



Nathanael answered [Jesus],
“RABBI, YOU ARE
THE SON OF GOD!
YOU ARE THE
KING OF ISRAEL!”

Jesus answered him, “Because I said
to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’
do you believe? You will see greater
things than these.”

John 1:49-50, ESV

St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024

*Please stand if you are able and comfortable

Congregation reads text in bold print

Bringing Christ's light into Worship

Kamaya Anderson, Acolyte

Welcome

Rev Paul Burden, Senior Pastor

Prelude

Garrett Woods, Music Director

*Call to Worship

Deb Boland, Liturgist

We praise you, O God, for you are our God, and we are your people.

Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

Search us and know us, Creator, remove us from shadows into your presence.

Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

Place your hand upon us, Gracious One, as we worship you and minister in your name.

Wonderful are your works, O God, we know them very well!

*Hymn

“Womb of Life, and Source of Being”

No 14

*Invocation

Sovereign One, we acknowledge your presence among us. Stir up the gifts you have planted among us. Hold us in your care and present a mirror before us so that we may know ourselves as you have known us. Strengthen us in your mercy and let your grace propel us to renewal and righteousness. Lift us so that might arise in spirit and in truth for your glory. Amen.

* Call to Confession

God knows us and loves us. When we confess our sins to God and receive God's forgiveness, we discover new opportunities to walk more closely and deeply with God.

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, 1 Corinthians 6:12 reminds us that “All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything. You have created us in your holy and divine image. We pray to reflect your goodness in the world. We confess that we have engaged in actions and attitudes contrary to your kingdom, and we ask for wisdom, guidance, and fortitude to be the people you have called us to be. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

Beloved creation of God, the Holy One knows you fully, completely, and affirmatively from the secret places of your innermost parts. Receive the knowing as a gift of assurance that God's grace is sufficient for new life. God will abide with us as we strive to follow the way of Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

*Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father)

No 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Through Song

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

No 306

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Anthem

"Blessed, Holy Jesus" by Jay Althouse

Choir

The Psalm - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
 My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
 all the days that were formed for me,
 when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

The Gospel – John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Message *"You Are Enough"* *Rev Paul Burden*

*Affirmation of Faith – The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the Form of a Doxology

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

*Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

No 113

*Invitation to the Offering

The generous life rests on gratitude and trust in God's abundance. As we give, we acknowledge that we have communally received more than enough to meet our collective needs. Our offerings serve to realize the reign of God's kingdom on the earth.

*Doxology (Praise)

No 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us. May our gifts be used for
the benefit of the kingdom and all creation in your name. Amen.**

*Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

No 585

*Benediction

Go in the peace of being fully known by God.
Go in the hope that God has in you to transform the world.
Go in the love of neighbor and friend.
Go in the assurance that God still goes with you. Amen.

*Benediction Response

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a Shepherd’s care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus’ feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

*Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ!

3001 Queen City Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45238

Current Office Hours: T, W, Th, & Fri. 10:00am – 2:00pm + 513-661-3745

spspuccoffice@gmail.com + www.spspucc.org All Hymns copied from Chalice Hymnal - Red Pew
Edition © 1995 / Chalice Press Eleventh Printing, 2001. Used by Permission. / CCLI # 11439836 /
CSPLI # CSPL1650 / One License M-401820



Announcements



Our Sunday morning worship on January 28 will include a brief moment of reflection and remembrance for Jean Genis. Jean passed away in 2020 at the age of 93. She was a dedicated member of St Peter and St Paul United Church of Christ. Following the service everyone is invited to join us for a complimentary catered meal in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to join us for the meal, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the Pastor's Study.

Our Lenten Prayer Partner program will be offered this season. If you would like to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the Pastor's Study. You will be assigned someone to pray for during the Lenten season, and you will find out who has been praying for you on Easter Sunday.

Shrove Tuesday AKA Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 13

6:00- 8:00 pm

This is actually the day before Lent begins. The day is named for the "shriving" or confessing that was traditional on this day before beginning Lent. This day is also known as Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," because it was a time for eating the things from which one would abstain during Lent. Pancake suppers are traditional as they were a way of using up some of the ingredients not needed during Lent.

We will honor the tradition by holding our annual pancake supper for the congregation. Sign up outside the Pastor Office.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 23

2:00-3:30

Small individually wrapped candy and monetary donations would be greatly appreciated

Also just a reminder to please make sure you sign the Kindred Hearts attendance book.

JANUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HAPPY <i>new</i> YEAR	2 Food Pick-up - 12-2 pm.	3 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	4	5	6
7	8 Church & Ministry - 10 am F.H.	9 Property - 7pm - Par.	10 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	11	12	13
14	15 Jack Kohlmeier Memorial 10:00am - Visitation 11:00am - Service	16	17 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	18	19	20 Community Meal 10:30 - 12 - F.H.
21	22	23 Council - 7 pm - Rm. 107	24 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Book Club 5:30 - 7PM F.H. Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.	25	26	27
28 Jean Genis Memorial Lunch 11:00am	29	30	31 Choir 7 - 8:30 pm - Sanctuary Ladies Bible Study - 4-6 pm F.H.			

NOTES: