

**THE PAWLING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**February 08, 2009**

*\*Stand as you are able      † Appropriate time to be seated      BOLD: In unison*

**Thought for the week:** “The value of persistent prayer is not that he will hear us... but that we will finally hear him.” *William McGill*

† **PRELUDE/MEDITATION** (When the organ begins playing, it is now time to quiet ourselves and be open to the presence of God).

†**WELCOME**

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS**

\* **OPENING HYMN** No. 139 “*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*”

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Worship God, who is from everlasting to everlasting!  
The God of creation does not faint or grow weary.

**People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How expansive is God’s understanding of us!**

Leader: The whole universe is subject to God’s power.  
Creation continues as the universe expands.

**People: God rules all time and space, yet cares about us.  
God is pleased with all who reflect steadfast love.**

Leader: Sing to God with great thanksgiving.  
Praise God with the best you have to offer.

**People: We lift up our eyes to see God’s wonders.  
We open our ears to receive God’s message.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Powerful God, before whom we are as nothing, we dare to approach you because you assure us that we are not like mere grasshoppers to you. Our individual potential is not hidden from you, and the faithfulness of your church is important to you. We have gathered with great expectation, seeking to have our strength renewed and our hope restored. Make yourself known among us as we unite in your praise. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND CONCERN**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** No. 895

*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 (sins) as we forgive those who trespass (sin) 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.*

† **CHORAL RESPONSE**

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD TO US**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (page 161)

**PSALTER** Psalm 147 (page 859)

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

\* **GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 1:29-39 (page 33)

Leader: The words of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 883 “A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada” **We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI** (Praising God) No. 71 “*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. Amen.*”

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

\* †**SERMON HYMN** No. 395 “*Take Time to Be Holy*”

**MESSAGE** “*What Did Jesus Do?*” **Mark T. Allen**

\***HYMN OF INVITATION** No. 496 “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*”  
(During this hymn our youth will leave for youth choir)

## OUR RESPONSE

### **PREPARING FOR OUR OFFERING**

We have an obligation to proclaim the gospel. We are entrusted with a commission. So we give freely of our time and abilities where we are, and we send and support the witness of others where we cannot go. Let us continue to give generously.

### **PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn of Praise and Thanksgiving) No. 95 *“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 DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Thank you, God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for reaching out to win our hearts. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or broken-hearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering. Amen.**

\***CLOSING HYMN** No. 421 *“Make Me a Captive, Lord”*

### **\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Leader: Go out to serve. Someone needs you today.

What you have to give will be helpful to someone.

**People: We pray God will open our eyes to needs around us.**

**We will look for ways to be helpful.**

Leader: Go in the name of Jesus Christ, who sends us.

Speak a healing word. Do a caring deed.

**People: God binds up wounds of the brokenhearted.**

**Surely God will empower our ministry.**

Leader: God strengthens the powerless and helps the weak.

God’s power will be in you when you pray.

**People: We shall run and not be weary.**

**We will serve in the strength God supplies.**

### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE** (Music to send us on our way to go and serve in God’s world)



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10:30 Worship Service

Pastor Mark T. Allen

Toni LaPietra, Choir Director

Richard Sills, Organist