

Love

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Lora Andrews

Opening Hymn

“We Walk By Faith”
Jill Howell, song leader

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1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from God who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe Them near.

2 We may not touch God's hands and side,
nor follow where They trod;
but in Their promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O God, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near
and seek where You are found.

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light,
may we behold You as You are
with full and endless sight.

Welcome Statement

We, the people of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, believe that God's love is expansive and unconditional and that, through Christ, God calls us to love one another as God loves us. We welcome all people, regardless of gender, race, age, cultural or religious heritage, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic circumstances, family configuration, or difference of ability. We celebrate the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a child of God.

Opening Prayer

Seek

Scripture

Joel 2:18-30

18 Then the Lord became jealous for his land,
and had pity on his people.

19 In response to his people the Lord said:

I am sending you
grain, wine, and oil,
and you will be satisfied;
and I will no more make you
a mockery among the nations.

20 I will remove the northern army far from you,
and drive it into a parched and desolate land,
its front into the eastern sea,
and its rear into the western sea;
its stench and foul smell will rise up.
Surely he has done great things!

21 Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,

for the Lord has done great things!

22 Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

23 O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain[a] for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

28 Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
29 Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
30 I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and
columns of smoke.

Serve

Response to the Word

We are invited to respond to what God is doing in our lives through prayer, action, and generosity. You can light a candle as part of that response—as a prayer or as a commitment of your faithfulness today. We also respond with our financial gifts. Your generosity helps us Love, Seek, and Serve faithfully during this time and always. As we listen to the music, our prayer is that your relationship with God strengthens.

“Christ, Be Born In Us”

Alex Pedersen

St. Paul’s Virtual Choir

Jackson Thomas, conductor; Charles Dickinson, piano

Doxology

“O Bless the Gifts”

Jill Howell, song leader

O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
and bless the work our hearts have planned.

Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
the rest, O God, is in your hand.

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Love, Seek, Serve Moment

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

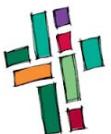
4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude

St. Paul's Mission Statement:

***LOVE God and all others unconditionally;
SEEK answers to our questions;
SERVE God by serving others.***



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