

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**October
29th,
2023**



Organ Prelude

**Ringling of
the Bell**

Call to Worship

One: On this Reformation Sunday, we give thanks for the courage of those who dared to challenge the complacency of their time.

All: We give thanks for the faith, the insights, and the vision of those who laid the foundation on which we continue to build.

One: On this Reformation Sunday, we give thanks that God's Spirit not only brings comfort and care, but also challenge and confrontation.

All: We give thanks that every day brings opportunities for new discoveries as we seek to respond to God's call in our time.

One: On this Reformation Sunday we give thanks for the United Church of Christ and all the churches with whom we share the Reformation traditions.

All: We give thanks that the love of Christ shines brightly in this place and in every place and every time.

I Love to Tell the Story #199

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

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

Loving God, in gratitude for the gift of life we come to worship this day. Forgive us for all that hinders the steady flow of your love in us and through us. Forgive us for the smallness of our vision. And forgive us for looking to the past so much that we no longer know how to look forward to your future unfolding before us. Grant us grace in abundance, and may we always extend that grace to those around us, as well. We pray as followers of Jesus. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Message For All Ages



Children Singing - Song 1

Jesus loves me this I know

For the bible tells me so

They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus

loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,

the bible tells me so

Jesus loves me this I know
As he loved so long ago
Taking children on his knee
Saying, "Let them come to me"
Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus
loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me,
the bible tells me so

Children Singing - Song 2

The Preacher in the church goes

talk, talk, talk

Talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk

The Preacher in the church goes

talk, talk, talk

All Sunday long.

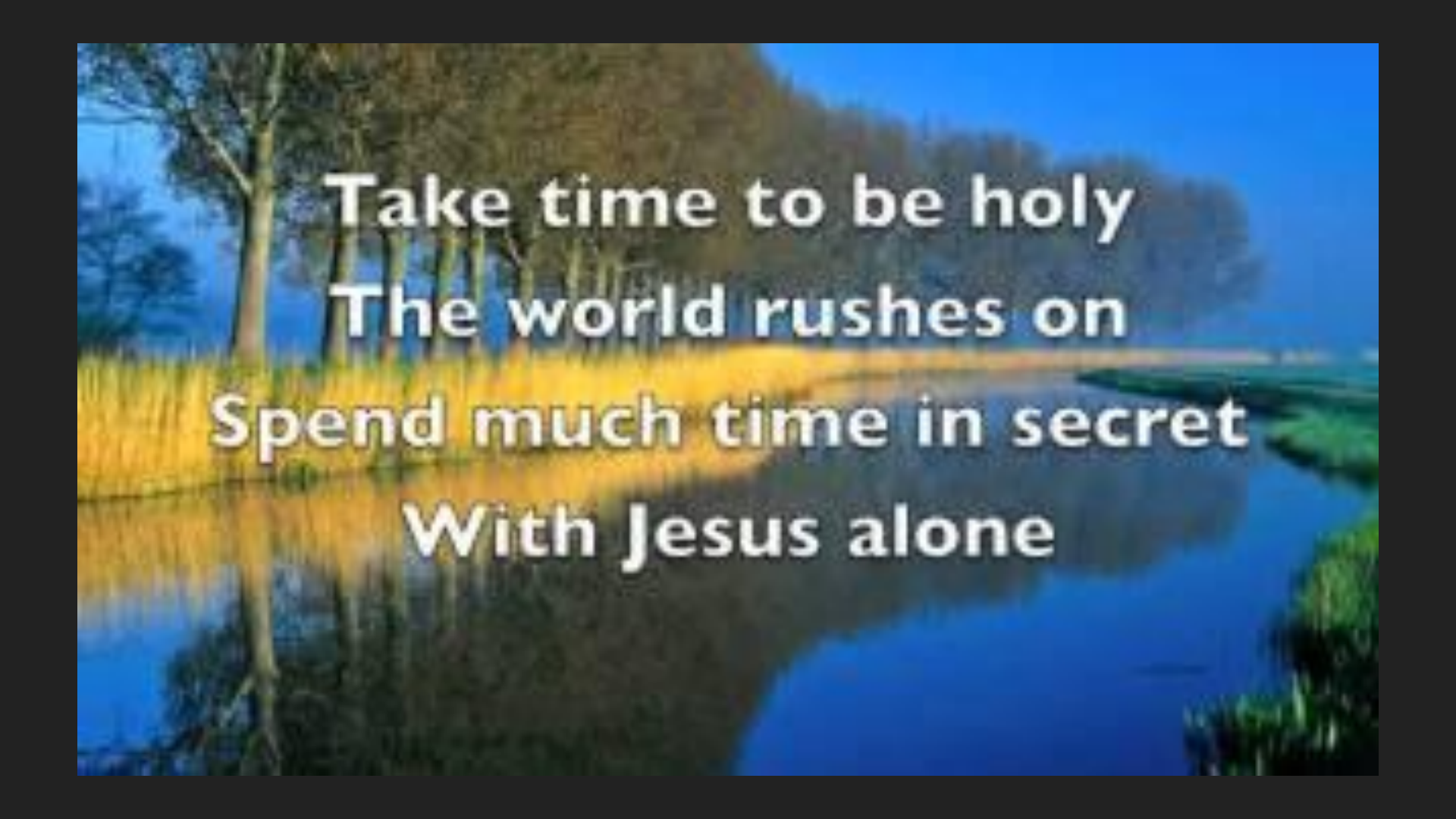
The Children in the church go
wobble, wobble, wobble

The Baby in the church goes
waaaa, waaaa, waaaa

The Mother in the church goes
Shhh, shhh, shhh

The Grandpa in the church goes
snore, snore, snore

The Grandma in the church goes
poke, poke, poke
All Sunday long.

A scenic landscape featuring a river or stream in the foreground, reflecting the sky and surrounding greenery. In the background, there are trees and a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Take time to be holy
The world rushes on
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone



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

OFFERING
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



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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.***

Community of Christ

Community of Christ,
who make the cross your own,
Live out your creed and
risk your life for God alone:
The God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
Whose children are of every race
and every song.

Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
And see the refugee,
the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
Take towel and water,
that you wash your neighbor's feet.

Community of Christ, through
whom the word must sound

Cry out for justice and for
peace the whole world round:

Disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,

Turn bombs to bread,
and tears of anguish into joy

When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
The climate of the world be
peace and Christ its sun;
Our currency be love
and kindness our law,
Our food and faith be shared
as one for evermore.



*Benediction
& Blessing*