



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam
Music Director – Victoria Warwick
Readers: Marlis Dupuis, Nic Schulze
Music: St. Paul's Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir,
Trinity Presbyterian York Mills, Golden Ears U.C.
Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Rick Dell, Catherine Ladouceur,
Bruce Wilcox

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO THE GATHERED:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" sung by
Trinity Presbyterian York Mills

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.
2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

OPENING PRAYER: read by Nic Schulze (written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam)
Holy One, as we begin our worship, may we make a joyful noise together, praising you and
acknowledging that there is much in our lives that leads to gratitude.

Today we thank you for music and the variety of ways in which it touches our souls and moves
us to a different place. Sometimes music moves us emotionally, other times spiritually.
Sometimes there are no words to describe the inner response that music, as one of the arts,
brings forth within us. So this day, we join with the writer of Psalm 100 to "make a joyful noise
to the Lord as we enter God's gates with singing." Amen

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: SUNG RESPONSE: "This Little Light of Mine"

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 read by Marlis Dupuis

SPECIAL MUSIC: St. Paul's Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir – "Let There Be Peace on Earth", arr
Arnold B. Sherman

L.I.F.E. SERMON: Music and Bells – A Spiritual Practice – A conversation with bell ringers Elaine Nicholls, Lorelei Blane-Smith and Victoria Warwick.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER read by Nic Schulze,
Written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam



Creative God, you who harmonize the universe and sing your song of creation and faith, today we celebrate the ways in which we sense the sacred in our lives. As we have explored the sacredness of music and how it opens us to mystery and something beyond ourselves, may we this day remember to find time and ways to nurture ourselves and allow our spirits to bloom beyond the busyness of everyday life.

Seeing the beauty and harmony of the web of life, we too seek harmony not only in our personal lives, but in our community and global life as well. May we join with others to seek peace and justice, dignity for all wherever we are. May we walk in the discordant places of life to find ways to ease the struggle. May all who know pain, loss, grief, anger, frustration and hurt sense your presence as they seek to move forward into wholeness and new beginnings.

We thank you for those who grace our lives. We thank you today for the “thin places” where we catch glimpses of the sacredness of life itself, and dare we say – “you”, God beyond our understanding. We thank you for music and the many and fluid ways in which it touches us. We thank you for those who make music and in doing so, share something more than just notes and instruments.

Continue to harmonize our lives with you and the path that Jesus taught us to walk. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)

CLOSING HYMN: VU#820 “Make a Joyful Noise all the Earth” sung by Golden Ears United Church musicians

Refrain:

Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come to this place with a song!

1. Know that your God has made you. Know it's to God we belong.

And come to this place with joyfulness and praise. Worship your God with a song!

Refrain:

2. Enter these gates, thanks giving. Enter these courts with praise.

Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name. Worship your God with a song!

Refrain:

3. Ages through endless ages, seasons of endless years,

the love of our Maker ever shall endure. Worship your God with a song!

Refrain:

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Bell A’Peal Handbell Choir – “Suo Gan” Traditional Welsh Melody, arr Linda R. Lamb

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