ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH Sunday, May 22, 2022

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam Guest Preacher: Shaun McIntosh Music Director – Victoria Warwick Reader: Sharon Foster

Singers: Rebecca Amadei, Sheila Payne, Chet Valley Churches, Community of Christ Brighton

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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: MV #145 "Draw the Circle Wide" sung by Community of Christ Brighton

Refrain: Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still - point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns; nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.

Refrain:

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small; let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Refrain:

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before; let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Refrain:

OPENING PRAYER: read by Sharon Foster

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: Amos 5:18-24 read by Shaun McIntosh

SERMON: Shaun McIntosh

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Sharon Foster

CLOSING HYMN: VU #509 "Here I am, Lord" sung by Chet Valley Churches

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.

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:

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

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

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