

Organ Prelude
Ring of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

In the midst of meaninglessness,
You call us to meaning, O God.
In the midst of divisiveness,
You call us to community through Christ.
Out of our brokenness,
You call us to wholeness and new life in the Spirit.
In praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God. Amen

***Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* #152

***Prayer of Confession** *(In Unison)*

Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. When trouble comes, we want to isolate and hide. As Christians help us to stand together to bring hope and love to a hurting world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

***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 and Announcements**

Children's Sermon

Baptism Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* *see insert*

Baptism of Eleanor Magdalen Braun **Birthdate: March 16, 2021**
Daughter of Cameron & Molly Braun

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 50:4-9**

⁴The Lord God gives me the right words to encourage the weary. Each morning he awakens me eager to learn his teaching;

⁵ he made me willing to listen and not rebel or run away.

⁶ I let them beat my back and pull out my beard. I didn't turn aside when they insulted me and spit in my face.

⁷ But the Lord God keeps me from being disgraced. So I refuse to give up, because I know God will never let me down.

⁸ My protector is nearby; no one can stand here to accuse me of wrong. ⁹ The Lord God will help me and prove I am innocent. My accusers will wear out like moth-eaten clothes.

Sermon

Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West* #164

Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And any time I don't know just what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

***Doxology**

Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

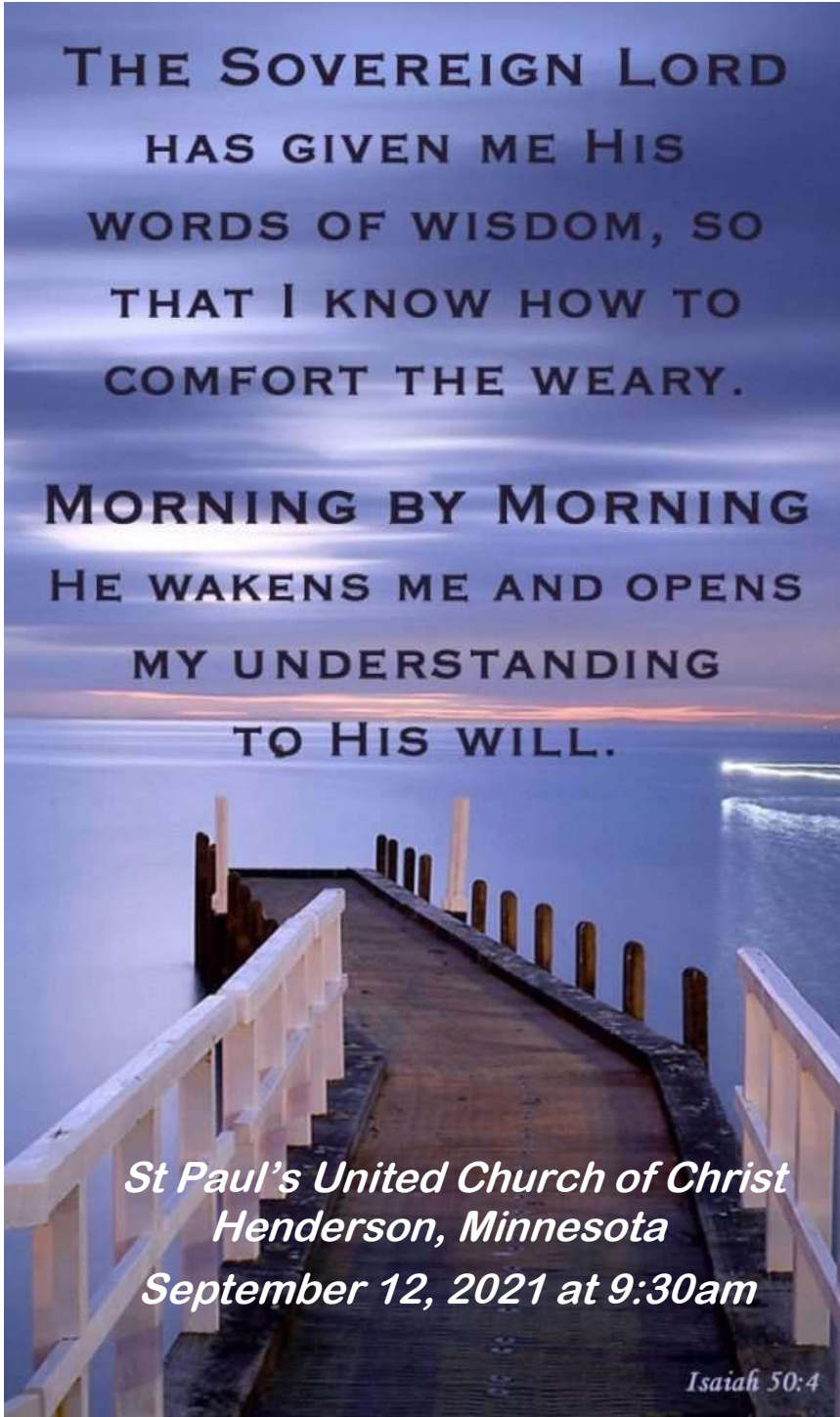
***Offering Prayer**

God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves— our words, our thoughts, our actions— be acceptable to you, O Lord. Amen

***Hymn** *Bind Us Together* *see insert*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



THE SOVEREIGN LORD
HAS GIVEN ME HIS
WORDS OF WISDOM, SO
THAT I KNOW HOW TO
COMFORT THE WEARY.

MORNING BY MORNING
HE WAKENS ME AND OPENS
MY UNDERSTANDING
TO HIS WILL.

*St Paul's United Church of Christ
Henderson, Minnesota
September 12, 2021 at 9:30am*

Isaiah 50:4

