St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Traditional Service - 9:00 AM

July 10, 2016 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PRELUDE "Andante sostenuto" Rinck

RINGING OF BELLS and MORNING GREETING Rev. Mary Hurley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The generous love of God abounds.
People: We celebrate and give thanks for God's infinite love.
Leader: The unending grace of God surrounds us.
People: With humble joy, we give thanks for the astounding gift of God's grace.
Leader: The joy of being a child of God encompasses us.
People: With gratitude for a God who knows us by name, we give our thanks.
Leader: The steadfast love of God is always present and always ours.
All: Let us celebrate the overwhelming love of God.
Come, let us worship and sing our praise!

*OPENING HYMN ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** *(see insert)*

*UNISON INVOCATION Rev. Mary

Holy God, in this time and place we prepare to meet You as Your body, the church. We acknowledge You as our head. We anticipate Your Spirit moving among us. We await Your Word, knowing that through it our lives and loves will be reordered. Come to us in power to confront, convict and comfort, for we are Your people, made in Your image. Amen.

*RESPONSE ***Rejoice, You Pure in Heart***

Rejoice you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;
your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:1-6 *(see back of insert)*

PRELUDE TO PRAYER ***Hear Our Prayer, O Lord***

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Bill Wassner

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, for ever. Amen.

Organ Response

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sacred Harp Medley" arr. Brant Adams
Roy Binder, cello

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord" Bach

*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 Rev. Mary

Generous God, You have withheld no good gift from us, graciously pouring out Your love, mercy, faithfulness, joy and peace. Thank You for giving us all that truly matters. In humble gratitude we offer back the fruits of our labor, but more importantly, we offer You our hearts. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

*SERMON HYMN ***Open My Eyes That I May See*** *(see insert)*

SERMON **X MARKS THE SPOT**

*CLOSING HYMN ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds*** *(see insert)*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ***Alleluia***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*RINGING THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord"