

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 24, 2019

10:30 AM

* *Stand if you are able*

Bold: *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

* Gathering Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" (#461)

Opening Prayer:

Prayer of Praise:

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly Father, we call upon you in Jesus' name.

We come with empty hands.

We have not been able to love our enemies.

As a rule we don't even see them;

We avoid them.

When we do see them, we feel fear and anger, not love.

So we come to you, not as the children of your love,

but as the enemy of our enemies,

beseeking you for ourselves and all the others;

Bless those who curse you,

do good to those who hate you.

Forgive us for what we have failed to do for our enemies.

You lead us out of the constriction of fear

and out of the prison of hate,

into the wide open space of freedom.

Let us see your sun,

which rises upon the evil and the good,

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and rejoice in its warmth,

together with our enemies.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Choir Anthem: *"God Comes Along"* (Larry Shackley)

*Children's Hymn: *"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"* (#499)

Time with Our Children

(Children Grade 12 and under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination: *"Speak Lord in the Stillness"* (#442)

(sung by the Choir)

Scripture: Genesis 45:3-11, 15;
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (responsive, projected)
Luke 6:27-38

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"When the Poor Ones"* (#762)

Declaration of Faith (in unison):

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

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**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Offering

* Doxology

(#79)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Closing Hymn: *"Love Divine"*

(#371)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now In Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude