

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY JANUARY 17, 2021

(Please print out so that you can join us while singing and praying during worship.
Streamed on FACEBOOK and ZOOM)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, I am here taking a stand for what I believe is right.
We stand with courage for justice as Jesus taught us to.
When I have nothing left I pray; I can't face it alone!
God walks each day with us giving us strength!
We come to worship, praise and thank You our God!
I praise You God and I am here to worship You!

OPENING HYMN – GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
[Refrain]

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *[Refrain]*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *[Refrain]*

Down in a lowly stable the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

AFFIRMATION of FAITH – *Today's affirmation comes from the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

We believe in Jesus who eloquently affirmed from the cross a higher law. He knew that the old eye-for-eye philosophy would leave everyone blind. He did not seek to overcome evil with evil. He overcame evil with good. Although crucified by hate, he responded with aggressive love. Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.

SONG of PRAISE – DOWN to the RIVER TO PRAY

Refrain: As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord show me the way!

O sisters let's go down Let's go down, come on down! O sisters let's go down! Down in the river to pray. **Refrain**

Come on brothers, let's go down. Let's go down, come on down. Come on Brothers let's go down, down to the river to pray. **Refrain**

O fathers let's go down. Let's go down, come on down O fathers let's go down. Down in the river to pray. **Refrain**

O mothers let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on mothers, let's go down. Down in the river to pray. **Refrain**

O sinners, let's go down! Let's go down, come on down. O sinners, let's go down. Down in the river to pray.

MINISTRY of MUSIC – BELIEVE – Jake Smith

SCRIPTURE LESSON –

Isaiah 55: 6-12 & LUKE 12: 13-21 & 32-34

MESSAGE of the DAY – Reverend Dave Delaney
'OUT of the STORM; WE RETURN to GOD'

PASTORAL PRAYER followed by The Lord's Prayer

OUR OFFERINGS of LOVE – Tithes/Offerings/Gifts can be mailed to St. Paul's UMC, PO Box 125, West Deptford, NJ 08086 or they can be shared online through <https://stpaulsalive.org>.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God, Jesus taught us to feed the hungry and care for the poor. As we bring our tithes, our offerings and our financial gifts let Your Holy Spirit direct our church to make the decisions that truly bless You, our God. We praise Your name for all the support we have had through the years to continue to be the church of Jesus Christ to West Deptford and to the world! In Jesus name, AMEN

OFFERTORY

SONG TO GO INTO THE WORLD WITH – SEND THE LIGHT

There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless waves, "Send the Light! Send the Light."
There are souls to rescue there are souls to save,

Refrain: Send the Light! Send the Light! Send the Light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine from shore to shore! Send the Light, the blessed gospel light; Let it shine forever more!

Let us pray that grace may ev'rywhere abound, "Send the Light! Send the Light!" And, a Christ-like spirit ev'rywhere be found,

Refrain

Let us not grow weary in the work of love, "Send the Light! Send the Light!" Let us gather jewels for a crown above,

Refrain

BENEDICTION