January 22, 2023 ~ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gathering Music ~ "It Is Well With My Soul" (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements - Judy McGregor, liturgist

Prelude ~ "What Wondrous Love Is This" (arr. J.W. Krug) ~ Chancel Ringers

Call to Worship ~ responsive

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my Soul! All that is within me, bless his Holy name.

People: For God has done great things for those whom he has called his own.

Leader: The mercies of the Lord are renewed every morning,

People: and the grace of God sustains us throughout all the days of our lives.

Amen!

*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit

*Hymn #634 ~ "To God Be the Glory"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ in unison

Jesus, you called us to follow you and to use the gifts that you have given us. Yet we confess that at times our words and deeds have not used our gifts as you call us to. Forgive us, Lord. In your mercy, move in us so that we would bear the fruits of righteousness. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #35 ~ "Glad Adoration"

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #753 ~ "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (v. 1)

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Offering Prayer

*Doxology ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 42:1-9

Special Music ~ "This We Pray" (P. Mock) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Mark 11:12-25

Message ~ "Fireside Chat: Why did Jesus yell at a tree?"

*Hymn #288 ~ "Spirit of the Living God"

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

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.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Choral Response #136 ~ "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (refrain x 2) Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude ~ "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (arr. Hayes)

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ROMANS - Today, following worship

Doris Knecht will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30!

A celebration is planned for **next Sunday**, **January 29** from 1:00PM – 6:00PM at Anthology of Farmington, 30637 W. Fourteen Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48334. Cards may be sent to Doris at this address, Room #415.

Highlights from the January 17, 2023 Session Meeting

- 1 The Clerk of Session, Treasurer and Committee leaders were elected/ appointed.
- 2 "Souper" Bowl Sunday Mission donations will be collected on February 12, 2023. Please bring your \$ cash \$ to church to vote for your team and support our missions.
- 3 The 2023 Preliminary Budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting for approval.
- 4 2023 Lenten Services:

Ash Wednesday at St. Timothy (The Rev. Nate Achterhof preaching), Maundy Thursday at St. Paul's and Good Friday at Rosedale Gardens

^{*}Hymn #853 ~ "We are Marching in the Light of God"

^{*}Benediction

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is called for Sunday, February 12, 2023 immediately following worship. This will also be the annual "Souper Bowl" Sunday when there will be a chance to support your favorite team with a donation to support Crossroads Soup Kitchen!

The **Mission Team** is planning another Adult Mission Trip to Madisonville, Kentucky. We will be leaving on Sunday, March 26th and return on Saturday, April 1st. We will be staying at the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville. Please see Gary Earnley for details.

Stewardship update: General Fund pledges: 43 units @ \$131,033.00; Building Fund pledges: 23 units @ \$25,770.00. The budget goal for 2023 is \$225,000.00. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

You are once again invited to consider a donation of **\$35.00** for **each member on the rolls** to St. Paul's **Per Capita** obligation for 2023. The assessment is \$4,278.05, and a donation from each member will lessen the financial impact on the General Fund. An envelope was provided in your January packet, with an option to also donate to Shared Mission.

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

en our Thoughts en Prayers

Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips Sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff

Joan Velis and family; Westin \sim infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair

John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski

Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham

Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley

John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz

Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley

Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor

Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor

Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz

Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock

Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; 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

Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham

Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet

Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob 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 & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis



Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.

Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

성령 내게 오소서



This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.



853 We Are Marching in the Light of God



This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.



We are dancing... We are praying... We are singing...