

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.

We Gather as God's People
March 19, 2023

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Liturgist: Victor Lutes

Opening Hymn: The United Methodist Hymnal #381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Call To Worship:

Victor Lutes

L: Welcome, pilgrims, on the way to the cross.

P: We are learning to follow Jesus.

L: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

P: In the grassy meadows. In the restful waters. Even in the darkest valley.

L: On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

P: God protects us. God bathes our head in oil. God pursues us.

L: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

P: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out!

All: Amen.

A Children's Moment

Rev. Brian Steele

Hymn of Preparation: UMH #174 "His Name Is Wonderful"

Celebration of Worship (Continued)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23 (CEB)

Victor Lutes

Message: Bless the Lent We Actually Have: Blessed are those who feel alone

Rev. Steele

Opportunity for Generosity

Special Music: "God So Love The World"

Chancel Singers

Doxology UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

Victor Lutes

Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not regard others according to outward appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory.
Amen.

Community Prayer

Rev. Steele

Ways to Connect

Closing Hymn: The Faith We Sing #2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

The Sending

Rev. Steele

Postlude

Coming this week at St. Paul UMC!

Today — Sunday 3/19

9:45 AM — Morning Worship and Live ZOOM Worship

Join us for coffee hour directly after the worship service

Mondays — March 20 & 27

7:00 PM Lent Class Series Via ZOOM

Lenten Food Drive for Lighthouse — *Non-Perishable Foods* may be dropped off on Sundays after services or during church office hours through Easter Sunday

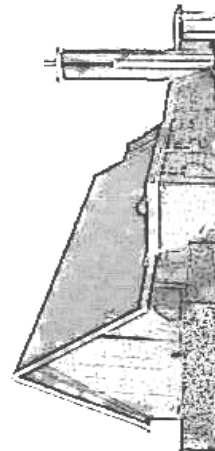
Hear the Sunday Worship service on the phone without the need for computer or internet. Dial 248-216-1657.

Also watch on YouTube Online.

- ◆ If you would like to help with the Hospitality Table, please, sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.
- ◆ Admin Office Hours Monday & Thursdays 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
- ◆ Pastor Office Hours Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00—1:00 PM
- ◆ You can reach our office manager; Kathy Clark at (248) 338-8233 during regular office hours Monday & Thursdays 9am—1pm

The collection for Ukrainian Relief via UMCOR continues. You can give directly in the offering plate or website. Be sure to mark the donation as Ukraine.

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Prayers



Prayers are requested for:

- Lucretia S.
- Virginia's mother, Margaret
- Kim's mother who is recovering from a surgical procedure
- Faye A.
- Kenny who is dealing with cancer
- The Kelley's cousin who has been diagnosed with cancer
- A friend's father-in-law who has serious cancer
- The O'Greene family
- Solomon's friend Michael who has liver cancer
- Syria and Turkey Recovery
- The survivors and victims at MSU
- Ukraine
- Cheraye's mother as she continues to recover

Gratitudes:

- The safe return for the Rogers & Johnson families
- Time with grandchildren

(after 30 days the requests will be removed).

Please, let us know if there is someone you'd like to have added to the list. Thank you.

*Count
your
Blessings*

