



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**WELCOME BACK TO IN PERSON WORSHIP**  
**AND OUR CONTINUING ON-LINE WORSHIP**  
**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**Minister:** Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

**Music Director:** Victoria Warwick

**Readers:** Carolyn Hendry, Shaun McIntosh

**Singers:** Shayla Brown, Singers from Golden Ears United Church and voices from around the world in many different languages.

**Piper:** Darren Todd

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

**WELCOME BACK PIPER:** Darren Todd

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO THE GATHERED**

**OPENING HYMN:** VU#395 "Come In, Come In and Sit Down", musicians from Golden Ears United Church.

**Refrain**

Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.

- 1.** You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.

**Refrain:**

- 2.** God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace,  
for we are a part of the family.

**Refrain:**

- 3.** There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family

**Refrain:**

- 4.** There's rest for the weary and health for us all;  
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.  
So come in and worship and answer the call,  
for we are a part of the family.

**Refrain:**

**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:** Mark 10:46-52 The Healing of Bartimaeus, read by Shaun McIntosh

**SERMON:** A New Way of Seeing – A Transformed Life

### **GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**SOLO:** "Only Hope" sung by Shayla Brown

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER:** written and read by Carolyn Hendry

Mother-Father God, Infinite Creator, All That Is

Today we celebrate being back in the St. Paul's United Church building in Midland. We offer gratitude as we once again join together for in person and on-line worship. Creator, shelter us all in this time of worship.

We honour the decisions made by the staff and the transition steering committee who have supported the Church reopening. Bless all the members including our Minister and members who provided input. We bless those here and those who are watching from their homes.

This Pandemic has offered challenges to everyone, the congregation, the staff, the tech team, our music director, pastoral services, youth and children's leader, reception and many others who have supported worship with their talents and prayers.

Bless those who have supported all of us, health professionals, the public health professionals, educators, front line workers, our leaders and all who have guided us through this difficult crisis. It is not over yet and we rely on others to continue to support us. Continue to guide all the nations of the world as together we struggle to keep our citizens safe. Help us to trust that you will continue to guide us through all of this. Our lives have been forever changed. We have learned so much. We look forward to a better healthier future.

Let us say together the prayer that Jesus taught:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive our trespassers.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
Now and forever. Amen

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Amazing Grace" sung by singers from 50 countries.

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind, but now, I see.
  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace, my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.
  
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis Grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and Grace will lead me home.
  
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

5. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind, but now, I see.

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** "Go in Love" sung by Shayla Brown

Go in love. Have no fear.  
God will guide you. God is always near.  
Go in love. Take God's hand.  
God will hear you and will understand.  
May God's light forever shine upon you.  
May God's peace be always in your heart.  
Go in love. Face each day.  
God will lead you and will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith. Amen



## **POSTLUDE**

We've missed having you here. It has been 81 Sundays since we had to close our building due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been very quiet. Great to connect again and worship in our building.  
Blessed to have both in-person and on-line worship.  
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