

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**October
22nd,
2023**



Organ Prelude

**Ringing of
the Bell**

Call to Worship

One: Paul the Apostle commends to us whatever is true and honorable and just.

All: Let us hear these words that we may be challenged.

One: Paul also offers us whatever is pure and lovely and gracious.

**All: Let us seek these ways that we may
be blessed.**

One: We are to set before ourselves
whatever is excellent and worthy of praise.

**All: Let us think upon these deeds in
our time of worship together. And the
peace of God which passes all
understanding will keep our hearts and
minds in Jesus Christ.**

Invocation

One: Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together.

All: Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world.

All: Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter disappointments with prayerful trust so may your church bring forth your will and your reign. Amen.

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP



*Sharing The Peace
Of Christ*



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.***

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious and Holy God of all peoples and all times: We come before you in humility to confess our faults individually and corporately.

All: For interpreting our anointing as exclusivity, forgive us. For proclaiming your good news as bad news to others, forgive us.

For proclaiming liberty to ourselves and keeping others captive, forgive us. For failing to glorify you, forgive us. In this hour teach us your ways and offer us again your power, that our faint spirits might be transformed into the mantle of praise. Like a mighty oak, strengthen us for the work of freedom, peace, and unity which is our calling and your joy. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: God promises to all who trust in Christ forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

All: Courage in the struggle for justice and peace, God's presence in trial and rejoicing.

One: And eternal life in the kingdom of God which has no end. In Christ Jesus you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Message For All Ages





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. 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

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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

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way #39

God moves in a mysterious way

His wonders to perform;

He plants His footsteps in the sea
and rides upon the storm.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage
take;

The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy
and shall break

In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord
by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.



*Benediction
& Blessing*