St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Traditional Service - 9:00 AM

July 31, 2016 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

RINGING OF BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC "Palestrina" Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.
People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.
Leader: God delivered them from their distress and led them by a straight way.
People: Let us give thanks and praise to God!

*OPENING HYMN ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** *(see insert)*

*UNISON INVOCATION

Come, O Creator. Come, and be with us and in us and beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us, and fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us, and fire us for caring. Be as strength beside us, and shape our lives for healing. May Your mercy flow through us giving us peace. Abide in our prayers, this time of worship, and make Your Word come true in our flesh; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

*RESPONSE ***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face;
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:1-4 *(NLT)* *(see back of insert)*

PRELUDE TO PRAYER ***Take Time to Be Holy***

Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his Word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

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 "Solo de Concours" Henri Rabaud
Katie Bunker, Clarinet

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Offertory" Sechter

*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 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 ***Take My Life and Let It Be*** *(see insert)*

SERMON **SCRUPULOUS SINNERS**

*CLOSING HYMN ***Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*** *(see insert)*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ***Alleluia***

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

*CLOSING MUSIC "Andante" Hesse

*RINGING THE BELLS

Carolyn Howard, *Organist*