

humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### The Peace

By dying, Christ destroyed our death; in rising, he restores our life; in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace.

In that peace we affirm, with joy:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

So we can say to one another: the peace of the Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

Let us take a few moments to greet one another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

### Doxology

### Communion

Pewback Insert

### Prayer After Communion

**God of mercy, God of grace, we bless and praise you for nourishing us with this Easter feast of redemption. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us living signs of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Community Sharing

### Offering

**Hymn Of Response    We Give Thee But Thine Own    lyrics 360**  
*(gospel rhythm, clapping on beats 2 and 4)*

**Hymn Of Dismissal    Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult    303**

### Dismissal With Blessing

Go in peace, go in joy, to love and serve God and your neighbor.

And may the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and forever.

**We are sent in the name of Christ the Lord. Alleluia!**

**Next Week's Readings:** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**Preaching This Week:** Rick McPeak

**Preaching Next Week:** Elizabeth Ahern

**Celebrant:** Niquita Hohm

**Acolytes:** Cole Wayman, Connor Wayman

## St. Paul's Free Methodist Church Third Sunday After The Epiphany

### Call To Worship

Jesus Calls Us

URW 56

### Greeting

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

### Hymn Of Praise

Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies

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### Prayer

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### First Lesson

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 27:1, 4-9*

**The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ...**

One thing I asked of the LORD, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Hymn                      God Is My Strong Salvation                      64

*Second Lesson                      1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**R:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation                      Gospel Alleluia                      URW p. 36

*Gospel*

*Matthew 4:12-23*

**R:** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**R:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Confession And Prayers Of The People**

Dearly beloved, so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind for worship at the Lord's Table, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy. ... Let us pray: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we**