

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**October
30th,
2022**



Organ Prelude

**Ringling of
the Bell**

***Call to Worship**

One: Come from every direction: north,
south, east, and west.

**Many: Let us welcome and worship
Jesus in this sacred place!**

One: Come bearing all your gifts:
behind-the-scenes, quirky, unique, and
more.

**Many: Let us welcome and worship
Jesus with zealous authenticity!**

One: Come with all your identities:
race, gender, sexuality, and all.

**Many: Let us welcome and worship
Jesus with our whole selves!**

**Welcome us, loving Jesus, as you
enter our hearts, minds, and
worship. Transform, mold,
and prepare us, that
we may perceive your presence
among us ever more clearly. Amen.**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing #250

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart,
O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.



Prayer
of confession

Gloria Patri

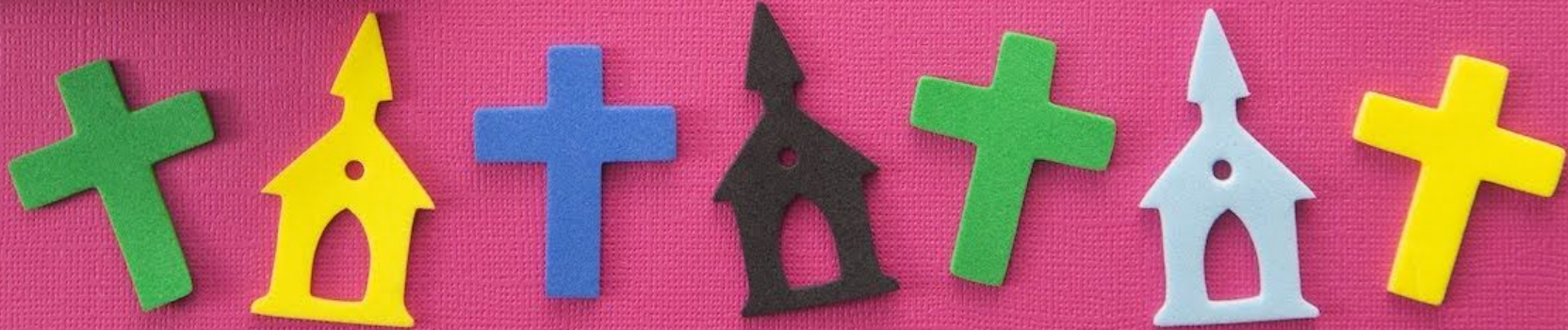
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***



Welcome
So glad you're here...

Holy
Bible

CHILDREN'S SERMON



Scripture Readings

Psalm 32:1 – 7

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. 4 Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

11 To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 19:1–10

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” 9 Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

THE SERMON



Abide with me #284

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens;

Lord, with me abide;

When other helpers fail

and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out
life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim,
its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see—
O Thou who changest not,
abide with me.

I need Thy presence
every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can
foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Thyself, my guide
and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with
Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom
and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks,
and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord,
abide with me

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.***

**May our hearts be filled with thankfulness
for your many blessings to us. Help us to
be a blessing to others. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Love divine, all loves excelling #275

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.

Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.

Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the 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 thy life receive.

Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore they temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise

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 cooler blue and purple hue. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

*Benediction
& Blessing*