

January 14, 2024 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Judy McGregor, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Jesus called to his disciples,

People: come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.

Leader: That invitation to come follow continues today and every day of our lives.

People: Lord, may we be faithful disciples, following where you call and inviting others to join in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn ~ "Spirit Pour Out" (A. Graham/R. Graham)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you invite us to follow you in our lives and faith. We confess that at times when you call we have instead followed after sin. Forgive and bring us back to your love and plans for our lives. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #634 ~ *"To God Be the Glory"* (refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #853 ~ *"We Are Marching in the Light of God"* (v.1)

We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God.

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We are marching, we are marching, ooh, We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, ooh, We are marching in the light of God.

Offering Prayer

**Doxology ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery and Marsh)*

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

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Special Music ~ “*Never Let Us Go*” (R. E. Schram) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ John 1:43-51

Message ~ “An Invitation to meet Jesus”

Installation and Recognition of Officers and Trustees and
Reception of New Member, Ben Worthington

* The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) ~ *in unison*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communication of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #286 ~ “*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*”

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.
Congregational Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #697 ~ “*Take My Life*” (v. 1,5,6)

*Benediction

*Choral Response #613~ “*O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name*” (x2)
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

Postlude

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St. Paul's will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

REMINDERS and PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY: New Year's Party for the Congregation is Saturday, January 20 at Noon. \$10.00 per person payable in advance. White Elephant gift exchange is optional. ROMANS 12:4 is Sunday, January 21 in the Social Hall, following the worship service. Lunch is provided and the project is assembling packets for Crossroads Soup Kitchen.

NOTICE: The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is called for Sunday, February 11, 2024 immediately following the worship service.

From Kathy Potter...Thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for your generosity to our Giving Tree! 386 personal care & clothing items for babies to teens were donated to the Oakland County Foster Closet last week. This organization serves the entire surrounding area, meeting needs of children in the foster care system and other families in need. May God bless your generosity in his name.

The Chancel Flower Chart for 2024 is available. **DO NOT WRITE ON THE CHART.** Please check the available dates and complete an order form, available in the office. Your name will then be added to the chart. \$20.00 per arrangement - payable to the **DEACONS.** You may also phone or email the office to check available dates and send your payment by mail or drop it in the secure mailbox near the entrance.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and **REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE!**

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
August and Faith Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Steve Boyak, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson, Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
Kris Purdy ~ niece of Grace Erwin; Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley
Jennifer ~ friend of Judy McGregor
Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen, Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean
Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit; Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt

Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright; Joe Duksay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of the late Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis