

St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Traditional Service - 9:00 AM
August 7, 2016

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

RINGING OF BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC "Mass for the Convents, 10th Couplet" Couperin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, gather together and let us give God praise.

People: Let us sing of God's love and God's amazing grace.

Leader: May we give God praise for God's forgiveness and mercy.

People: Let us sing of God's justice and compassion.

Leader: May we give God praise for all the wondrous acts from God to all the earth's people.

People: Let us sing of our praises to God and worship God with our hearts and minds fully.

***OPENING HYMN** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (see insert)

***UNISON INVOCATION**

Creating and redeeming God, calling and sending Spirit, we welcome You and open our hearts to receive You into our worship. We welcome the love that is the essence of Your Divine nature. We receive the Word and sacraments that mediate Your grace. We receive Your gifts and blessings with profound gratitude. Envelop us now in the mystery of Your presence, we pray, as we seek to worship You in spirit and in truth. Amen.

***RESPONSE** *Faith Is the Victory*
Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!
O glorious victory that overcomes the world!

CELEBRATION OF NYE Kim Armstrong

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-13 (NLT) (see back of insert)

PRELUDE TO PRAYER *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

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 Kerri Kappler, soloist

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Voluntary" Jackson

***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**

Holy One, like Abraham and Sarah, we have heard Your call. We respond with fledgling faith, offering what we have as we step into the unknown future with You. Bless and multiply these gifts of faith, we pray, to accomplish more than we dare think or ask. Amen.

SERMON WALKING ON GLASS

COMMUNION HYMN *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* (see insert)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN** *Called As Partners in Christ's Service* (see insert)

***BENEDICTION**

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

CLOSING MUSIC "The Heavens Are Telling" Beethoven
Carolyn Howard, *Organist*

***RINGING THE BELLS**