

## 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

**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.

- ◆ Stand as you are able

**We Gather as God's People — 21th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 17, 2021 — Laity Sunday**

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Victor Lutes

### Opening Hymn #328

**"Surely the Presence of the Lord" — sung twice**

### ◆ Call to Worship

L: Prepare the way for the One who comes. Are you ready to repent and believe?

**P: We turn away from false idols and turn our lives to the One who calls us by name.**

L: The call to discipleship carries with it costs: obedience, sacrifice, commitment.

**P: We accept the weight of the cross as we proclaim,**

**ALL: "We choose to do your will."**

*(you may be seated)*

### Congregational Prayer

Sue Puckett

### Hymn of Preparation #526

**"What a Friend we Have in Jesus" vs. 1-3**

## Celebration of Worship (Continued)

### Scripture Lesson

**Matthew 1:1-6 (NLT)**

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

### Message

**Marjorie Kumar**

**"Connected to Others"**

### 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 #2223**

**"They'll Know we are Christians by Our Love" — See Insert**

- ◆ **Benediction**

**Sue Puckett**

### Postlude



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

### Staff:

Pastor:  
Administrative Assistant  
Director of Music:  
Custodian:

Rev. Maurice Horne  
Irene Sanchez  
Judy White  
Cecelia Tamm

## Today's Hymns

### ***They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"***

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit,  
we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored;  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll  
know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with  
each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by  
our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ  
Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And  
they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we  
are Christians by our love.*



## Today's Scripture Reading

### **Matthew 1:1-6 (NLT)**

This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac.

Isaac was the father of Jacob.

Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.

Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar).

Perez was the father of Hezron.

Hezron was the father of Ram.

Ram was the father of Amminadab.

Amminadab was the father of Nahshon.

Nahshon was the father of Salmon.

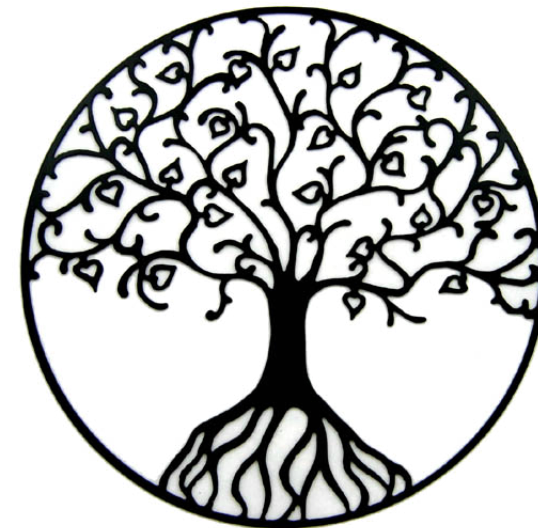
Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab).

Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth).

Obed was the father of Jesse.

Jesse was the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).



# Coming this week at St. Paul UMC!

## Today — Sunday 10/17 — Laity Sunday

9:45 am — Morning Worship

*Today is the day our Laity leads our worship service. Thank you to all who are participating.*

## Thursday — 10/21

10:00 am — Thursday Go-to-Meetin' (remote)

## Sunday — 10/24

9:45 am — Morning Worship

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

- ◆ Sunday, October 31st, is Stewardship Sunday. Our Stewardship Campaign begins today. Let us prayerfully seek God's guidance as we make our financial pledge for 2022. Pledge cards will be collected on Stewardship Sunday.
- ◆ November 7th is All Saints Sunday. We will be honoring all those who have passed between November of last year and November of this year. If you have a loved one who has passed and would like their name listed in the bulletin, please, contact Irene in the office.
- ◆ Join us for Thursday's Virtual Coffee Hour. Download the app by going to [GoToMeeting.com](https://gotomeeting.com) and follow the instructions. Watch for the invitation to the meeting in your email, click the link and join the conversation.

## Prayers are requested for:



Rev. Michelle Gentile, Ruth Isca, Dorothy Kelchner, Helen Vaillencourt, Chris Drouillard, Linda Lee, Bill Lee's Mother, Fay Alston, Cece Tamm at the recent loss of her brother.

