



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 01, 2022

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director – Victoria Warwick
Readers: Carol MacDonald, Colin Whiteside
Singers: Rebecca Amadei, Marlis Dupuis,
Sharon Foster, Hannah Berry
Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" sung by Hannah Berry

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 recreation of the new day!

OPENING PRAYER: read by Colin Whiteside (written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam)

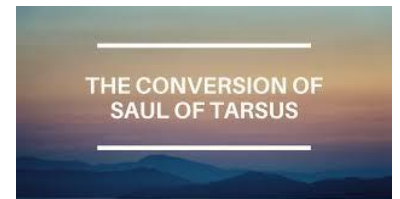
Holy One, we gather this morning, grateful for the dawn of a new day and new beginnings. Like springtime around us, awaken us to your presence in our lives and in your world. As we worship you in this time, may we be open to the touch of the Holy Spirit in all that we do. Help us to see you in our day-to-day moments. Amen

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: "Halle Halle Hallelujah" sung by Rebecca Amadei

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-22 read by Carol MacDonald

SERMON:



COMMUNION HYMN: VU#477 "I Come with Joy" sung by Marlis Dupuis and Sharon Foster.

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

VU #932(SUNG)

**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 (2x MV#207)

**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

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Colin Whiteside

CLOSING HYMN: VU#575 "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me" sung by Cedarfont Kids

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: For the benefit of our livestreaming, we ask that people remain seated during the postlude.