

## St. Paul's United Church

Sunday, March 20, 2022 – Lent 3

### Welcome Back to In-Person Worship

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

**Music Director:** Victoria Warwick

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

**Readers:** Marlis Dupuis, Colin Whiteside

**Music:** Rebecca Amadei, Shayla Brown, Hilary Warwick,

Ecumenical Singers from Ireland, Leora Cashe, musicians from Golden Ears UC.



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS / CALL TO THE GATHERED

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

**OPENING HYMN** MV#176 "Three Things I Promise" sung by Leora Cashe

1. Three things I promise, Holy God, in age and youth, in life and death:  
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ, and listen for the Spirit's breath.
2. Your love unfolded time and space, and life, and all that life became,  
and so, with thankful heart and voice, through good and ill, I bless your Name.
3. I follow, serve, and cling to Christ amid our culture's tides and trends,  
for here your Name is most revealed: Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.
4. Enlivened as the Spirit moves to cleanse, awaken, and renew,  
I pray that justice, peace, and truth, may seed and grow in all I do.
5. Revive and guide me, Living God, as day by day, until my death,  
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ, and listen for the Spirit's breath.

**OPENING PRAYER** read by Marlis Dupuis, written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam

#### EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**SUNG RESPONSE:** "Be Still and Know That I am God" sung by Hilary Warwick

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32 read by Colin Whiteside

**HYMN:** MV#109 "My Soul is Thirsting for You", musicians from Golden Ears United Church.

#### Refrain:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God, thirsting for you, my God.

1. O God you are my God, and I will always praise you.

In the shadow of your wings I cling to you and you hold me high.

#### Refrain:

2. Through the day you walk with me, all the night your love surrounds me.

To the glory of your name I lift my hands, I sing your praise.

#### Refrain:

3. I will never be afraid, for I will not be abandoned.  
Even when the road grows long and weary your love will rescue me.

**Refrain:**

**SERMON:**

**REMINDER ABOUT GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**ST. PAUL'S REFUGEE WORK: OUR LENTEN PROJECT – Ken Woods**

**HYMN:** "Be Thou My Vision" Irish video

1. Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light. 1.
2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER:**

read by Marlis Dupuis, written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** "Go In Love" sung by Sheila Payne

**POSTLUDE**