



BUILT ON FAITH,  
SUSTAINED BY LOVE

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**  
**February 4, 2018**



# *The Worship of God*

## Preparing Your Hearts for Worship

### Chiming of the Hour

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God.

**Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Give to us the living bread of your peace

that we may hunger no more.

**Open our hearts to joyfully receive your life-sustaining love.**

**AMEN.**

#### \*Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UMH 139

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

UMH 881

#### Greeting

We want to know that you were here worshipping with us today, especially if you are a first time visitor. Please fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew), and place it in the offering. After the service, please introduce yourself to your neighbors and join us for cookies and conversation.

## Reading and Sharing the Word

#### Psalm 147

UMH 859

#### Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Celebration of our Children

#### Children's Offering

#### \*Hymn

*Make Me a Captive, Lord*

UMH 421

#### Sermon

Esther Choi

## Responding to the Word

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Ellen Hopkins

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Musical Offering**

*Ukuthula*

Chancel Choir

Ukuthula kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya)  
igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukuthula  
Usindiso kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya)  
igazi likaJesu linyenyez' usindiso  
Ukubonga kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya)  
igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukubonga  
Ukukholwa kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya)  
igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukukholwa  
Ukunqoba kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya)  
igazi likaJesu linyenyez' ukunqoba  
Induduzo kulo mhlaba wezono (Aleluya)  
igazi likaJesu linyenyez' induduzo

Peace in this world of sin (Halleluja)  
the blood of Jesus brings peace  
Redemption in this world of sin (Halleluja)  
the blood of Jesus brings redemption  
Praise (gratefulness) in this world of sin (Halleluja)  
the blood of Jesus brings praise (gratefulness)  
Faith in this world of sin (Halleluja)  
the blood of Jesus brings faith  
Victory in this world of sin (Halleluja)  
the blood of Jesus brings victory  
Comfort in this world of sin (Halleluja)  
the blood of Jesus brings comfort

**\*The Doxology**

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Service of Word and Table**

UMH 12

**The Great Thanksgiving**

UMH 13

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Music**

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Chancel Choir

**Prayer after Holy Communion**

**Eternal God,  
We give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your spirit  
to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Departing to Love and Serve

### Announcements

#### \*Hymn

*Amen, Amen*

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#### \*Benediction

#### \*The Congregational Blessing

*Go Now in Peace*

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

#### \*The Light Goes Forth

#### Postlude

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

**WE REJOICE TO WELCOME YOU** to this service of worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We pray God's blessing upon you this morning. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you are just visiting, we encourage you to fill in a Visitor's Card (found in your pew) and place it in the offering so we can be in touch with you. If you are looking for a church home, look no further—you have found one at St. Paul. If this community can assist you in any way, please let us know. If you are interested in becoming a member of this church or want to talk about membership, please speak with our Pastor, Rev. Ellen Hopkins, after the service. **Welcome. Welcome. Welcome!!!**

### WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Presider: Rev. Ellen Hopkins

Liturgist: Talley Wells

Children's Time: Claudia Tanksley

Sunday Shepherd: Rev. Clara Welch and Ashleigh Spatz

Acolytes: Clay and Quinn Elrod

Ushers: Don Wallace, Robin South, Patrick Lynn, Talley Wells

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Candace McCollough

Counters: Jeremy Varner and Danielle Hanson