**St. Paul’s United Church of Christ**

**January 22, 2023**

**Rev. Robert F. Broeder**

**Organ Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**\*Call to Worship**

P: We have been invited to put out into deep water.

**M: We have been invited to have faith in God.**

P: We have been invited to cast our welcome far and wide.

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P: We have been invited.

**A: We gather here to find the courage to answer, Yes.**

***\**Hymn We Praise Thee, O God #3**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

 *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, **we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people. God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

**\*The Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*

 *and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,*

*is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Scripture Isaiah 9: 1 – 4**

 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**Mathew 4: 12 – 23**

 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.

 Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.

 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every diseases and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they bought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**Hymn Make Me a Captive #173**

**Sermon “I Will Make You”**

**Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues #305**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Cares Chorus**

 *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down*

 *at your feet. And anytime I don’t know just what to do,*

 *I will cast all my cares upon You.*

**Offering our Gifts**

 Invitation

 Offertory Music

 **\*Doxology**

*Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

 **\*Offering Prayer**

God of abundance**, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***\**Hymn What a Fellowship #290**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**