

SERVE

God by serving others



give generously



Message by Rev. Lora Andrews

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Love

Prelude

Charles Dickinson

Welcome

Rev. Lora Andrews

Opening Hymn

"What Gift Can We Bring?"
Jackson Thomas, song leader

Red #87

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we now offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever,
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise.

Welcome Statement

Rev. Sandra Cox

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

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Kid's Time

Seek

Scripture

Luke 21:1-4

21 He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; 2 he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; 4 for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

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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.

"Like Him We Rise"

Tom Trenney

Jackson Thomas, soloist; Charles Dickinson, pianist

Doxology

“O Bless the Gifts”

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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Prayer for our 2021 Estimates of Giving

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Love, Seek, Serve Moment

The Lord’s Prayer

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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.

Closing Song

“Goodness of God”
St. Paul’s Praise Band

Bethel Music/Johnson

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never failed me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah!

And all my life You have been faithful, oh
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God, yeah!

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me, oh-oh
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Blessing and Sending Forth

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Postlude

St. Paul's Praise Band

St. Paul's Mission Statement:

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

