

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

**Traditional Service - 9:00 AM**

**August 14, 2016**

*(\* All who are able should please stand when noted.)*

RINGING OF BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC "Ach Herr, mich armen" Suender-Bach

INTROIT "Heaven Bound" The Uplifters

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to feats of strength, courage and risk,  
to act according to our faith.

**People: God calls us to walk seemingly impossible paths,  
as faithful pilgrims crossed through the sea to dry land.**

Leader: God calls us to move as faithful wanderers hoped toward the Promised Land.

**People: God calls us to open ourselves to what is new as we live out our faith.**

**All: God can teach us to live by faith trusting like our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (see middle of insert)

\*UNISON INVOCATION

**Holy God, the stories of the saints through all the ages come to us as a gift, for it is through them that we have learned the meaning of faith. We receive this gift with thanks and praise. We are grateful for their example, for showing us the way, for challenging us to continue to live faithful lives. Grant us perseverance when the race gets tough, courage when trials beset us and rest when we grow weary from the struggles of life. May Christ's joy renew us as we fix our eyes on him. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

**God is our strength and song, and His salvation ours;  
then be His love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed pow'rs.**

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-4 (NLT) (see back of insert)

PRELUDE TO PRAYER *Abide with Me*

**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, O abide with me.**

MORNING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And with you also.**

One: Let us pray...

Morning Prayer, followed by 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. Amen.**

Organ Response

SPECIAL MUSIC "Abide with Me" The Uplifters

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, You have blessed us, and we thank You for the chance to be generous as well. You have given us the beauty of this earth and taught us to be good stewards. You have brought us to faith and helped us along the way. Most of all, You have given us Your Son. We praise You for all Your blessings, and ask that we may learn to respond by sharing our blessings with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*SERMON HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (see front of insert)

SERMON AN OLYMPIC FAITH

\*CLOSING HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (see insert)

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Alleluia*  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING MUSIC "Allegro" Volckmar

Carolyn Howard, *Organist*

\*RINGING THE BELLS

*The Uplifters* are a group of singers who sing hymns together, traveling to various nursing homes.

We practice on the second Saturday of every month and sing at a venue on the third Saturday of every month. We are always looking for new singers. An audition is required. They are:

Kandy Domina, Kenny Farmer, Janet Hartman, Carolyn Howard,

Karen Whitehead, Katie Mauer, Scott Kempin, J. Wertz