

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

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Bonnie Jacque, Pastor

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME**

**TIME OF SHARING**

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

**Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God, Be still and know that I am God.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** **Screen**

One: Gentle God, we are searching.

**MANY: WE COME OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS WITH JESUS TO FIND YOU.**

One: Loving Christ, we are tempted.

**MANY: WE COME OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS WITH YOU TO FIND OUR WAY.**

One: Holy Spirit, we are yearning for life.

**MANY: YOU LEAD US OUT INTO THE WILDERNESS TO FIND LIFE.**

One: We come to worship, to be filled with your Spirit, and to be changed.

**MANY: GRANT US YOUR BLESSING. GRANT US YOUR MERCY. GRANT US YOUR GRACE. AMEN.**

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**OPENING PRAYER** **Screen**

**GOD OF MERCY, AS JESUS WAS LED OUT INTO THE DESERT IN SOLITUDE FOR SELF-EXAMINATION, LEAD US INTO A PLACE OF CLARITY AND SIMPLICITY, THAT IN THIS LENTEN SEASON WE MIGHT SEE OURSELVES AS YOU SEE US AND OPEN OURSELVES TO YOUR LOVING TRANSFORMATION. SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY HEAR, REPENT, AND BE CHANGED. AMEN.**

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**HYMN**      God We Long For Our Own Comfort      **Screen**

Tune: God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Hymns by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette permission granted

**CALL TO CONFESSION**      **Screen**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      **Screen**

**GRACIOUS GOD, YOU LOVE US SO MUCH MORE THAN WE KNOW, MORE THAN OUR SIN, WHICH ITSELF IS MORE THAN WE KNOW. TRUSTING IN YOUR GRACE, WE OPEN OUR HEART TO YOU, THAT WE MAY SEE OUR SELF-CENTEREDNESS, AND KNOW YOUR FORGIVENESS.**

**HOLD US IN YOUR GENTLE EMBRACE, THAT WE MAY DIE AND BE REBORN IN YOUR PERFECT LOVE. SET US FREE BY YOUR GRACE FOR WE ARE BROKEN, AND WE ARE BELOVED. AMEN.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Screen**

**SUNG RESPONSE**      Adapted from #769

**Screen**

Hear our prayer, O God,  
Hear our prayer, O God,  
Hear our prayer, O God,  
And grant us your peace.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps 32; Matt 4:1-11

**HYMN SING**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Screen

**\*DOXOLOGY** 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** Screen

**FROM THE ABUNDANCE OF YOUR GRACE, ALL THAT WE HAVE IS YOURS.  
RECEIVE THE OFFERING OF OUR HANDS  
AND THE GRATITUDE OF OUR HEARTS. AMEN.**

**BENEDICTION**  
**POSTLUDE**

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

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

03/08 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

03/09 - Council Meeting at 6 PM

03/12 - Bible Study at 1:30 PM

03/28 - Easter Egg Hunt

03/29 - Palm Sunday

04/02 - Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service at 7 PM

04/05 - Easter Sunday

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

If you would like a reminder text or phone call or are in need of a ride to any church event, please give Pastor Bonnie a call.

**Greeters for This Week:** Curt and Karrie H.

**Greeters for Next Week:** Roy and Carol K.

**Liturgist for This Week:** Katie G.

**Liturgist for Next Week:** Curt H.

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