

September 20, 2020 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements ~ Robert Seymour, guest

Prelude ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship (from Psalm 105) ~ *responsive*

Leader: Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled. Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

**All: He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.**

Leader: They asked, and he brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

**All: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.**

Choral Response #614 ~ *“Great Are You, Lord”*

*Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.*

*Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.*

*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.*

*Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!*

*Great are you, Lord!*

Leader: For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

**All: So he brought the people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Praise the Lord!**

*\*you are invited to stand as you are able*

*\*Hymn #36 ~ “For the Fruit of All Creation”*

*\*Psalm Prayer ~ in unison*

God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in faith to redeem the world from slavery and lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*\*Sharing the Peace ~ The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

Reflection with children

Special Music ~ *“My Tribute”* ~ A. Crouch

Prayer for Illumination

Choral Response #455 ~ *“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken”*

*Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;*

*listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don't understand.* (repeat)

Scripture ~ Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45; Matthew 20:1-16

Message ~ *“It is ours to give”*

\*Hymn #440 ~ "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Community at Prayer

\*Doxology

*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 of Thanksgiving

\*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 #463 ~ "How Firm a Foundation"

\*Benediction

Postlude ~ "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers* 

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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.**

**From Carol Falle** ~"I want to thank all the people from St. Paul's who sent me 100th Birthday cards with best wishes or called or stopped over. It was a really nice way to celebrate. Really miss seeing everyone and looking forward to being at church. Thanks again so much."

## Highlights from the September 15, 2020 Council Meeting...

1. **Together for Joy** - a Stewardship Campaign will be held on November 8, 15, and 22. More info to come!
2. Crossroads event will be held at Kate Mackie's residence, 5 houses south of the church on Cavell St. outside on September 27 at 1:00PM. A restroom will be available and masks are required. Check the announcement on the website for more information or contact Kathy Potter.
3. Council thanks the congregation for continued faithfulness in generous support of St. Paul's.
4. It is with regret that the Council accepted the resignation of Stefanie Borysiak. Her time and energy has been appreciated and we look forward to a time when she is again able to participate in leadership at St. Paul's.

## World Communion Sunday is October 4.

The **Peace and Global Witness Offering** encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers-at all time in all ways. This offering will be received on October 4.

## The **VIRTUAL CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 11.**

This means walkers from all participating congregations will **NOT** meet together to walk. Instead, you can still be a part of our St. Paul's team and walk by yourself, or with your family, choosing your own distance as well as where you are comfortable - around your living room, around your block, or around your neighborhood!

Go to Livonia/Garden City Area CROP Hunger Walk to find the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Team page. There you can register as a walker and/or a donor. Online donations are encouraged because for every group of 5 or more who register from St. Paul's and raise at least \$250.00 online, a matching gift of \$250.00 will be given! These donations will help people globally through the work of Church World Service and locally right here in our community through the food banks in Livonia, Garden City, Redford, and Farmington.

Please consider joining and/or donating to our team! Hunger issues continue amidst the COVID-19 pandemic both locally and globally. The Navajo Nation has been especially hard hit because of their water needs. Walk. Give. Change the world!

## For the Fruit of All Creation

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

## 440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.  
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.  
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin.

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the temp - est still is high.  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.  
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past.  
 All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring.  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness.  
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee.

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide. O re - ceive my soul at last!  
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring thou up with - in my heart. Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Originally titled "In Temptation," these four stanzas (of five) call to mind how a spiritual and emotional tempest can move from turmoil to tranquility. This tune was first used with this text in a cantata by the composer in 1910, and since then has become the standard one.

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.