

# St. Paul's United Church

January 31st, 2021-Season after Epiphany

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

*Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.*

## GATHERING TOGETHER

### Prelude

### 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.**

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship (Responsive):

Friends, what hopes do you bring to worship?

**We bring hope for health and wholeness.**

What afflictions do you bring to worship?

Physical pain?

**From illness and injury.**

Emotional pain?

**From sad and scary life situations.**

Mental pain?

**From dis-ease of many kinds.**

With all of these afflictions,

it's a miracle that any of us have made it to this worship time!

**But where else would we be?**

**We yearn to know God's powerful love  
and to know that wholeness is possible.**

In today's gospel Jesus performs a healing miracle.

And where do the miracles of this and our stories begin?

**When we bring all of who we are**

**—Hopeful, afflicted, bold—**

**into relationship with the Divine.**

So come, let us enter this time together with our whole selves

**Come, let us worship!**

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### Prayer of the Day

**Story Time:** Guided meditation

### Interlude

### Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

**In the reading of scripture may God's Word be heard;  
In the meditations of our hearts, may God's Word be  
known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may God's  
Word be shown.**

### Today's Scripture: Luke 6:1-16

This is the Word of our God.

**Praise be to you, O Creator.**

### Message

Breaking the Rules

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts for the health of  
your creation. May those who receive these gifts be  
blessed by your love and inspired to give to others so that  
your creation will continue to be transformed by your love.**

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### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

### Hymn:

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

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## SENDING FORTH

### Commissioning (Responsive)

In a world of violence and conflict,

**may we be the sign that God's kin-dom of peace  
and reconciliation is at hand.**

In a world of greed and self-interest,

**may we be the sign that God's kin-dom of sharing  
and self-giving is at hand.**

In a world of prejudice and discrimination,

**may we be the sign that God's kin-dom of acceptance,  
openness, and welcome is at hand.**

In a world of oppression and exploitation,

**may we be the sign that God's kin-dom of justice  
and liberation is at hand.**

In a world of brokenness and hurt,

**may we be the sign that your kin-dom of healing  
and wholeness is at hand.**

And all God's people said: **Amen!**

— Prayers for All Seasons

### Benediction

### Postlude

## *St. Paul's United Contact Information*

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