

February 13, 2022 ~ 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta

Prelude ~ *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* (arr. Larson) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Oh Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout generations.

People: You have sheltered us, for you are our fortress and hope.

Leader: Christ has saved us from sin and death.

People: Lord, preserve and guide us this day as we worship and serve you. Amen.

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

**Hymn #443 ~ “There Is a Redeemer”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord God, you bring hope to the hopeless and life to all those caught in sin. For the times when we have fallen to our selfishness and sin rather than following your call of Love, Grace and Peace, forgive us Lord and lead us this day and all our days following your ways. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer).

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #829 ~ *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* (v. 1)

*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away:
O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #406 ~ *“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”*

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

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. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 1

Special Music ~ Ringers

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 6:17-26

Message ~ “Reversal and Equality”

*Hymn #441 ~ *“Hear the Good News of Salvation”*

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ *“Come and Rest”* (C. Bell & M. McFee)

Come and rest. Come and listen. Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker.

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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 #839 ~ *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response #600 ~ *“Amen”*

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude ~ *“Swing Low Sweet Chariot/I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”* (arr. McDonald)

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The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will follow the worship service today.

Crain Heating and Cooling of Livonia, owned by former members of St. Paul’s, graciously provided a service at the Cavell House for no charge. Please consider using their services for your future HVAC needs.

Reminder: Thank you to those who have donated to the 2022 Per Capita assessment. Each year the churches in the Presbytery are assessed PER EVERY ACTIVE MEMBER on the roll. Asking the membership to voluntarily donate greatly reduces the burden on the

General Fund. There is also an opportunity to donate to the Shared Mission campaign. \$32.00 per member is currently assessed toward St. Paul's 2022 commitment of \$4,330.24.

From Kathy Potter... "Many thanks to all those who contributed to St. Paul's **Giving Tree** over the Advent/Christmas season! Over 200 items were given and delivered to the **Methodist Children's Home** to support their ministries to the residents of the Home and women and children of the community!

ROMANS 12:4-5 is **Sunday, February 27, 2022** immediately following worship! We will meet in the Social Hall for a meal, fellowship, and to **assemble condiment/utensil packets for Crossroads Food Kitchen!** This is a constant need in their service of meals to the hungry in their local community. Our long partnership with Crossroads and commitment to feed our community physically and spiritually motivates us to serve in this way. Please plan to join us for this event. **Masks and gloves will be required as we work.** All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! **Please sign up in the church lobby or respond to the email** being sent out to indicate your participation. This enables us to have adequate food for lunch!"

An important update from your Board of Deacons...As a result of a very significant decline in participation as well as many more opportunities in the local community for more enhanced food assistance, the Board of Deacons Food Pantry has closed. The board will now distribute donations received to local agencies that serve the community, and will continue to support any ongoing needs of this congregation. You may continue to make celebratory or memorial donations or your donation can simply be a gift to the Deacons Ministries. Information as to how the funds are distributed will be made available to the St. Paul's congregation. Donation acknowledgements will be published in the weekly bulletin and ebranch. To donate, please:

Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons and enclose a note with: Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents).

Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance, or bring it to the church for Sunday worship or during office hours. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. May the peace of Christ be with us all.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

August Kornowicz, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff; Phil Decker ~ friend of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; 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
MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne; Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
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

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

