

## 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

*This Sunday we again offer healing prayer, anointing, and laying on of hands for healing. You may also ask to be anointed on behalf of another who needs healing or is troubled.*

## Prayer After Communion

**God of mercy, God of grace, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Form in us the divine life of Jesus, who came to share our human life, that we, going into the world in the strength of your Spirit, may give ourselves for others in his name. 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      There's A Song In The Air      131**

## Dismissal With Blessing

Go in peace and joy to love and serve the Lord.

**We are sent in the name of the Christ Child.**

Let us bless the Lord!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Next Week's Readings:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

**Preaching This Week:** Ruth Huston

**Celebrant:** Bob Munshaw

**Preaching Next Week:** Teresa Holden

**Acolytes:** Cole Wayman, Connor Wayman

## St. Paul's Free Methodist Church Second Sunday After Christmas

**Christmas Call To Worship**

**What Child Is This**

**Insert**

## Greeting

Alleluia! To us a child is born;

**Come, let us adore him. Alleluia!**

**Hymn Of Praise**

**Go, Tell It On The Mountain**

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## Prayer

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

## Sirach 24:1-12

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting place; in whose territory should I abide? Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.' Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me, and for all the ages I shall not cease to be. In the holy tent I ministered before him, and so I was established in Zion. Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my domain. I took root in an honored people, in the portion of the Lord, his heritage."

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

## Psalm 147:12-20

**Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within**

