

St. Paul's United Church

10:30 a.m. January 3, 2016

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The people of St. Paul's United Church welcome you.

May there be a blessing for you in this house today.

* Please stand as you are able, sit as you prefer *

Prelude Holy is the Lord Shubert, arr. Leatherman
Introit Lord Prepare Me (X2) MV 18

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary for you.***

*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,
and also with you.

Welcoming the Light

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!

Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Shout for joy for the Lord is near!

Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done

Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God.

Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God.
AMEN

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:22-32 Julian Walker

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn Angels From the Realms of Glory VU 36

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

**As the new year is born, we remember and regret. Forgive us,
Holy One, when we keep You at a distance. When we defy your
bidding. When we make it harder for people to know you.
Forgive us, Holy One, when we deny our weakness. When we
wallow in our weakness. When we take advantage of the weak-
ness of others.**

**Forgive us, Holy One, when we refuse your counsel. When we
waste your gifts. When we withhold Your compassion from
others. Help us Lord to live our lives worthy of your love.
AMEN**

Assurance of God's Love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Story time verse Christ Shines as a Solitary Star MV 220

Christ Shines as a Solitary Star

Faith is the inner light

**You and I together illumine the light of lights
and illumine the pathway home**

Prayers of the People

*Hymn In The Bulb There is a Flower VU 703

Invitation to Offering

Offertory See Amid the Winter's Snow Goss, arr. E Wagner

*Dedication Verse MV 191

What can I give him, poor as I am

If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb.

If I were a wise one, I would do my part.

Yet what can I give him – give my heart.

Dedication Prayer (in unison)

***God of love, you abide with us; you provide for our needs and
guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring
our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all
may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and
drink deeply from the cup of compassion. AMEN***

Gospel: Philippians 3:13-14

2nd Corinthians 5: 17

Bob Miller

Anthem Ding Dong Merrily on High

arr. Stauff

Message A New Beginning Bob Miller
Hymn Be Thou My Vision VU 642

