

February 16, 2025 6th after Epiphany.

Thought to ponder: "*. . . when it comes down to it, that's what life is all about: showing up for the people you love, again and again, until you can't show up anymore.*" — Rebecca Walker

Prelude:

Welcome

**Announcements, Life & Work of the Church
Acknowledgement of the Territories**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you

Call to Worship:

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Let us join in song before our God!

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Let us sing praises to God's holy name together.

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.

One: A song of praise is always fitting,

All: For God heals the broken hearted and binds up our wounds.

Hymn: VU #222 Come let Us Sing

**Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**

**O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted
by God's hand.**

**You dwell among us
and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other
following your way;
our precious brothers
and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**

**Deserts shall bloom
and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.**

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Prayer

**Loving God, you created us to live in
community and uphold one another in
love. May we seek your presence in**

each and every day and learn to
 recognize you in the sound and feel of
 our own breath and in the movement
 or noise of those around us. Enliven
 our faith so that it leads us to trust in
 you and to follow the path of
 abundance, compassion, and
 connection. Let our worship in song
 and prayer be a foreshadowing of our
 worship in action and witness.
 Transform us from despair to hope,
 complacency to courage, and
 indifference to love in your name.
 Amen.

Children's time: And on the 4th day *****

Hymn: MV #13 O Let The Power Fall on Me
vs 1,2,1

O let the power
 Fall on me, my Lord,
 Let the power
 Fall on me;
 O let the power from heaven
 Fall on me, let the power
 Fall on me.

For we want justice
 And truth and love, my Lord,
 We want justice
 And truth and love;
 For we want justice and truth

**And love, my Lord, we want justice
And truth and love.**

**O let the power
Fall on me, my Lord,
Let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven
Fall on me, let the power
Fall on me.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture

Genesis 1: 14-19

Psalm 98 sing a new song

Luke 6:17-26 blessed are they

Ministry of Music: Look to the Light

Reflection: To Suffer together.....

Hymn: VU #701

What does The Lord Require of You

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**Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.
Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.**

**What does the Lord require of you?
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 What does the Lord require of you?**

**To seek justice, and love kindness,
 And walk humbly with your God.
 To seek justice, and love kindness,
 And walk humbly with your God.**

**What does the Lord require of you?
 What does the Lord require of you?
 What does the Lord require of you?
 What does the Lord require of you?**

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Prayers of the People

**One: Faithful God,
 All: Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass
 against us; and lead us not into
 temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the
 power, and the glory, for ever and
 ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:**Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God, you are the Source of all that is good. For it is from you, that loving kindness, justice and mercy flows into the world. Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice and mercy may flow through them, too. And bless our lives so our words and actions show your Spirit at work in us and through us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and Saviour. Amen.

Hymn: VU #242 Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on
to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us,
pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire
shining forth in the night;
Till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel
from light into Light.

**By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine
The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean
proclaim God divine.**

**We, too, should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration
a song let us raise:
Till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest,
hosanna and praise.**

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Benediction:

Sung Benediction: MV #211 Go Now in Peace Guided by the Light

**Go now in peace
guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be nourished
by the Word of life.**

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Announcements

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Reader for this week: Gord Phippen

Reader for next week: Elaine McLaughlan

Greeter this week: Frank and Audrey

Greeter next week: Jo Ann Goddard

Tellers this week: Shirley and Al

Tellers next week: Jo Ann and Bob

A/V this week: Lisa

A/V next week: John

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service

Wednesday 2:30 GPS

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service via

Facebook and Zoom

Coffee and conversation after the service.

A Lenten Program is available: if you would like a copy of the book 31 short spiritual practices, please contact the office to get your copy. It can be electronic or printed.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

M&P: The M&P committee exists as the supervisory committee for staff at St. Paul's. If you have a compliment or complaint that you wish to have discussed, please submit it in writing to the M&P committee by putting it in a sealed envelope and leaving it in their mailbox. The M&P committee: Shirley Keith, Tom Belyea, Judy Candy, Cheryl Hughes, Bob Ness, Denise Murphy

The AGM is coming up. There are three options:
1) During the service, 2) After the service, 3) On a weekday evening. If you are unable to come in to vote on an option by putting your choice on the board in the narthex, but would like to vote, please email the office with your choice. We will announce the choice in two weeks.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown