

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2018

General Assembly Sunday

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: "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" (projected)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

God of the outstretched arm,
though you lead us into freedom,
we choose again and again the chains of sin.

Forgive us, we pray,
for bowing to the false gods of our time:
We believe we have made ourselves,
rather than being made in your image—
the work of your hands.

We practice legalism against others,
yet expect exceptions for ourselves.

We rest in ease,
while others bear heavy burdens on our behalf.

Heal us where we are withered
in hand or heart or faith.
Stretch us beyond what we have managed
or imagined,
to live as you intend and command.

In the name of Christ, who came to
set us free. Amen.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Ian Madge

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem: *"Blessed Assurance"*

(Mark Hayes)

*Children's Hymn: *"Jesus Bids Us Shine"*

(#773)

Children's Story

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

**Shine in the darkness, God,
and shine in our hearts,
so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we may grow in the knowledge of your glory,
proclaiming Jesus Christ and not ourselves,
until his life is made visible even in us.
Amen.**

Scripture

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

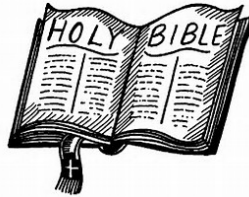
Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



SERMON

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"For The Healing of the Nations"*

(#736)

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* **Declaration of Faith: From The Living Faith, Ch. 2 (in unison)**

**The mystery of human existence
is that we belong to God
and have been made in the divine image.**

**In God we live and move and have our being.
Therefore, we know ourselves
only when we know God.**

**Our lives must reflect
the Creator's love and purpose for all creation.
We acknowledge God as Creator and Lord.**

**We have been made male and female
for our mutual help, comfort and joy.
Our creation as sexual beings
is God's loving purpose for us.
We are dependent on each other and
as men and women, need one another in all of life.**

**We are called to work out the meaning of our own lives
and to find our true vocation
in the love and service of God.**

**We serve and love God
by the service and love of creation
especially the care of the needy.
Every kind of work
that is honest and serves others
is a vocation from the Lord.**

**Calling means the necessity to deny selfish ambition
and desire in order to minister to others.
In God's service true freedom is to be found.**

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

* Doxology (#79)

Prayer of Dedication:

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* (#671)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now in Peace"*

* Exit of the Word Musical Postlude