



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Colin Whiteside, Sharon Penrose

Singers: Musicians from Golden Ears United Church, Christina Cichos and Bryn Nixon from Pacific Spirit United Church, Julie Gaulke, Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Alexis Danford, Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox, Catherine Ladouceur

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" VU# 409, sung by Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

OPENING PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: "I Am the Light of the World", VU# 87,
Musicians from Golden Ears United Church

**"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 104:1-24 read by Colin Whiteside

SERMON: Our Spiritual Connection to God the Creator and Creation Itself

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

HYMN: "All Things Bright and Beautiful", VU# 291, sung by Julie Gaulke.



Refrain: **All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

1. Each little flower that opens,
 each little bird that sings,
 God made their glowing colours,
 God made their tiny wings.

Refrain:

2. The purple-headed mountains,
 the river running by,
 the sunset and the morning
 that brightens up the sky.

Refrain:

3. The cold wind in the winter,
 the pleasant summer sun,
 the ripe fruits in the garden:
 God made them everyone.

Refrain:

4. The rocky mountain splendour,
 the lone wolf's haunting call,
 the great lakes and the prairies,
 the forest in the fall;

Refrain:

5. God gave us eyes to see them,
 and lips that we might tell
 how great is God our maker,
 who has made all things well.

Refrain:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER: read by Sharon Penrose

CLOSING HYMN: "Called by Earth and Sky", MV# 135, prepared by Christina Cichos and Bryn Nixon from Pacific Spirit United Church, Vancouver, BC.

**Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.**

1. Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again.

Refrain:

2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.

Refrain:

3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.

Refrain:

4. Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Refrain:

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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