## SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023 ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Minister: The Reverend Karen Ptolemy-Stam Music Director: Victoria Warwick Guest Pianist: Amanda Clarke Readers: Carol MacDonald, Peggy Wallace Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela & Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox



### PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND CALL TO THE GATHERED:

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

**HYMN:** VU#642 "Be Thou My Vision" Video Drop Irish

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Read by Carol MacDonald

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

One: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response: VU#82 "A Light is Gleaming" Refrain and Verse 1 Refrain: A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light. Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

1. When light comes pouring into the darkest place, it hurts our eyes to see the glow. Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears, our memories and tears.

# **Refrain:**

### THEME CONVERSATION

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:1-12

read by Peggy Wallace

ANTHEM: "What Does the Lord Require of You"

### SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "Dona Nobis"

#### SUNG RESPONSE: MV #182

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love. Grateful for the birth of Jesus, thankful for Emmanuel. Jesus born in Bethlehem and in our hearts as well.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

HYMN: VU#896 "Blest Are They"

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

#### Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

- 2. Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.
- 3. Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!

### **Refrain:**

- 4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.
- 5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

## **Refrain:**

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

Read by Carol MacDonald

## **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

SUNG BENEDICTION: "Go in Love"

Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near. Go in love; take God's hand. God will hear you, God will understand. May God's light forever shine upon you; may God's peace be always in your heart. Go in love; face each day. God will lead you, God will show the way. Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

# **POSTLUDE:**

