St Paul's UCC

Henderson MN

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We gather to praise our God.

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard.

We gather to share our stories of faith.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for me.

Let us praise to our God.

Let us praise our God whose love destroys barriers.

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Your life is life-giving to both great and small; in all life you're living, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers, then wither and perish but naught dims your powers.

So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light, your angels adore you, all veiling their sight; all praise we now render as your angels do: in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

*Confession and Forgiveness

Let us humbly admit our sinfulness before God and before one another.

Lord God, you love us with a death defeating love. Sadly our response is often to find reasons not to love and serve others.

We build walls and other barriers to protect our egos and our worldly treasures rather than bridges to protect and serve others.

Open us up to the power of your love and take away our love of sinning, that we may turn away from being self-serving to being your disciples.

Time of silent prayer.

of confession

"...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.

+ Thanks be to God!

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.

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The Promise of the Holy Spirit

John 14: 15 - 21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot

receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."



"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found. Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown; Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart. Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast. Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest. Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore your temples leave. You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love. Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms outstretched above.

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





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, You have given us so much in this life and have redeemed us through Christ.

Give us the strength to love more.

Because we have hope and the promise of grace,

we give ourselves and our gifts with grateful hearts. Amen

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.

Have you not bid us love you every way? All, all your own; soul, heart, and strength, and mind; I see your your cross – there teach my heart to stay: O let me seek you, and O let me find.

Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

