



SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 2023

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Minister: The Reverend Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Barb Carswell, Colin Whiteside

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriela & Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO THE GATHERED:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: VU#232 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, life and love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround you, earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
stars and angels sing around You, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain sound their praise eternally!

3 You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let Your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Colin Whiteside

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:

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

COMMUNION HYMN: VU#471 "Eat this Bread and Never Hunger"

Refrain: **Eat this bread and never hunger, drink this cup and never thirst.
Christ invites us to the table, where the last become the first.**

1. Asking for a cup of water, Jesus touched forbidden ground.
And the woman with a question told the word what she had found.
Refrain
2. Walking down a desert highway, Jesus healed a man born blind,
soon the man became a witness to the truth we seek and find.
Refrain
3. Weeping for his friend at graveside, Jesus felt the pain of death;
Yet he knew God's power to waken: living water, living breath.
Refrain

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 MV#207 2x

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**May the bread we have tasted and the wine we have shared remind us that we are
called to be your people; salt of the earth and light to the world as followers of Jesus.
Amen**

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:13-20 read by Barb Carswell

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Hymn of Promise"

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

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

HYMN: VU#481 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
To work for the kingdom and answer its call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living;
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDECTION

SUNG BENEDECTION: Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen. 2x

POSTLUDE