

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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Worship 10:30am

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



**“We have found him about whom
Moses in the law and also the
prophets wrote, Jesus son of
Joseph from Nazareth.”**

JOHN 1:45, NRSV

*Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
Online Streaming Worship Service*

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
that will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

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**Sunday, January 17, 2021
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{To center your hearts and minds,
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently during or before the Prelude}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ^②

Our Lord and our God, we have come to worship, because you have spoken your word of summons and welcome. We are drawn irresistibly to the promise of your presence and by the persistence of your call. Speak to us your servants in ways we can understand. We want to hear the message you intend for us. We want to listen, not because someone else needs to have it told to them, but because we ourselves are needy sinners. Your expectations of us are high and holy. We tremble before you, eager for the heavens to be opened in our midst for our transformation. Amen.

{Those who are able, please rise}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Jesus Calls us; O’er the Tumult” all 4 verses ♪ Red # 207

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*INVOCATION


Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP ^②



Leader: God is calling. Do you not hear?
You are being called by name, for a purpose.
**People: God, you have searched us and known us.
You discern our thoughts from far away.**
Leader: Your words and your deeds are known to God.
You were known to God before you were born.
**People: Your knowledge of us is more than we can understand.
Your thoughts embrace us amid all you have created.**

Virtual Worship Service

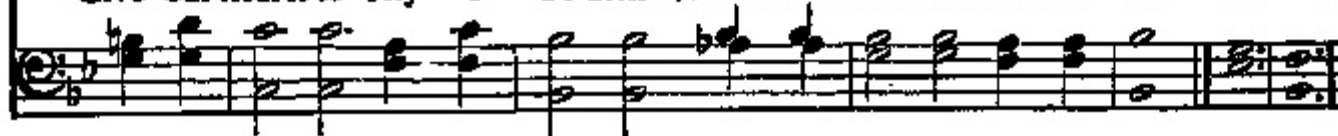
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In moderate time


1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
 2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold - en store;
 3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
 4. Je - sus calls us! By Thy mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear Thy call;

Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low Me!"
 From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love Me more!"
 Still He calls, in cares and pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love Me more than these!"
 Give our hearts to Thy o - be - dience, Serve and love Thee best of all! A - MEN.



We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION[®] (Leader)

We can hide nothing from God, who knows our every thought. God is aware of sins we have not recognized. Whenever we have broken a solemn trust, whenever we have acted on selfish impulse, whenever we have trampled the feelings of others or ignored their need, God has noticed. We cannot be right with God unless we examine ourselves and repent. Let us confess our sins before God and before one another. Let us pray....

*CONFESSION OF SIN[®] (Unison)

O God, our lives are an open book to you. Help us to recognize in ourselves what you have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sin. Awake in us a sorrow over the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins we here confess. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*PRAYER FOR MERCY

"Kyrie"

♪ Red # 518

Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Leader (*spoken*): Christ, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Leader (*spoken*): Lord, have mercy upon us.
People (*sung*): **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON[®] (Leader)

God has heard your cries and felt your pain. Your struggles to know yourself are prompted by God's love. God leads the community of faith beyond what is lawful to what is holy. We are not our own; we are members of Christ. We are one in the Spirit. By God's grace, we are turning from self-serving ways to selfless ministries. Above all else, we who were bought with a price seek to honor and glorify God. **Amen.**

*CALL TO PRAISE

Leader: Let us praise God for our baptism in Christ's name.
People: **We lift up our voices in thanks for the Spirit now within.**

*SUNG PRAISE *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

vs 3

♪ Red # 253

**Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.**

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{Please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: [1 Samuel 3:1-20](#)
 Second Lesson: [1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)
 Gospel Lesson: [John 1:43-51](#)

HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be" vs 1 & 2

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"Fear vs Faith"
 Video insert of Rev. Cean James, Associate Conference Minister

2 Timothy 1:3-8

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The Christian Life

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ST. BEES
JOHN B. DYKES, 1862

In moderate time; solemnly

1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a mite would I with - hold.
 5. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no lon - ger mine.
 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treas - ure - store.

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee. A - MEN.

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have
learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and
giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

In Memory of

Elizabeth M. (Eick) Phillips

Disciple of Christ

and

Member of the Family of St. Paul's UCC

April 16, 1926 to December 25, 2020

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In Memory of

Sara J. (Miller) Walker

Disciple of Christ

and

Member of the Family of St. Paul's UCC

September 27, 1936 to December 26, 2020

*{As not all were able to attend the visitations,
we share in this memorial rite today to offer prayers
and show our love, support, and care
for these members of our family of St. Paul's United Church of Christ}.*

GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

SENTENCES (Leader)

God is near to all who call, who call from their hearts. The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled their cries are heard; they are saved.

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into Christ's death. By our baptism, then, we were buried with Christ and shared Christ's death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of God, so too we might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like Christ's, we shall certainly be united with Christ in a resurrection like Christ's.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) {From Paul's letter to the Romans}

**We believe that there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
and we know that in everything God works for good
with those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING (*Leader*)

O God, our strength and our redeemer, giver of life and conqueror of death, we praise you with humble hearts....

....Keep us all in communion with your faithful people in every time and place, that at last we may rejoice together in the heavenly family where Jesus Christ reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. **Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Leader: Let us offer our silent prayers....

{Silent Prayers}

SENTENCES (*Leader*)

We would not have you be ignorant brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Unison*)

**O God, whose days are without end
and whose mercies cannot be counted,
awaken us to the shortness and uncertainty of human life.**

**By your Holy Spirit,
lead us in faithfulness all our days.**

**When we have served you in our generation,
may we be gathered with those who have gone before,
having the testimony of a good conscience,
in the communion of your holy church,
in the confidence of a certain faith,
in the comfort of a saving hope,
in favor with you, our God,
and at perfect peace with the world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer we pray. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (*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.**

BLESSING

Leader: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of Christ Jesus our risen Savior. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

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PRAYER RESPONSE

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

vs 5

♪ Red # 253

**Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

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OFFERTORY INVITATION ②

Leader: We have been bought with a price.

People: God has made a costly investment in humanity.

Leader: For love's sake, God sent Christ among us.

People: For love's sake, we make the offering of ourselves and our resources the high point of our worship.

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

Online Giving

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshipping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through our secure [Online Giving](https://sprucc.org) option on our website at sprucc.org. [Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.*

{Those who are able, please rise}

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

vs 4

♪ Red # 253

**Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** ②

Loving God, in gratitude for your love which never lets us go, we bring you our gifts. Help us to give with generous grace and to love lavishly as you have so loved us. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who came that we might know what a life of love looks like. **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

***COMMISSION** ②

Leader: Jesus said, "Follow me," so Philip followed.

Jesus says to us, "Follow me!" Will we follow?.

**People: We do not always know where Jesus will lead.
But we hear the call, and we intend to follow.**

Leader: Philip found Nathaniel and led him to Jesus.

There are many we know whom Jesus is seeking.

People: It is often difficult to share our faith with friends.

But we hear the call, and we intend to invite all into a loving relationship with God.

ALL: Amen.

***BENEDICTION** ①

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Savior Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*SUNG BENEDICTION "Take My Life and Let It Be"

vs 6

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Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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*SENDING HYMN "We All Are One in Mission"

all 3 verses

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{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world}.

VOCATION, MINISTRY

We All Are One in Mission 576

B⁷ Cm⁷ A⁷ B⁷ E⁷ B⁷ E⁷

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for - ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

Cm⁷ A⁷ B⁷ E⁷ B⁷ E⁷ B⁷

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - fer - ent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

Cm F B⁷ A⁷ B⁷

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace.
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

B⁷ Cm⁷ A⁷ B⁷ E⁷ B⁷ E⁷ B⁷

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love,
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Music: Finnish folk tunes arr. hymnal version
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The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshipping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

† Prayer List †

Please lift up those listed here in your prayers this week.

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." ~ James 5:16b

B. & S. Blatt
 R. DiGirolamo
 L. Laumeister
 R. & J. Seifrit
 K. Long & D. Long
 G. Merkel III
 A. Robertson
 F. Rahmanian
 A. Snyder
 D. Logic
 J. Altrechtter
 R. Koch
 N. Miller
 S. Rowe

Family & Friends of E. Phillips
 Family & Friends of S. Walker
 Family & Friends of E. Himlin
 Family & Friends of A. Robertson
 Family & Friends of B. Gechter
 Family & Friends of L.J. Neuen
 Students and Teachers
 Veterans
 Those impacted by storms and hurricanes
 Those battling forest fires
 Victims of forest fires & their loved ones
 Efforts to reduce & eliminate racism
 Those impacted by COVID-19
 Those working on a vaccine for COVID-19

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you.

All are welcome to add names to the prayer list.

Names are generally left on the list for about four weeks.

Please let us know if you would like a name to remain longer or shorter.

If you would like someone's name added to the prayer list,

please contact the church office at 610-621-5770 or office@sprucc.org.

††† General Announcements †††

Welcome!

We are glad that you are here to worship with us virtually. May you find the worship and message meaningful and satisfying to your soul. May your week be blessed.

In Person AND Virtual Sunday School Options

Due to the increase in the number of people affected by COVID, *in-person Sunday school* for children and adults has been suspended until further notice.

