

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**November
13th,
2022**



Organ Prelude

**Ringing of
the Bell**

***Call to Worship**

**L: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I
say rejoice!**

**P: Thank you, God, for so many
wondrous gifts.**

**L: For our homes and families, for our
church and friendship, for food and
fellowship.**

**P: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, we
say rejoice.**

**L: Thank you, God, for new life in Jesus
Christ, for love, for belonging and for this
time of thanks and
praise.**

**All: We all now rejoice and feast in the
gifts and grace of Jesus Christ our
Savior.**

Now Thank We All Our God #307

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and him who
reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God whom
earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**
Wondrous and generous God, you
have blessed us with loving families,
kind friends
and a caring church. Let us receive
these gifts with thankfulness and
humility.

Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world. Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. Amen.

Gloria Patri

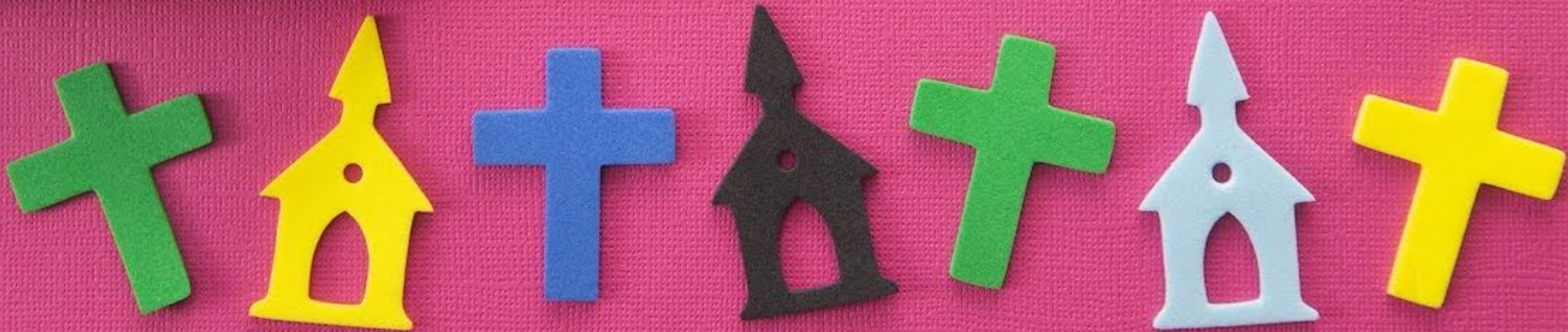
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***



Welcome
So glad you're here...

Holy
Bible

CHILDREN'S SERMON



* Those who are able please stand

A Litany for Blanket Sunday

A Mother wandered in the desert with
nothing to shield her child from the broiling
sun.

**May my gift of a blanket, shelter families
in the deserts around the world.**

A father covered his children from the cold
wind and the heavy snow.

May my gift of a blanket shelter families from the cold and help to keep them warm here in the United States.

After the flood, God sent a rainbow of hope and promises.

May my gift of a blanket give hope and promise to victims of floods, hurricanes and earthquakes in the United States, Myanmar and Pakistan.

The Good Samaritan covered the wounds of a beaten man and took him to a safe place to receive care.

May my gift of a blanket, give warmth to my brothers and sisters who are ill from malnutrition, malaria, HIV and other health concerns.

Ruth arrived in Bethlehem, a refugee with nothing.

May my gift of a blanket become a sheltering refuge in Eastern Europe, Central America and Africa.

After Jesus had risen, he returned to his followers, charging them to care for his sheep.

May my gift of a blanket give warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy healing and hope wherever God's people may need care.

In Jesus' name, we offer these gifts for the healing of the nations. Amen.

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21 – 35

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me. How often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

THE SERMON



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.***

**Generous God, we have given to you what is
already yours.**

**You entrust us with so
Much abundance; accept what we offer to you
now as signs of our
love for you and our desire to serve
you. You are Lord of our loves. Amen**

OFFERING PRAYER

Amazing Grace #233

Amazing grace!

How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost,

but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my
heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did
that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers,
toils and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me
safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised
good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield
and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

A close-up photograph of an olive branch with several green olives and one dark olive. The branch is positioned diagonally across the upper left portion of the frame. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise scene with warm orange and yellow light transitioning into a blue sky. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

*Benediction
& Blessing*