



St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Elgin
September 13, 2020
(Please **read aloud** the words in **bold**.)

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Sing songs of hope and peace.

Many: God's love and power have lifted us.

One: Sing songs of mercy and grace.

Many: God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.

One: Thanks be to God for all God's love and mercy.

Many: Praise be to God for the healing power God extends to each one of us.

Gathering Song "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

Lighting the Candle & Prayer for Illumination

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.
We are quick to carry a grudge—
quick to find fault,
quick to assign blame,
quick to harden our hearts toward others.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. As Christ has forgiven us, we are now given opportunities to offer forgiveness and redemption to one another. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen.

Time with Children

Scripture Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Message

Prayer Song "Invocation" by Christopher Grundy

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Call to the Offering

Pastor: God is unfailing in blessing and love. With thankful hearts,
let us offer up to God a portion of what God has given us.

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication

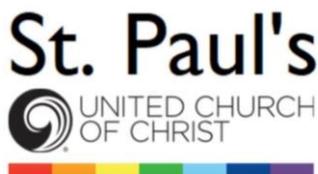
Patient God, you display merciful acts and answer our prayers in profound ways. Help us to be stewards of your mercy and grace as these monetary gifts are transformed into active ministries. Multiply the span of these ministries to reach people in new ways. We pray in the name of the one who teaches true forgiveness, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Hymn "Softly and Tenderly"

Benediction

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This Week's Zoom Info

Worship Sunday, Sept 13
Call (312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 810 4776 9415
Passcode: 412338

9:30 Wed Prayer Sept 16
Call (312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 816 7084 0735
Passcode: 205066

7 PM Wed Prayer, Sept 16
Call (312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 850 9192 6560
Passcode: 753014

Song and Hymns for Sunday, September 13, 2020

You Are Salt of the Earth, O People

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God!

**Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God! **[Refrain]**

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God! **[Refrain]**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

Let us aim to choose forgiveness, daily let our love increase.
Let us offer one another Christ-like mercy, Christ-like peace.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Softy and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See at the portals Christ waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home;
All who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling -
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not God's mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love Jesus promised, promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned Jesus offers us pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]