ~ Matthew 2:9-12; Selected verses from John and 1 John

Message ~ "In the Beginning - Christmas"

**Hymn #151 ~ "We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

Community at Prayer

**Doxology*

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. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**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 #673 ~ "Jesus, Light of Joy"

*Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY- AUGUST 16!

The Annual Combined worship service with the Garden City, Rosedale Gardens, and St. Timothy Presbyterian Churches will be held at 10:30AM at Mies Park, located at 9601 Hubbard, across the street from Rosedale Gardens.

Please bring your lawn chair and your mask -
social distancing guidelines will be observed.

NO live streamed service from St. Paul's.

As you know, St. Paul's was granted a Paycheck Protection Program loan in early May. As of July 30, the funds were exhausted and an application for full forgiveness of the loan will be forwarded to the bank. St. Paul's met the criteria for appropriate disbursement of the funds - for payroll and utilities - so it is anticipated that forgiveness will be granted.

And, as always, thank you, St. Paul's community,
for your continuing faithful financial support!

A request from Pam Phillips...

I have been asked to speak at the September Presbytery meeting on Paul's behalf, and I need your help. I know he has affected each and every one of us in some manner, and I'd like to hear from you just how. Please share a SHORT response to ONE of the following:

1. How did Paul's pastorship affect you the most?

OR

2. Do you have a fun or special story about Paul?

OR

3. What will you remember / miss most about Paul?

While I may have been asked to speak, I want it to represent all of you.

Please send your responses by August 15 to pamphillip@sbcglobal.net

Thank you, Pam

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Camilla White, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye
Nola Bonandrini, Tamar Duthie, Frank & Nancy Saunders, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Anita Falk
Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Lila Hindmarsh, Susan Grant, Grace Campbell, Bruce Phillips, Barbara Kett
Debbie Peterson & family ~ friends of Meta Tulley & Joan Westbrook
The family of the Rev. Dr. Louis Forsythe ~ friends of St. Paul's; Thomas Peeples ~ friend of Jeff Graham
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 Janet; Sarah & Mason Young ~ cousins of Judy McGregor
Bob Kortenhoeven ~ brother of a friend of Judy McGregor
Tony S. ~ cousin of Gail Artinian; Diane Calloway ~ cousin of Gail Artinian
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; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of Tamar Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank
Eric Schilling ~ grandson of Ron & Janet Frank; Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta
Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis; Jill Haddox ~ friend of Connie Shoup

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

145 What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty night;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1–12) as “kings,” perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

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Jesus, Light of Joy

1 Je - sus, light of joy, sur - round us; let your splen - did
 2 Now the shad - ows fall a - round us; now the eve - ning
 3 With the saints we lift our voic - es, God of pow - er,

glo - ry shine: source of ev - ery earth - ly bles - sing,
 has be - gun: still your gra - cious light is with us,
 God of might. All cre - a - tion shines with glo - ry,

heav - en's ev - er - last - ing sign. Al - le - lu - ia,
 bright - er than the morn - ing sun. Al - le - lu - ia,
 sing - ing prais - es day and night: al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, we a - dore you, light di - vine.
 al - le - lu - ia, God of glo - ry, Three - in - One.
 al - le - lu - ia, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly light.

The images of light in this text are drawn from the ancient Christian vesper hymn *Phos hilaron*, which dates from at least the 3rd century. (For other versions, see nos. 671 and 672.) That rather brief original hymn is augmented here in the third stanza by language based on the *Sanctus*.