

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 27th, 2019 10:00AM

ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

The asterisk (*) invites you to stand in body or in spirit

GATHERING in the LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:55am)

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

PRELUDE

WELCOMING THE WORD & LIGHT

CALL TO COMMUNITY: *(based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a)*

I wonder if I'm a hand!

Maybe a foot!

How about an aorta...or a neuron?

What are you talking about?

You're a person!

But Paul said that each of us

is part of the body of Christ.

I'm trying to figure out what part *I* am.

Oh no! Maybe I'm the appendix!

**Every part of our body is important
in its own way.**

**Every part of the body of Christ
is important, too.**

Even my ear hairs?

What about my nose hairs?

Yes, every hair on your head counts!

**With different gifts and abilities,
with different ways of responding,
with different ways of doing**

**what needs to be done,
we live out the purpose
of being Christ's body.**

What are you talking about now?

Being Christ's body means to live God's love!

To share Christ's hope!

**To welcome everyone into the
community of the Spirit!**

So, as part of the Body,

we come together—

to worship God with lots of joy and smiles!

Alleluia!

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IN: Gathering A/C/E 2012-13, p. 37, 38 (adapted).

*HYMN: "Spirit, Open My Heart"

MV79

GATHERING PRAYER

JUNIOR CHOIR: "Soul of God"

(MV174)

SHARNG TIME

The children leave for Sunday School activities

LISTENING in the LIGHT

HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 4:14-21

SERMON REFLECTION: "*A Matter of the Heart*"

*HYMN: "Let My Spirit Always Sing"

MV83

RESPONDING to the LIGHT

INVITATION TO GIVE

*OFFERTORY: "All That We Have" *KINGSBURY/BOWMAN*

All that we have, all that we are, we offer here today
to bring good news of hope and joy to cherish on the way.
To feed the hungry, heal the sick and set the captives free
to build a world where love is lived, proclaiming liberty.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM: "Love Is of God"

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF CARE

PRAYERS OF THE HEART & THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEAVING in the LIGHT

*HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

VU602

*SENDING FORTH:

As we go from this place on this day holy to God,
we rejoice in the strength of God, *Neh. 8:10*
we fix our eyes on the grace of Christ, *Luke 4:20*
**and we drink deeply of the Spirit,
who makes us one. Amen and Amen.** *1 Cor. 12:13*
Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C,
Volume 1 © 2012 Westminster John Knox Press, p. 59.

POSTLUDE

Your Body, LLC (1 Corinthians 12:12-31a)

we stick our tongue out of the corner
of our mouths
as we try to make
the chart - flow - properly
(if the vote is 'yes'
then we go
in that direction,
if 'no' then
we take a different route)
but you simply whisper
'follow me
(even if it seems we
are going in circles)';

the time line is posted
all over the
facility, from the
boardroom to the
bathroom, so
everyone will know the
exact sequence of when
our transformation
efforts will take
place,
and you persist
in showing up when
we least expect, asking
'is this a bad time?'

we pull up the template on our computer,
ready to fill in the names
of the organization's leadership,
so it is clear as to who has
what authority, who reports to whom,
who the links in the
chain of command are,
and
you place a gift
in the heart of each
person (even the ones
not listed on the
chart) and
invite us to join hands as
we dance in a circle
around you.