



# Saint Paul's United Church of Christ

Welcomes you on the Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. March 20, 2022

## Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

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Welcome to Saint Paul's! Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us this day. Here we believe this is God's house, and you are welcome. This is home to all who enter. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as we understand God's kingdom, welcoming saints and sinners alike since 1900. We don't all look or act alike; dress alike; and God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. Yet, every time we gather, we gather, fellowship, and worship as one big family.

In this place, we do Sunday mornings in some pretty traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang and some that may be more modern as well. In our liturgy, our prayers, and our preaching, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world we live in. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this day—a word of comfort, a spur to action, and a call to a deeper relationship with God.

If you are new here, before you leave today, please introduce yourself to the pastor, and if you would, fill out a welcome card. Check out our Facebook page or website to learn more about us, and get involved in whatever way you choose. Jump right in. You may never know; you may have just found your church home. As we like to say to everyone who comes through the door, "Welcome Home."

A special note to parents: Come, sit in the front few pews, there's not much interesting about the backs of heads and for our littlest ones, they like to see too. Should you choose, we have a nursery open, and children's church available for all ages through grade 2, following our "time with the children" portion of the service. We find children to be truly the teachers and leaders of our faith community and welcome them all with open arms.

Finally, if you are visiting and need anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask, a neighbor, an usher, the pastor, and know we are glad you are here!

*Peace,  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo*



# Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Michael Haven

Choral Introit

*"The Summons" / Bell & Maule*

*"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

Welcome and News from the Pews

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo and Polly Barrall

Time of Centering

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" / arr. W. Croft  
Russ Wynn, Jr.*

Sharing the Light

Lillie Franciscus

\*Call to Worship (*adapted: "Bread for the Journey," Ruth Duck*):

Polly Barrall

Leader: A great teacher, Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said, "When Jesus Christ calls us, he bids us come and die." We are people who have responded to that call.

**Family: Through Christ, we can die to the fears that keep us from loving.**

Leader: Through Christ, we want to die to the stubbornness that keeps us from sharing our gifts.

**Family: Through Christ, we want to die to seeking our own success and salvation in disregard for the good of all God's children.**

Leader: This is God's promise, that if we die with Christ, we will also rise with Christ.

**Family: May we praise God for the glorious promise of new life in Christ.**

**All: Amen!**

\*Hymn of Praise, no. 68

*"There is a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

## Proclaiming the Word

God Moments

Concerns of the Family

A Time of Reflection

*"Seekers of Your Heart" / S. Patty*

*"Lord we want to know You; Live our lives to show You  
All the love we owe You; We're seekers of your heart, seekers of your heart."*

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Unison): **\*\*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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*\*May use name/words most familiar to your understanding of God**

Time with Our Children

Colleen Franciscus

Chancel Choir Anthem

*"Hymn of Promise"* / arr. T. Fettke

Lectionary

Richard Armstrong

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9

Leader: This is the word of God for all God's People.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Response

*"Gloria Patri"* / trad.

*"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."*

Sermon

*"My, My, How Can We Resist You?"*  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

## Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection

*"There is a Savior"* / S. Patty

*"There is a Savior what joys express; His eyes are mercy, His word is rest  
For each tomorrow, for yesterday; There is a Savior who lights our way."*

Presentation of Our Gifts

Text GIFT & Amount to 570.355.5355 or

You may place an offering in one of the plates at the entrance or exit of the Sanctuary.

Offertory

*"At Calvary"* / T. Smith & D. Towner

Sharon Styer

\*Offertory Response

*"Doxology"* / D. Cason

*"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. Amen."*

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn, no. 202

*"Amazing Grace"*

\*Benediction

\*Benedictory Response

*"Old Rugged Cross"* / G. Bernard

*"So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross; Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross; And exchange it some day for a crown."*

\*Postlude

*"Joy in God"* / R. Blake  
Russ Wynn, Jr.

\*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

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*Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God  
in Memory of Sissy Rowe, who would have celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 21  
by Kathy, Jane, and Steve Rowe*

## Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music/Organist	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music/Asst. Organist	Sharon Styer
Assistant Accompanists	Michael Haven / Shelley Peterson
Nursery Attendant/Children's Church	Open / Colleen Franciscus
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Sexton	Steve Brown
Groundskeepers	Robert Greenly / Ethan Hamilton
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Keegan Gill, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Doug Hagerman

### Consistory

Brad Gill ('22) –President/Trustee	Jen Arnold ('23) – Deacon
Lisa Bernard ('23) – Vice President/Trustee	Drew Faust ('22) – Trustee
Colleen Franciscus ('22) – Secretary/Deacon	Amy Mahon ('24) – Deacon
Dave Muffley ('24) – Trustee	Rhonda Newton ('23) – Deacon
Sue Overdorf ('22) – Deacon	Amy Rearick ('22) – Deacon
Kathy Rowe ('24) – Deacon	Dane Santos ('24) - Deacon

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