However, [The Wired Word](#) is still available for adults. This is a virtual option which you may join via Zoom. For Zoom you can join either with a computer or smart device (if you do not yet have the Zoom app, click on this [Zoom](#) link), or call 1-301-715-8592 with a landline or cell phone. Meeting ID: 860 8980 7220; Passcode: 195152.

Although not in-person, the youth can still continue to learn about God's Word through the information available on our website. We have Sunday school music, videos, and an assortment of other materials that are available for downloading. Click on this link for [Sunday school for youth](#).

We also have devotional music for all ages on our website, courtesy of Pastor Bob. Click on this link for [Devotional Music](#). For our Sunday school [COVID-19 Safety Precautions](#) click on the following link:

<http://www.sprucc.org/news-a-events.html#COVID19Precautions>

To have a copy of the precautions mailed to you, please call 610-621-5770.

Telephone Live Streaming & Playback Worship

This service is being offered to those who do not have internet access. You may call us at our toll free number **1-888-649-5770** and listen to the worship service live using a landline or cell phone. (No internet, smartphone, tablet, or computer is necessary - this works with a standard corded phone, cell phone, or even with a rotary phone). You also have the option for the church to automatically call you when the live stream worship begins (rather than you calling the church); which you can sign up for at the above toll free number, or you can call the church office, and we can add you to the call list. If you have any questions, difficulties, or issues, please let us know by calling the office at 610-621-5770. There is no charge to you for this service. If you know of someone who does not have internet access, please let them know of this feature, especially as they cannot log onto the website and find out about this themselves.

Visitation Care Team

Our Visitation Care Team (VCT) is composed of lay members who have been trained for visitation. If you are in need of prayer, a visit, or just a listening ear, they are here to be of support to you. To contact the Visitation Care Team with a visitation request or to share information about a potential care need, call the church office at 610-621-5770 or email the office at office@sprucc.org. For more information, go to our "[Visitation Care Ministries](#)" page at www.sprucc.org under the "ministries" tab.

PA Southeast Conference Guest Preacher



Rev. Cean James, Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Development
<https://psec.org/about-psec/conference-staff/>

Reverend Cean James is the Associate Conference Minister of Congregational Development of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, UCC. In this role Rev. James works with the churches of the conference in renewal, vitality, growth, and planting new ministries.

Reverend Cean James is also the founding pastor of the Grace Christian Fellowship, UCC (GCF) of Southwest Philadelphia. Rev. James completed his undergraduate studies at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in biology and received his Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological

Seminary of Philadelphia. Pastor James is currently matriculating in the Doctoral program at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Rev. James is married to the former Kesha Barton of Columbia, SC. Kesha, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, practices law in the public interest. They have been blessed with three sons, Clarence Milton, Jesse Joseph, and Cean Benjamin.

Contact Cean for:

Conflict resolution	Discipleship
Evangelism	Starting new ministries
Evaluating structures	Leadership development
Creating a welcoming environment	Team building
Creating a Mission Statement	Congregational revitalization

About Today

Church Season: Epiphany - Season of the manifestation of God incarnate to the world.

In Greek “phan” is “shine” or “manifest,” and “epi” is “upon.” The season of Epiphany continues from January 6 until Ash Wednesday.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Green- symbolizing this season of mission - the incarnate Christ has been made manifest to us on Epiphany and we are to go into the world and share his Good News.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year B**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ’s birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

This Sunday, January 17, 2021, Lectionary Reading for the Second Sunday after Epiphany.

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

The First Book of Samuel

The First Book of Samuel describes the transition of the nation of Israel from their time of being ruled by the judges to that of being ruled by their first king, Saul. The end of First Samuel and the beginning of Second Samuel describe the transition to Israel’s second king, David. First Samuel begins with the birth of the prophet Samuel, who is a priest, judge, seer, military leader, and the one who anointed both Saul and David as king. First Samuel covers the time span of about 1100 BC to 1000 BC, and Second Samuel covers the time from about 1000 BC to 960 BC.

Psalm 139

This is an OT prayer in the form of a song seeking help against certain adversaries, from our almighty and inescapable God, who knows us fully and completely. The psalmist claims innocence and confidently offers to have their innocence and faithfulness tested and judged by God.

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written by the Apostle Paul between 53-54 A.D. to a gentile congregation he had founded several years earlier in Corinth (the capital city of the Roman province of Achaia, a large and prospering urban center that was ethnically, culturally, and religiously diverse). This letter is in response to issues within the Corinthian church, in particular factions caused by one-upmanship and privatization of faith. Paul encourages humility, unity within diversity, and witnessing to God’s grace. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus’ ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

The Gospel According to John

John is the latest of the four Gospels, written around 80-90 A.D. probably in Ephesus, and attributed to John the son of Zebedee, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This Gospel was “written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name” (20:31).

Next Sunday, January 24, 2021, Lectionary Reading for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.