



# Prayer in Action: Henri Nouwen and Peacework

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost | November 10, 2024 | 9:00 am

## GATHERING

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Wayne L. Wold

Ellen McGaughy, organ

### Call to Worship

### + Hymn of Praise to the Triune God

*Bind Us Together*

TFWS 2226

### Passing of the Peace

## FORMING

### Act of Praise

*On My Way to Jordan*

Jay Althouse

Men's Ensemble

with Isaac Anderson, percussion

### Life of the Community

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

### Scripture Lesson

*Mark 12:38-44* NRSV

### + Hymn of Preparation

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

TFWS 2128

## Sermon

### Act of Praise

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Mack Wilberg

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michael Sauer, conductor

### Offering Invitation

## SENDING

### + Sending Hymn

*Oh Wounded World  
that Cries for Healing*

TFWS 2177

Sung to the tune *HYFRYDOL*

### Invitation to Gather

### Blessing

### Going Forth

### Postlude

*Toccata in 7*

John Rutter

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*We are excited to welcome children in worship! Children's squirms, laughs, and even cries remind us of the whole family of God. We embrace and celebrate that. However, if it makes sense for your family, the nursery is staffed and open for children during worship and the Sunday School hour.*

**WELCOME ALL!** We gather to worship God, whose nature is love. And because God's love knows no bounds, all are welcome here. **All** ages, races, abilities, ethnicities, life circumstances, gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations. We joyfully celebrate the diversity of All God's children as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to love as Jesus loves. Welcome to God's extravagant, inclusive love! **Welcome to St. Paul's!**



**CALMING CRAFTS** Today after the worship service, the Arts Team invites all to join us in a collaborative craft as we share our hopes, dreams, and prayers for an uncertain future that last week's election results will shape. Near the exits to the sanctuary are baskets of paper strips. We invite you to take one (or more!) and think about your hope, dream, or prayer for the future. Write or draw it on your paper strip. We have colored pens and pencils, if you want to draw your prayer or decorate your strip of paper. Then, add your strip to a paper chain we are creating that will remain here for the next few weeks. Our paper chain will remind us of the future we envision together.

**VOLUNTEER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER** Our Christmas Eve Dinner is approaching. St. Paul's will serve dinner from 12:00 until 2:00 pm; all are welcome. Starting this today, there will be a volunteer sign-up before and after our 9:00 am service. Please consider being a part of this community event. If you are not available to help, please consider a donation. During the week, Celeste Downs, Hospitality Coordinator, can take names and donations in the office. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Lu Wherry (luwherry@gmail.com).

**SERMON DISCUSSIONS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER** For each Sunday in November and December lay people from our congregation will facilitate a sermon discussion from 10:20-11:00 a.m. in the library. Contact Brad Colton via email or 319-329-0351 if you have questions.

**CALL TO ACTION MOBILIZATION LIST** As a church we have committed to "resisting injustice by doing the work of justice." That requires action, and we know that many opportunities arise at a moment's notice. Our Love in Action team is creating a simple email/text list to let interested individuals know when we have a call to action. These calls may include invitations to write elected officials, make a phone call, join a protest, etc. If you would like to be included on this list, please send Celeste Downs your phone and/or email address at (cdowns@stpaulsumc.org) and she will create a database. We promise not to inundate your inbox or messages.

**THE HARMONY HAWKS BARBERSHOP CHORUS** will present their annual Gospel Concert Friday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Cedar Rapids. Admission is free. There will be a free-will offering taken to benefit His Hands-free Clinic. For more information, call 319-432-9333.

**MAT WEAVING PROJECT** Our Cedar Rapids Metro Churches are partnering on a project to weave mats for people experiencing homelessness. Join us on November 18th and 25th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to help make a difference. No prior experience is necessary—we'll have volunteers on hand to guide you through the process. Can't make it on these dates but still want to get involved or have questions? Contact Becca Nims (rnims@stpaulsumc.org).

**TERRA DIVINA** On Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., we will gather at the Indian Creek Nature Center located at 5300 Otis Rd., Cedar Rapids, for a special event inspired by the words of Thomas Aquinas: "Sacred writings are bound in two volumes—that of creation and that of Holy Scripture." Join us as we practice terra divina, engaging in a divine reading of the Book of Creation. The afternoon will include time for individual exploration of the season and culminate in sharing bread and herbal tea. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early to ensure we can start promptly at 3:00. Since the gathering will take place outside, you should dress in appropriate layers because we won't generate much body heat. Additionally, be sure to bring a portable chair. Refreshments, including bread and herbal tea, will be served towards the end of the gathering. To confirm your attendance, RSVP at this link: <https://forms.gle/L4AL1J85Dj6pAf5JA>.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND GRACE:** Colleen Mehaffey (Joanne Ward's sister); Fred Horn (Mary)  
**IN HOSPICE CARE:** Duane Nesetril (Kay), Kim Truesdell **IN HOSPICE CARE:** Susan Thompson (Doug); Janet Harding; Ellen Wagenfield

**WORSHIP ATTENDANTS** Rev. Jonathan Heifner, Lead Pastor; Rev. Ryan Roth-Klinck, Associate Pastor of Discipleship; Rev. Daniel Niyonzima, Associate Pastor, African Nationals; Dr. Mark Baumann, CAGO, Coordinator of Music Ministries; Dr. Michael Sauer, Director of Sanctuary Choir; Kelly Truax, accompanist; Miriam Mackey and Bruce Nesmith, Liturgists; Brian Azelborn, Slide Presenter; Ryan Dove, Videographer & Video Streaming; Craig Dove, Audio