

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus, you gave your life that we might know the fullness of God's love for us. In your Spirit of compassion and humility, we make this offering. In your example of love and mercy, let us serve those in need in your name. Receive and bless our giving, we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"Draw Me Close"

Insert

*Benediction

Call to Worship +

One: In the midst of a world in need of good news,

Many: We depart this place knowing The Good News.

One: We trust what God will do with that news on our tongues.

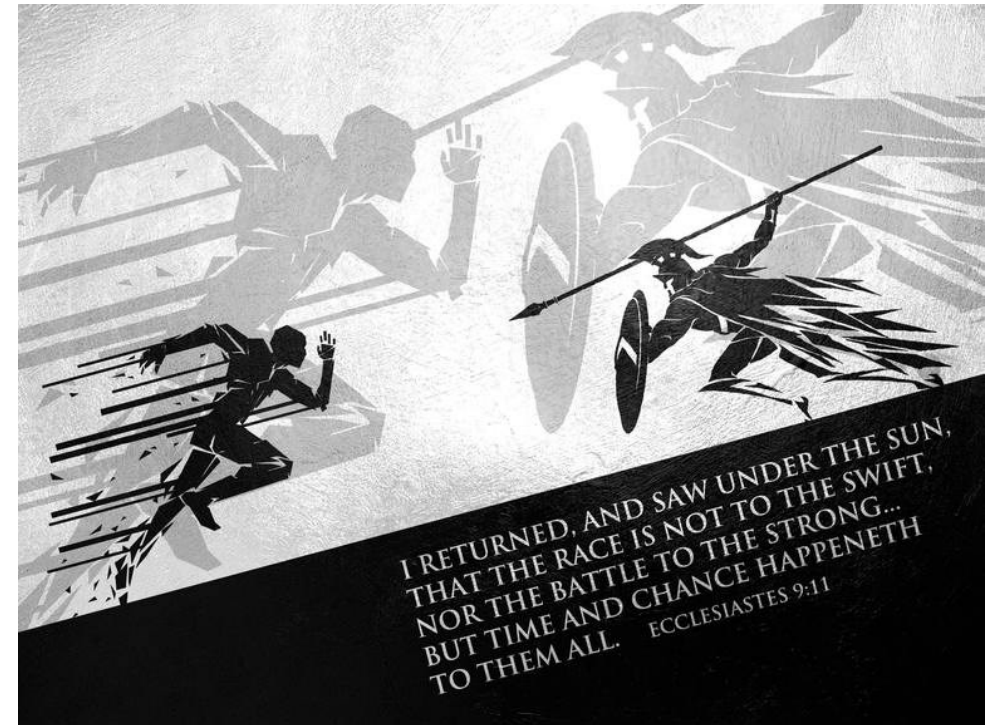
Many: We trust what God will do with that gift in our lives.

All: Amen

*Postlude

St. Paul's

United Church of Christ



March 26, 2023
9:00 am

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Announcements/Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,

Many: We worship a God who feeds the hungry.

One: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,

Many: We worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

One: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war,

Many: We worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

One: In the midst of a world where love is not freely shown and forgiveness is hard to find,

Many: We worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**

Your ways, O God, are not our ways, your thoughts are not our thoughts. If we have prayed only for what is possible and hoped only for what we can see; if we have taken your grace for granted and expected instant answers to our prayers; if we have allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into laziness; if we have thought only of you waiting on us and not pondered our service to you, in mercy forgive us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn "Abide With Me" #636

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation "Be Still, My Soul" #566, Verse 1

Silence/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 "Lead Me To The Cross"
(Fraser)

Scripture Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

Sermon "The Meaning of Life: Time and Chance"

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "I Give You My Heart"
(Morgan arr. by Tornquist)

Response "Doxology" #46

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