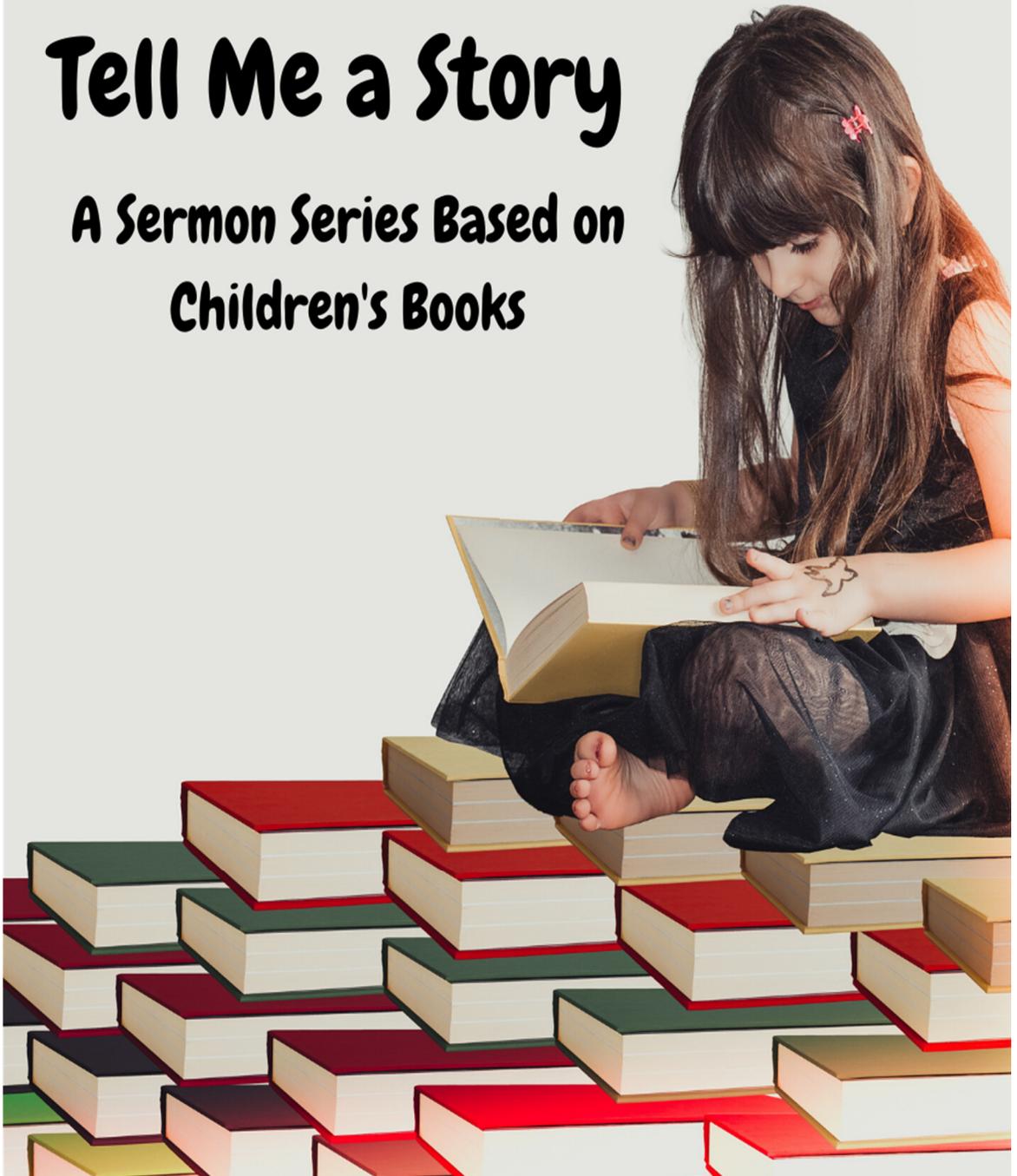


# Tell Me a Story

A Sermon Series Based on  
Children's Books



*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany • February 23, 2020*  
***The Worship of God***

**Preparing for Worship**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Call to Worship**

**We are called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.**

Rise above the ways of the world:

**We are called to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.**

Rise above the ways of the world:

**We are called to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.**

Rise above the ways of the world:

**We are called to live into the ways of Jesus.**

**Come, let us worship Christ, and follow him.**

[Rev. Mindi, rev-o-lution.org]

**\*Hymn** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* UMH 173

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *A Statement of Faith  
of the United Church of Canada* UMH 883

**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 Connect 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**

**\*Gospel Lesson** Luke 6:27-38  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Celebration of Our Children**

**\*Hymn** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH 381

**Sermon** *Tell Me a Story: Little Blue Truck  
Who Do You Help?* Rev. Cassie Rapko

**Responding to the Word**

**Call to Prayer**

*Over My Head*

Chancel Choir

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father (Creator) 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

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

**Musical Offering**

*Bridge Over Troubled Water*

Chancel Choir

**\*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!**

**Departing to Love and Serve**

**Announcements**

**\*Hymn**

*Come Away with Me*

TFWS 2202

**\*Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Blessing**

**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**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS AND SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Presider: Rev. Cassie Rapko

Liturgist: Gracie Ellis

Children's Time: Bryan Russell

Acolytes: Billy and Anna Kathryn Wallace

Ushers: Marcus Merritt, Robin South, Danielle Hanson

Altar Guild: Karen Merritt

Coffee, Cookies and Conversation: Melanie and Jeremy Jones family

Counters: Michael Solberg and Ron Rezendes

**We welcome to this place** those who have no idea what they're doing here and those who have been here for years. We welcome you if you aren't too sure about this Jesus guy or if you use words like Christology and Eschatology. We welcome you if you blew all your money at the dog track or if you blew all your money on dog toys. We extend a special welcome to those who can't do math, can't spell, work too hard, don't work, or are only here because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. Whatever the reason, we are glad that you are here.

**Want more information about what's happening at St. Paul?** If you'd like to be on our email list, contact the church office at [office@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:office@stpaulgrantpark.org) or 404-688-7501.

**In case of a pastoral emergency**, such as a hospitalization or death, please call 229-234-0153 and leave a message.

**Activities.** Members, visitors, friends, all are invited to participate in the various ministries at St. Paul. If you need more information please call the church office 404-688-7501.

### **Every Sunday:**

- 10am **Sunday School** (all ages)
- 11am **Morning Worship**
- 12-ish **Hospitality:** Coffee, Cookies and Conversation (Chester Commons, most Sundays)

**Choir Practice** 7 pm Wednesday and 10:15 am Sunday. Contact [kevinhowardhill@gmail.com](mailto:kevinhowardhill@gmail.com).

**Youth Group** 5-7pm Sunday. Contact [annie@stpaulgrantpark.org](mailto:annie@stpaulgrantpark.org).

Nursery is available for infants and young toddlers on the 3rd floor of the education building prior to and during the worship service. *After the Children's Sermon, children through 3rd grade may go up to Kids' Church on the third floor or remain in their pews with their parents.*