



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

**Sunday, February 6, 2022
COMMUNION SUNDAY**



Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director: Victoria Warwick
Readers: Dan Donaldson, Sharon Foster
Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Bruce Wilcox

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" sung by Bells Corners U.C. musicians.

1. Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain:

*O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.*

2. You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labour.

Refrain:

3. You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain

4. You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Dan Donaldson, written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam

We come to the lakeshore of our yearning for spiritual renewal and meaning in our lives. We come, O God, seeking you. Help us Holy One, to embrace the sacredness of life, so that we live our own lives in ways that embrace your love and compassion. In our weariness, point us into new beginnings of abundance of grace. May we have the courage to follow you, wherever you may lead us, no matter what we have to leave behind. Amen

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

VIGNETTE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH: read by Dan Donaldson

Black people have been present in the land we call Canada since long before confederation. Multilinguist Mathieu da Costa, of partial African ancestry, is the first known Black person to arrive on this land. Da Costa is understood to have spoken Dutch, English, French, Portuguese, Mi'kmaq, and pidgin Basque, and because of his ability to learn new languages traveled with João Fernandes Lavrador, exploring Greenland and the north Atlantic coast of Canada as early as 1499. Additionally, da Costa would voyage with Pierre Dugua de Mons and Samuel de Champlain.



SUNG RESPONSE: "I'm Gonna Sing So God Can Use Me"

sung by Trey McLaughlin, Celina Smith and Arthur Chapman (Sounds of Zamar)

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.



SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 5:1-11 read by Sharon Foster

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

COMMUNION HYMN: "Christ be our Host" Sung by Charlotte and Barb Jones

1. Christ, be our Host; welcoming, greeting: this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Hear us, we pray, entrance entreating: this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Refrain:
Come to the table where mercies are spread! Come to the feast, all who hunger!
2. Christ, be our Bread, broken and given: this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Here you provide manna from heaven: this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Refrain:
Come to the table where mercies are spread! Come to the feast, all who hunger!
3. Christ, be our Wine, gift of creation: this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Made by your death Cup of Salvation: this is the banquet your love has prepared!
Refrain:
Come to the table where mercies are spread! Come to the feast, all who hunger!
4. Christ, be our Guest in our departing: now we are fed by the food you prepared!
Christ, be our Strength, courage imparting: now we are fed by the food you prepared!
Refrain:
Go from the feast where my mercies are spread! Go, I am with you forever!

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU# 932(sung by Joelle Kontos)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (sung by Joelle Kontos)

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**



SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: **Holy one, may the bread and the wine continue always to remind us that you welcome all to the table. May they also remind us that you call us to live our faith in radical ways of hospitality, grace and compassion. Amen**

HYMN: VU#509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" sung by Chet Valley Churches musicians.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

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