

# ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Service of the Word

### The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

✠ Indicates please rise, as able

#### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RINGING THE BELLS and BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT

PRELUDE (o) *Finale from Organ Concerto No. 5* -G.F. Handel

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (WC, adapted)

Pastor: How precious is the steadfast love of God. All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

**People: Christ is the fountain of life. In Christ we behold the Light of God.**

Pastor: Children of the Almighty,

**All: let us worship God!**

✠ HYMN OF ADORATION *Let Us with a Joyful Mind* No. 16

#### ✠ SEQUENCE OF CONFESSION (WC, adapted)

*Call to Confession*

**All: Almighty God, we confess we have been led astray by the idols of this world: possessions, wealth, power, and so much more. It all detracts from our relationship with you. Forgive us, Almighty God. Lead us to repentance and true renewal, that we may serve you faithfully. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### ✠ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The People's Response: Amen! Thanks be to God!*

✠ ACT OF PRAISE *This Is the Day* (#84, vs 1)

***This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be  
glad in it. This is the day, this is the day, that our God has made.***

#### CHILDREN'S CHAT

Denise Johnson, DCE

ANTHEM *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

arr. John Carter  
Chancel Choir

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

<i>The Hebrew Scriptures</i>	<i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i>	(OT) Pg 651
<i>The Psalm</i>	<i>Psalm 36:5-10</i>	(OT) Pg 482
<i>The Gospel</i>	<i>John 2:1-11</i>	(NT) Pg 87

SERMON "Standing in Line with an Empty Glass" Rev. Elizabeth Terrill

✠ HYMN OF REFLECTION *Help Us Accept Each Other* No. 388

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 886

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Remembering Our Sister in Christ

*Evelyn Louise Esker* 1949—2021

*Hymn of Remembrance* *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (505, vs 2)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer, and 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 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, for ever. Amen.**

#### OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY <sup>(o)</sup> *Gavotte in G*

-G.F. Handel

✠ DOXOLOGY <sup>(780)</sup> *Gloria Creator*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION <sup>(WC, adapted)</sup>

**All: Almighty God, we offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless these gifts and our lives to your service, that they and we may reveal your glory, nurture hope and compassion, and manifest the common good. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

✠ HYMN OF PARTING *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* No. 459

✠ CHARGE and BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE <sup>(o)</sup> *March from the Occasional Oratorio* -G.F. Handel

## ***In Our Thoughts and Prayers***

**Week 1:** The loved ones of the Rev. Levering "Lev" Reynolds III; Charlotte Freeland; the loved ones of Elvera Nungesser

**Week 2:** The loved ones of Joan Wiegrefe; the loved ones of Louise Esker; Susan Harris; the people of Boulder County, Colorado

**Week 3:** Riley Ann Hancock & family; the loved ones of the Rev. Bruce Haltom

**Week 4:** Clark Kossina; loved ones of the Rev. Bryan Manery; all suffering from recent storms

**Ongoing:** St. Paul UCC; Rebecca; Diane Silva; Dorothy Rey; Donna; Jan Hoffmann; Amanda Peters; those affected by COVID-19; John Philip & family; Lisa; residents in Senior Living Centers; lasting peace throughout the world

The Illinois South Conference Calendar of Prayer encourages the people of the ISC to pray for one another. Each week, on a rotating basis, specific churches and pastors are lifted up in prayer.

This week, beginning today, January 16, the people of the ISC are praying for St. Paul United Church of Christ in Columbia, Illinois, and the Rev. Elizabeth Terrill.

Please join our sisters and brothers in faith in praying for one another!

## THIS WEEK <sup>at</sup> GLANCE



### Sunday, January 16

9:30 am – Worship  
10:30 am – Coffee Hour

### Monday, January 17

**Office Closed –  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
6 pm Band  
7 pm Board of Worship

### Tuesday, January 18

9 am Preschool  
6:30 pm Transition Team (Zoom)  
7 pm Boy Scouts

**Pastor Elizabeth on vacation until January 25**

### Wednesday, January 19

9 am Preschool  
10 am Bells  
2:30 pm After School Program  
6 pm Bells  
6 pm Confirmation  
7 pm Choir

### Thursday, January 20

9 am Preschool

### Friday, January 21

8 am Quilters

### Sunday, January 22

9:30 am – Worship  
10:30 am – Coffee Hour

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to honor or remember someone with altar flowers, please sign up by using the flower chart in the narthex or by contacting Cathy in the office to choose a date. The cost of the flowers is \$40. Please make checks payable to St. Paul United Church of Christ.

After worship, you may take the flowers home to enjoy. We ask that you return the containers the following week so that they may be used again.

**2022 offering envelopes  
are ready to be picked up.  
They are in the hallway between  
Fellowship Hall and the elevator.**

Little Friends Preschool will have two teaching positions open for the 2022-2023 school year. The openings are for a teacher and a teacher's aide for our Pre-K class. If you, or anyone you know of may be interested, please contact Preschool Director, Jody Taake, at [preschool@stpaulcolumbia.org](mailto:preschool@stpaulcolumbia.org)

# Jesus Changes Water Into Wine



## Let Us with a Joyful Mind

John Milton, 1624  
Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1993

1 Let us with a joy - ful mind praise our God for - ev - er kind,  
2 New-made earth was filled with light through God's all com - mand - ing might,  
3 Daz - zling bright the sun o - beys God who shines with bright - er rays,  
4 Stars and moon that span - gle night all de - pend on heav - en's light,

*Refrain*  
Rich with mer - cies that en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

5 Crea - tures of the sea and land  
all are fed by God's own hand,  
Rich with mer - cies that en - dure,  
ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

6 There - fore with a joy - ful mind,  
praise our God for - ev - er kind,  
Rich with mer - cies that en - dure  
ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

## Help Us Accept Each Other

*Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.*

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er  
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;  
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,  
each per-son to em-brace.  
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,  
and bring us to be-lieve  
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed  
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,  
as in our dai-ly life  
we strug-gle to be hu-man  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for peo-ple,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may be-come.

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*John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16*

- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions  
to do the truth in love;  
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,  
un-til we know by heart  
the ta-ble of for-give-ness  
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ter  
with all who are in need,  
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,  
for righ-teous-ness and bread,  
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,  
new hands for hold-ing on;  
re-new us with your Spir-it;  
God! Free us, make us one!

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## Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*Ps. 36:7-9*

*Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.*

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.  
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,  
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.  
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.