

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
Sunday, January 16, 2022  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Interim Pastor Bev Davis**

**Prelude**

**Greeting, Announcements**

**Call to Worship (Responsively)**

A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:

I am your God; I have called you to righteousness.

**We are amazed that God knows us and calls.**

**By God's breath and spirit, we receive life.**

God takes us by the hand and leads us.

In covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

**Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.**

**Justice and peace prevail, by God's strength.**

Worship with joy and give glory to God's name.

Listen for the new thing God declares.

**We remember that we have been baptized.**

**May we live as those with whom God is pleased.**

**Let us pray.**

**Hymn #1** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of heaven and earth, you see all things. You know the depths of our hearts better than we can know ourselves. You know the great heights to which we aspire and the depth of our failures when we fall short of doing what we know is right. We ask for your mercy and forgiveness for our selfishness and fears.**

**Help us to walk as the faithful representatives you call us to be.**

**Create in us the grace of Christ toward those with whom we disagree, just as he extended it to those who conspired against him. Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

**God truly shows no partiality.**

**In every nation, anyone who reverences God  
and does what is right is acceptable to God.**

**Just as the prophets testified in the scriptures,  
everyone who believes in God receives forgiveness of sins through God's  
name. Amen.**

## **Passing the Peace**

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you**

## **Scripture Reading - Curt Hultstrum**

**Old Testament - Psalm 36: 5-10**

**New Testament – 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11**

## **Gospel – Mark 7: 1-8, 4-15, 21-23**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn** Lord, Listen to your Children Praying (sung twice)

## **Invitation to Give**

*We give generously and watch the miracles of God*

## **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below,**

**Praise Him above the Heavenly host**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**God, who spoke words of love for Jesus at his baptism, and who yet speaks words of love for us at the font, be present with us today that we may speak boldly of you in a world that desperately longs to be re-created in your love. Amen.**

## **Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn #43 Love Divine All Loves Excelling**

## **Commission and Blessing**

## **Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey no matter what, you are welcome here!** If you are a first-time guest today, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for worshiping with us today! We hope you find our worship transforming and our hospitality warm and inviting. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you have found one here at St. Paul's United Church of Christ!

**NO Guild Meeting this week.** The guild meeting is canceled for this month. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 17th.

**Do you want to help?** If anyone is interested on serving on the Church Council or any committees, please contact Wanda Dieball (262)224-5210 or Diane Smith (262) 628-3688. The church can't survive without volunteers.

**2022 Offering envelopes** Are available at the back of church. All questions can be directed to Rachel Hoch at rschuppel4@gmail.com.

**Annual Meeting:** St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be on February 13 at 10:45. All committee reports are due to Bernice Dieball by January 16.

**Chili Dinner:** The Church Council has approved hosting our annual Chili Dinner on Sunday February 27th. Marilyn Dieball and Connie Johnson are the coordinators for this event but we are looking for help with planning and suggestions for additional income makers at this event. If you are willing to help with the planning or if you would like to sign up to help on February 27th please contact Connie at ecfamily5@gmail.com or 262 313 7672. Donation requests, sign up sheets, and marketing flyers will be available soon. Please mark your calendars and also help us spread the word. We want to make this a safe event and want everyone to know TO-GO's will be available.

**Prayer Requests:** There are cards in the pews for prayer requests. If you have a prayer for someone or something that you would like raised up, please fill out one of the Prayer Request cards that are in your pew and place it in the offering plate. Pastor Bev will then pray for them during joys and concerns.

**Extending the table:** Sussex Food Pantry is in need of: canned chicken, canned tuna, canned vegetables (peas, carrots, mixed) canned beans (any kind), Chunky/Progresso soup, Hamburger Helper, potato sides, rice sides, pasta sides, jell-o & pudding, pancake mix, syrup, juice (64 oz. bottles), shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, baby wipes, toilet paper.

**Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls & visits:** Ron Smith, Marvin Schlafer, Beulah Timm, Jim Branchford, Russell Dieball. Happy Birthday this week to Jim Swanson, Cliff Braden, Polly Edgar and Rebecca Osher. Happy Anniversary to John & Polly Edgar.