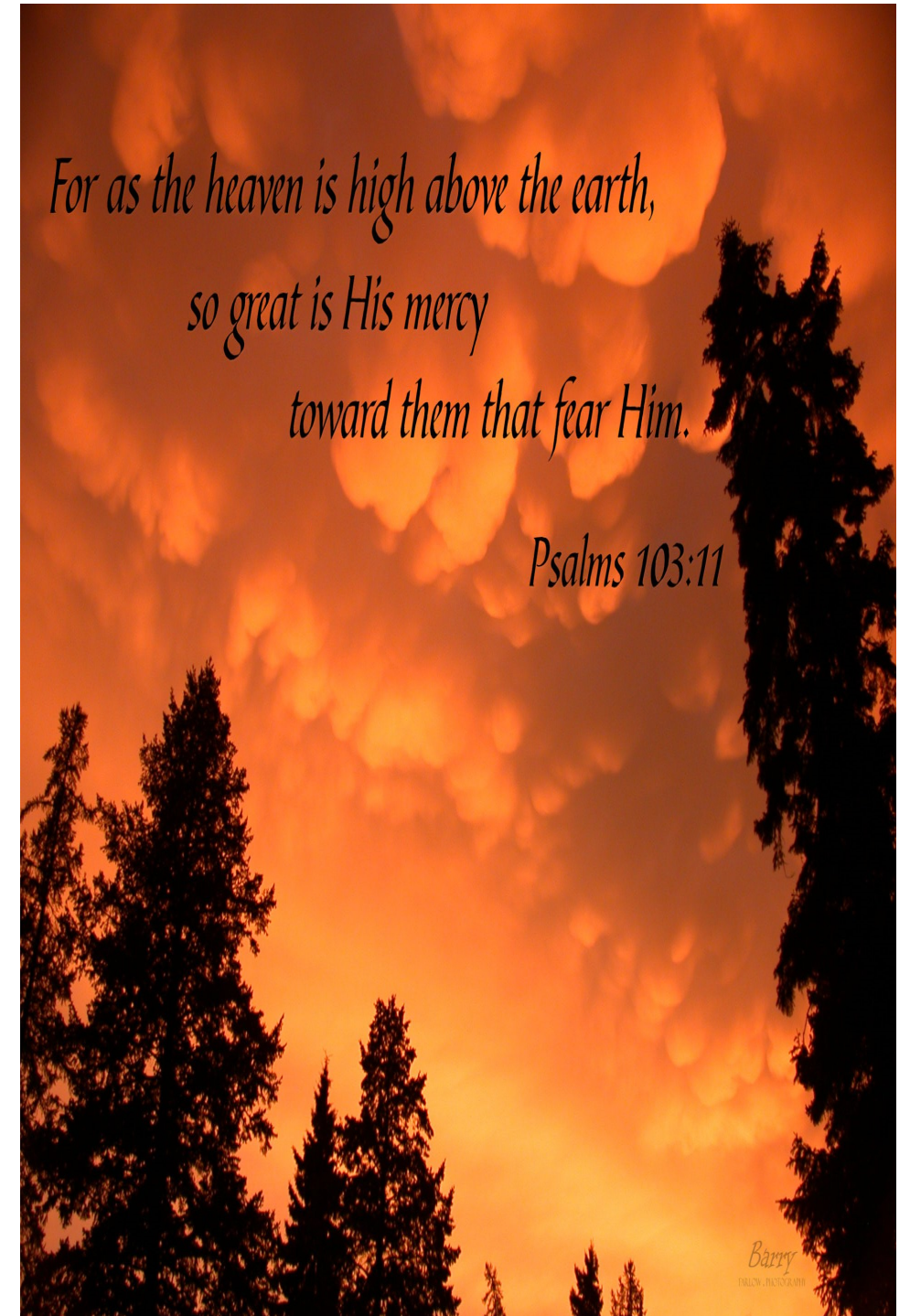
If you or someone you know is standing in the need of prayer, contact the church office and we will get you/them on the list.

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*For as the heaven is high above the earth,  
so great is His mercy  
toward them that fear Him.*

*Psalms 103:11*



*Barry*  
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