

 *St. Paul's United Methodist Church*

Why  
*does*  
God

*Allow Suffering?*

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*January 17th, 2016*

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## *Gathering in Praise and Prayer as God's People*

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Welcome, Announcements, and Invocation  
Prelude

Rev. Kris Tate and Nancy Bryce

\*Call to Worship *(Taken from Psalm 25)* Jerry Glasgow

Leader: Come, lift up your hearts to the Lord! To You, O Lord, we lift up our hearts!

**People: In you we trust! Do not let us be put to shame.**

Leader: Our God is full of compassionate love.

**People: God brings the wayward back to God's way, and teaches the humble the way they should go.**

Leader: Show us the right path, O Lord; point out the way for us to follow.

**People: Lead us by your truth, and teach us, for you are the God who saves. We put our hope in you!**

\*Hymns of Praise

FWS 2024

*From the Rising of the Sun*

UMH 133

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed) UMH 881 Jerry Glasgow

Leader: Let us join together in professing our faith as found in the Apostles' Creed which unites us with Christians and Christian churches around the world.

**People: We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Tate

Pastoral 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.**

Children's Moment & Invitation: All children 6 and under are invited to come forward, then follow Ms. Sunshine to the Children's Area to participate in our children's programming.

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## *Giving in Response to God's Love*

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Offertory

\*Doxology—UMH 95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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.**

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## *Hearing God's Word*

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Witness in Music

Scripture Reading  
Message

Genesis 1:27-28

Rev. Tate

*Why? Sermon Series: God and Suffering*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Tate

\*Hymn of Invitation  
UMH 170

*O How I Love Jesus*

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## *Going Forth as God's People*

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**“Our mission at St. Paul's United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by connecting, serving, and sharing in love.”**

\*Benediction

Rev. Tate

\*Sending Forth Hymn  
FWS 2108

*O, How He Loves You and Me*

Postlude

Next week in our *Why?* Sermon Series we will be looking at:  
**Why our prayers go unanswered?**

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## *Known Prayer Concerns*

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### **Immediate**

Doug Birchfield  
Joseph Hohmann  
Nancy Walker  
Carolyn & Ike Haywood  
Shelly Abrams  
Steve Johnson  
Jim Neal

### **Ongoing:**

Patty McKelvey  
Ed Arens  
Tammy Brower  
Barbara Buchanan  
Dee Ball  
Jim Sheets  
Katy Robertson

Jeane Boydston  
Alice Cook  
Myrtie Rice  
Claudia Crow  
Laura Burchett  
Carl Abrams  
Mack Harris  
Cathei Nichols

Roberta Kelly  
Louis Kraph  
Aaron McCoy  
Maurene Hudson  
Jennifer Jones  
Cindy Alavi  
Mike Patten  
Leon & Leona Rogers

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## *Calendar of Events*

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### **Sunday, January 17th**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

### **Monday, January 18th**

10:00 am MOST Group

### **Tuesday, January 19th**

8:30 am Mothers' Day Out

### **Wednesday, January 20th**

10:30 am Ladies Study Group  
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, January 21st**

8:30 am Mothers' Day Out

### **Sunday, January 24th**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service

### **Monday, January 25th**

10:00 am MOST Group

### **Tuesday, January 26th**

8:30 am Mothers' Day Out  
10am to 11:30am Why Bible Study

### **Wednesday, January 27th**

10:30 am Ladies Study Group  
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, January 28th**

8:30 am Mothers' Day Out

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### *Today's Leaders*

In the Pulpit  
Director of Music Ministries  
Chancel Ringers Director  
Pianist/Organist  
Liturgist  
Mothers' Day Out Director  
Audio Engineer  
Videographer  
Video Bulletin Director  
Ministers

Rev. Kris Tate  
Brent Houston  
Sharon Reese  
Trish Lenora  
Jerry Glasgow  
Patty McKelvey  
Chris Kelly  
Allen Bryce  
Tim Beck  
EVERYONE

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