

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**January
22nd,
2023**



Organ Prelude

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

We Praise Thee, O God #3

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer,
Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before Thee; we kneel and
adore Thee;

We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises
we bring

We worship Thee, God of our Fathers,
we bless Thee;
Through trouble and tempest our guide
hast Thou been.
When perils o'ertake us, escape Thou
wilt make us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles
we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
To thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems
we raise;

Thy strong arm will guide us; our God is
beside us.

To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever
be praise.

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.**

Gloria Patri

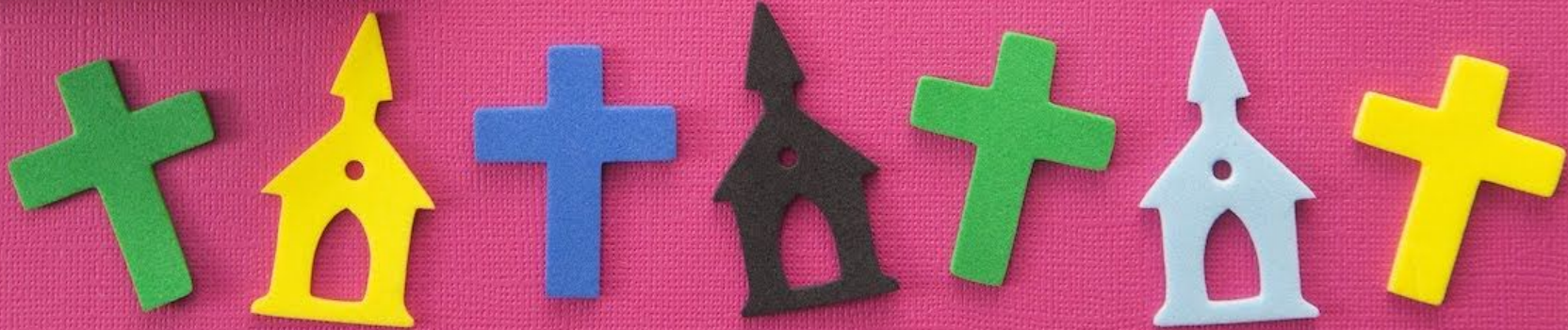
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

*Welcome
&
Announcements*



Holy
Bible

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.

Matthew 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 disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought 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.

Make Me a Captive #173

Make me a captive, Lord,
And then I shall be free.

Force me to render up my sword
And I shall conqueror be.

I sink in life's alarms
When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms,
And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor
Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure,
It varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move
Till thou hast wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love,
And deathless it shall reign.

My pow'r is faint and low
Till I have learned to serve;
It lacks the needed fire to glow,
It lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world
Until itself be driv'n;
Its flag can only be unfurled
When thou shalt breathe from heav'n.

My will is not my own
Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne,
It must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent
Amid the clashing strife
When on thy bosom it has leant,
And found in thee its life.

THE SERMON



O For a Thousand Tongues #305

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and king,

The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master
and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the
earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.

Glory to God, and praise
and love

Be ever, ever giv'n

By saints below

and saints above,

The church in earth and heav'n.

Pastoral Prayer - Silent 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 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 and ever.

Cares Chorus

*I cast all of my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And any time I don't know what to do,
I will cast all of my cares upon you.*



Invitation

Offertory Music

OFFERING
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

What a Fellowship #290

What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a
peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure
from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on
the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this
pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from
day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure
from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on
the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and
secure

from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, leaning on
the everlasting arms.



*Benediction
& Blessing*