

October 22, 2023 ~ 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: As we come together to worship, we desire to praise the Lord
and see God in our midst.

People: We seek the love and guidance only God our Father can give.

Leader: We thirst for the living water that Jesus provides,

People: and we hunger for the direction and encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

**Hymn ~ "Holy Is the Lord" (L. Giglio/C. Tomlin)*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, we want to follow you and your call for us. For times when we have not felt your presence and fallen to sin, forgive us. Quiet our hearts with your presence and renew us with your love. Show us your glory and grant us your wisdom to recognize you in our lives and world. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #71 ~ *"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"* (refrain)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ *"Shout to the Lord"* (refrain)

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

Offering Prayer

**Doxology#606 ~ "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 - Exodus 33:12-23

Special Music - *"The Place of Prayer"* (P. Mock) - Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture - Matthew 22:15-22

Message - "Doubts and Wanting to See God"

*Hymn #203 - *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

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 #452 - *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response - *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"*

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.*

Postlude

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Thank you to Gary Earnley and Kathy VanEck for participating on behalf of
St. Paul's in the annual CROP Hunger Walk on October 8.

And thanks to the generosity of St. Paul's Board of Deacons as well as individual donors,
\$750.00 was sent on behalf of St. Paul's, which will make an impact in the fight against hunger
locally, as well as around the world.

Next Sunday, October 29, 2023, all are invited to stay after the worship service for the **ROMANS project** which will be repairing the creche and making Chrismons.
Please sign up in the lobby.

Highlights from the October 17, 2023 Session Meeting...

- The Stewardship Campaign - "Abundant Life" - will begin on November 5, 2023. Watch your mail for details.
- The trustees invite volunteers to help with decorating the sanctuary and lobby on Monday, November 27 at 9:00AM.
- A congregational meeting is called for December 10, 2023 for the purpose of electing officers.
- St. Paul's received a thank you for the \$625.00 donated to the 2023 Pentecost Offering.

Chancel Flowers may be ordered from the Board of Deacons for any of the remaining available Sundays in 2023. Order forms are in the office. Please check the chart on the lobby wall for an open date **before** placing your order.

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



Steve Boyak, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin
Karen Bright, August and Faith Kornowicz, Sheldon Davis, Pam Phillips
Suzanne Tabaka, Jim Roye, Jerry Stone, Kathleen Warren
Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson
Nate Statly (MSU shooting victim) ~ friend of Joey Nicholas
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
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
Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham; Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
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