

Celebration of Worship

Vision: Be a community of faith that welcomes everyone and serves God by helping others.

Mission: Reaching out as disciples of Christ through Service and Worship

- ◆ Stand as you are able

We Gather as God's People — 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Victor Lutes

Welcome!! If you came this morning seeking, we pray you will leave having found faith, hope, love, friendship and **Christ!** If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our faith community.

Opening Hymn #140

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" vs.1-3

◆ **Call to Worship**

L: The word of God comes into our lives in many ways.

P: God's word comes to us, calling us to action and to new life.

L: God's word calls us now, here in our worship.

P: God's word invites us to service and ministry.

ALL: We worship the living God and offer our praises to the eternal One.

(you may be seated)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Maurice Horne

Celebration of Worship (Continued)

Hymn of Preparation #2150

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Scripture Lesson

Nehemiah 2:1-8 (NLT)

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Maurice Horne

"The Burning Desire to Make a Difference"

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

There are four ways you can contribute to this ministry: Place your offering in the plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary, give by text, click on the "Donate now Button" on our website or mail your check directly to the church.

Special Music

- ◆ **Doxology #95**

- ◆ **Offertory Prayer**

Victor Lutes

- ◆ **Closing Hymn #156**

"I Love to Tell the Story" vs. 1-4

- ◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Church Office Hours this week — Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Staff:

Pastor:

Rev. Maurice Horne

Administrative Assistant:

Irene Sanchez

Director of Music:

Judy White

Custodian:

Cecelia Tamm

Meditation Page



Today's Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 2:1-8 (NLT)

Early the following spring, in the month of Nisan, during the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes' reign, I was serving the king his wine. I had never before appeared sad in his presence. So the king asked me, "Why are you looking so sad? You don't look sick to me. You must be deeply troubled." Then I was terrified, but I replied, "Long live the king! How can I not be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." The king asked, "Well, how can I help you?" With a prayer to the God of heaven, I replied, "If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried." The king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked, "How long will you be gone? When will you return?" After I told him how long I would be gone, the king agreed to my request. I also said to the king, "If it please the king, let me have letters addressed to the governors of the province west of the Euphrates River, instructing them to let me travel safely through their territories on my way to Judah. And please give me a letter addressed to Asaph, the manager of the king's forest, instructing him to give me timber. I will need it to make beams for the gates of the Temple fortress, for the city walls, and for a house for myself." And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me.



Coming this week at St. Paul UMC!

Today — Sunday 1/16

9:45 am — Morning Worship

Tuesday — 1/18

7:00 pm — Zoom Leadership Team Meeting

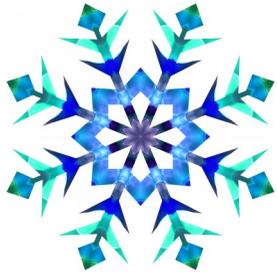
Sunday — 1/23

9:45 am — Morning Worship — 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Hear the Sunday Worship service on the phone without the need for computer or internet. Dial 248-216-1657.

- ◆ Coffee hour this week has been cancelled. We will resume our regular schedule the following week (January 27). Be sure to watch your email for the invitation and join in the conversation.

Prayers are requested for:



Rev. Michelle Gentile, Ruth Isca, Dorothy Kelchner, Helen Vaillencourt, Chris Drouillard, Linda Lee, Fay Alston, Hilda Soodoo

If you or someone you know is standing in the need of prayer, contact the church office and we will get you/them on the list.

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