

Scripture                    Matthew 5: 13-16  
Sermon                      "Let Your Light Shine"

\*Communion Hymn "He is Here"                    (insert)

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation  
Communion Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Consecration of the Elements  
Sharing of the Elements

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**Loving God, we thank you for the table. We thank you for your son, whose love and sacrifice we remember with bread and cup. We thank you for the gifts of our lives and we want to be nourished in this meal, so that we might shine our light to those who hunger for it. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn "Mighty to Save"                    (insert)

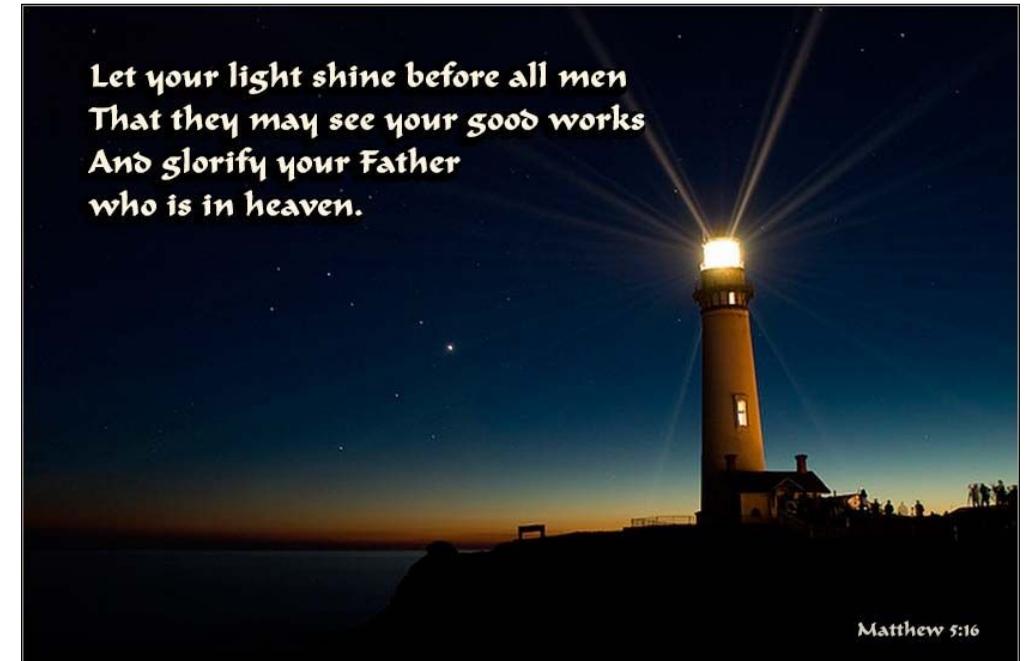
\*Benediction (the Congregation's response is in **bold** print)

To those huddled in the shadows of fear and worry,  
**God sends us to be light.**  
To those whose lives and hopes have lost all flavor,  
**Jesus sends us to be salt.**  
To a society where love is tossed aside as easily as a food wrapper,  
**Spirit sends us to be faithful carers of everyone we meet.**

\*Postlude

# St. Paul's

## United Church of Christ



**"Let Your Light Shine"**  
**February 5, 2023**  
**9:00 am**

# Worship Today at St. Paul's

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship (the Congregation's response is in **bold** print)

We are called to be light,

**We would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**

We are called to be salt,

**We would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.**

We are called to live in God's reality,

**We would welcome everyone as sisters and brother in faith.**

\*Invocation (in unison)

**Gracious and Loving God, shine your light on us today. Shine your light into us today. Chase away any shadow or darkness within us so that we might be illuminated with your love. And then help us to shine our light so that the world may come to know you, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Gather Us In" #284

\* Call to Reconciliation

\* Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and**

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

**neighbors; when we think everything is all about us. Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Invitation to Offering

Offertory "The Power of Your Love" (Bullock/ arr. Tornquist)

\* Response "Doxology"

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts with the joy of resurrection, and help our love shine forth in a world hungry to know your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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.**

Special Music "Salt and Light" (L'Ecuyer & L'Ecuyer)