

SPRING BRUNCH & BUCKET RAFFLE

Sunday, April 2 @ 9am to 1pm

Free Will Offering

Take Outs Available

MENU Scrambled Eggs, Egg Casseroles, Sausage, Hash Browns, Pancakes,
Biscuits & Gravy, Rolls, Apple Sauce and Beverages

Worship is at 8:00am on Sunday, April 2



**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**March
26th,
2023**



Organ Prelude

**Ringing of
the Bell**

****Call to Worship***

We are here to worship our God.
**We are tired, worn and our bones
are dried up.**

We trust in God's mercy.
We are spent, without breath, seeking life.

The Spirit of God,
the Breath of God, is here to give us life.

**Praise to our God who
does not leave us where we are.**

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

**Great is your faithfulness,
O God, Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see.
You do not change,
your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.**

Ref: **Great is your faithfulness!**

Great is your faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed your hand has provided.**

Great is your faithfulness,

God unto me!

**Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness,
mercy, and love.**

Ref: **Great is your faithfulness!**

Great is your faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed your hand has provided.**

Great is your faithfulness,

God unto me!

**Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence
to cheer and to guide.**

**Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine
with ten thousand beside.**

Ref: **Great is your faithfulness!**

Great is your faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed your hand has provided.**

Great is your faithfulness,

God unto me!

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a body of water and distant mountains. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and a forest. The text 'Prayer of confession' is overlaid on the image in a white, elegant script font. The word 'Prayer' is in a larger, more decorative font, while 'of confession' is in a smaller, simpler script font below it.

Prayer
of confession

Sing refrain:

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer:

when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer:

come and listen to me.

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

Sing refrain:

***O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.***

**“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch
for the morning,
more than those who watch
for the morning.”**

Sing refrain:

***O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.***

“O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and
with him is great power to redeem.**

**It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.”** *Psalm 130*

It is he who redeems me.

Sing refrain:

O Lord, hear my prayer,

***O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.***

O Lord, hear my prayer,

***O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.***

Time of silent confession.

*Words of Assurance

Romans 3: 22 - 24

“ . . . the righteousness of God is disclosed through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...”

Through the gift of faith, your sins have been forgiven. +

Gloria Patri

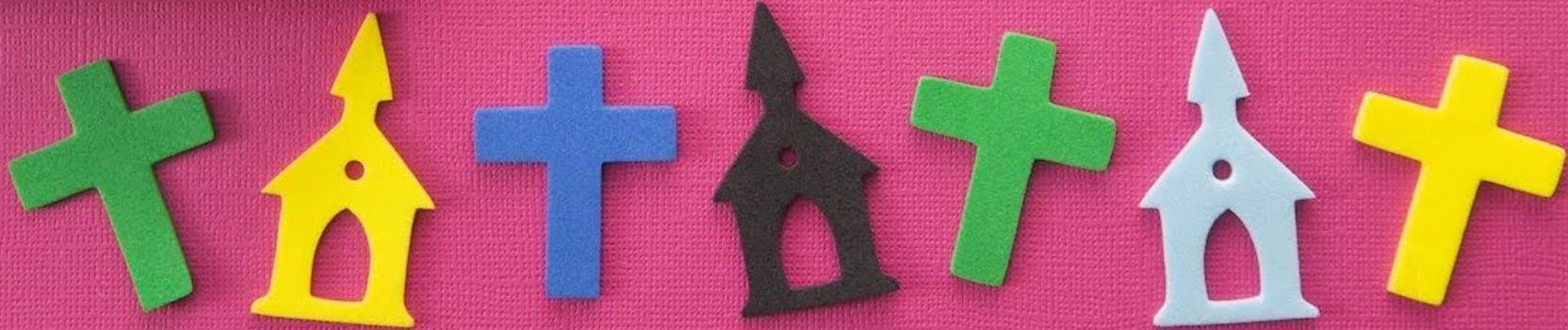
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

*Welcome
&
Announcements*



Holy
Bible

CHILDREN'S SERMON



Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?”
I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD:

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD:

I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

THE SERMON



“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

**If you trust in God to guide you,
with hopeful heart through all your ways,
you will find strength, with God beside you,
to bear the worst of evil days;
for those who who trust
God’s changless love
build on the rock that will not move.**

**Only be still, and wait God's pleasure
in cheerful hope, with heart content,
trusting that grace
which knows no measure
will by unbounded Love be sent;
nor doubt our inmost wants are clear
to One who holds us always near.**

**Sing, pray, and keep
God's ways unswerving;
offer your service faithfully,
and trust God's word though undeserving,
there find the truth to set you free;
God will not fail to guide and bless
those who embrace
God's faithfulness.**

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. Amen

“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.***

Prayer of Dedication

O God, because we have been given so much life and are redeemed through Christ,

because we are loved so much, give us the strength to love more,

because we are not left without hope or the promise of grace,

we give ourselves and our gifts with grateful hearts. Amen

“God, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

**God, speak to me, that I might speak
in living
echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring
children lost and lone.**

**O fill me with your fullness, God,
your overflowing
love to know;
in glowing word and kindling thought,
your love to tell,
your praise to show.**

**O use me, God, use even me
just as you will,
and when, and where,
until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy,
your glory share.**



*Benediction
& Blessing*