

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Traditional Service - 9:00 AM

August 21, 2016

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

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC "Andante religioso" Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We live in a world filled with so much stuff that we can barely see over all the piles of it.

People: So God, what if in our world we have lowered You to our level? What if we have made piles of what is popular and trendy, heaped it at Your altar and then had the nerve to call it worship?

Leader: God, help us to have a sense of awe, for You are beyond description and understanding.

People: Help us rekindle the fire of Your passion.

All: Help us remember that we are to worship You with awe, for You are an awesome God, worthy of our praise and worship.

*OPENING HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #49

*UNISON INVOCATION

God, we recognize that, apart from You, our worship is meaningless. We can sing with the most beautiful voices or speak with unmatched eloquence, but if You are not our focus, all of this is worth nothing. We thank You for giving us voices to sing and speak. Fill us with You as we worship today. Keep our hearts set always and only on You. We want to celebrate Your greatness today, God -- to bring glory to You and You alone. Lead us as we worship. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Rejoice the Lord Is King* #206, v. 1

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore:
Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;**

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

DEDICATION OF NEW HYMNALS

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:25-29 (NLT)

PRELUDE TO PRAYER *Be Thou My Vision* #386, v. 1

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

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

"Just As I Am"

Rev. Steve Seitz and Randy Bailey, Duet

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Trusting Jesus"

arr. Howard

*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

**God of blazing fire and darkest night, God of gloom and tempest, God of grace
and life and love, we, Your people, present these as a part of our worship; we
present these out of our awe of who You are and all that You have done in our
lives. Use them for Your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

*SERMON HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #57

SERMON

AWE-FULL WORSHIP

*CLOSING HYMN *The Solid Rock* #410

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (pew insert)

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: AZMON

**The love of God with peace and joy, will each of us attend,
and guide our ways through coming days, until we meet again.**

CLOSING MUSIC

"Praeludium No. 6"

Bach

Carolyn Howard, Organist

*RINGING THE BELLS