St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Traditional Service - 9:00 AM

July 17, 2016 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

PRELUDE "Prelude" Mendelssohn

RINGING OF BELLS and MORNING GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In Jesus Christ, a light of hope shines brightly in all the world.
People: May the light of Jesus Christ shine brightly upon us.
Leader: May this light nourish and guide us.
People: May Christ's light show us our pathway to new life.
All: Let us now worship in the joy of Christ's light shining brightly for us.

*OPENING HYMN ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** *(see insert)*

*UNISON INVOCATION

Eternal God, we gather to sing praises to Your name. Through good times and bad, through darkness and light, You are with us. Your faith in us is strong and true. We ask, O God, that You would nourish us with an ever-growing and maturing faith. Give our lives an exciting sense of Your presence, and may we worship You confidently and forcefully; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*RESPONSE ***Blessed Assurance***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:15-20 *(see back of insert)*

PRELUDE TO PRAYER ***Sweet Hour of Prayer***

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

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, for ever. Amen.

Organ Response

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Old Rugged Cross", "Love Can Build a Bridge"
Beverly Jones, Andrea Williams, Stan Bailey

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "In God, My Faithful God" Boehm

*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

O God, our Shepherd and Lord, we humbly bring our gifts to You. May these gifts serve as a symbol of our devotion and loyalty to Jesus Christ our Savior who is at the center of our lives and assists us every day. Amen.

*SERMON HYMN ***Jesus Shall Reign*** *(see insert)*

SERMON **HOLDING IT TOGETHER**

*CLOSING HYMN ***Rejoice, the Lord Is King*** *(see insert)*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ***Alleluia***

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

*RINGING THE BELLS

*POSTLUDE "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" Brunner

Carolyn Howard, *Organist*