

# **ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**February 1, 2026**

**Bonnie Jacque, Pastor**

## **A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

### **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME**

### **A TIME OF SHARING**

**SUNG INTROIT**    Be Still and Know    #743x2    **Screen**

**Be Still and know that I Am God,**

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**    (inspired by Gen 22: 1-14, Micah 6:8 Deut 6:5)

One: What does the Lord require of you?

**MANY: TO DO JUSTICE, AND TO LOVE KINDNESS,**

**AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.**

One: What does God command of us?

**MANY: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul,**

**and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as**

**ourselves.**

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**MANY: BUT TO PRESENCE, AND ABUNDANCE, AND GRACE IN OUR STRUGGLE.**

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP THE GOD WHO BELIEVES IN US,**

**AND TRUSTS IN US, AND ABIDES WITH US.**

~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

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**LOVING GOD, WE COME THIS MORNING SEEKING TO ABIDE IN YOUR PRESENCE. OPEN OUR MINDS TO YOUR SPIRIT OF WISDOM,**

**THAT WE MAY KNOW HOW TO LIVE AS YOUR PEOPLE. OPEN OUR HEARTS TO YOUR SPIRIT OF TRUTH, THAT WE MAY LOVE ALL YOUR PEOPLE WITH A LOVE THAT SPEAKS OF JUSTICE, KINDNESS, AND RADICAL GRACE. AMEN.** <https://ministrymatters.com> Joanne Carlson Brown

**\*HYMN** Rejoice, You Pure in Heart #55

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Screen

ONE: WHEN WE FEEL SO NEGATIVE ABOUT OURSELVES AND WE DO NOT HEAR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE WHO CARE ABOUT US.

**ALL: FORGIVE US, O LORD.**

ONE: WHEN OUR SENSE OF ISOLATION BLOCKS OUT OUR AWARENESS OF YOUR ABIDING LOVE.

**ALL: FORGIVE US, O LORD.**

ONE: WHEN WE FEEL SO GUILTY, WE CANNOT HEAR YOUR FORGIVENESS AND FIND NEW LIFE.

**ALL: FORGIVE US, O LORD. AMEN. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE ARE ACCEPTED AND AFFIRMED BY GOD AS WE ARE.**

ONE: THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE ARE NOT STRANGERS TO OURSELVES OR TO ONE ANOTHER.

**ALL: WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN, MEMBERS OF ONE BODY. OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. WE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO NEW LIFE.**

**SCRIPTURES** Ps 15; Micah 6:1-8; Matt 5:1-12

**HYMN** There is a Name I Love to Hear #52 v.1&3

**MEDITATION** Rejoice You Pure in Heart

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**DOXOLOGY** #778/Screen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**      Screen  
**God of promise and faithfulness, bless what we give, and bless us in the giving. May these gifts serve your work of peace, bring light to those in darkness, and reveal your presence in the ordinary places of our world. Amen.**

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## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**      Until All Are Fed      Screen

On the green, green grass, they gathered long ago

To hear what the Master said.

What they had they shared - some fishes and some loaves

And they served until all were fed.

Until all are fed, we cry out/until all on earth are fed.

Like the One who loves us each and every one

We serve until all are fed.

**COMMUNION PRAYER**      Screen

**In the beginning, the earth was formed. It was the first table that all creations were invited to. This table has gone through several versions and holds steady. Jesus was at this table at some point in history. He taught us a new way to look at tables and how to set them inclusively.**

**He showed us that we are included in the heart and mind of God always and he taught us how to include those we might be inclined to label as "other". For these reasons among many others, we give thanks for this meal. And now, as your daughters and sons who you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:**

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

## **WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Screen**

**Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** O God of Love, O God of Peace

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### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Credits:** CCLI #48321379

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**Liturgy:** As shown on the slide.

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\*If rising from a seated position is an issue for you, please remain seated. The phrase, "Stand in body or spirit as you are able" is intended to give you permission to do so without embarrassment.

Congregational Response to each prayer request is: **Your prayer is our prayer. Your joy is our joy.**

**Communion** is open to all, including children with parent's approval. We serve wine in the outer rings and juice in the middle. We offer a gluten-free wafer for those with gluten intolerance or need a gluten-free diet.

**Reminders - Head to <https://stpaulserin.org> for details**

02/03 Seniors  
02/09 BLOOD DRIVE 2 to 6:30 pm  
02/12 Bible Study at 1:30 pm  
02/15 ANNUAL MEETING following worship  
02/06 Council Meeting 6 PM  
02/18 Ash Wednesday 7 PM  
02/22 CHILI DINNER and PIE SALE

**Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls and visits: Diane S., Joyce O'K, Mark G., Betty Z., John and Polly E., Tom and Mary G., Lucy K., Steve M., Peggy A., Cheri J.**

Birthday: Julia and Anna - Janene's girls celebrate on Saturday.

**Greeters for This Week:** Misti and Truett

**Communion:**

**Greeters for Next Week:** Bill and Peggy A.

**Liturgist for This Week:** Truett D.

**Liturgist for Next Week:** Eugene D.

***Following worship, you are invited for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall.***