

**St. Paul's United Church
Sunday, June 11, 2023
Celebrating the 98th Anniversary
of the United Church of Canada -**



Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Mary Jane Deacon, Terry MacPherson

Singers: St. Paul's Men's Chorus

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

WELCOME/CALL TO THE GATHERED/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: VU#326 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1,2,3,5,

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.
2. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
3. He speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of your name.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Terry MacPherson

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#156 "Dance With the Spirit" 2x

Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,
work and hope for the new life ab-born-in,
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

THEME CONVERSATION: (Children leave for Discovery Kids following the Theme Conversation)

HYMN: VU#650 "O God of Bethel"

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand your people still are fed,
who through this earthly pilgrimage have all your servants led:
2. our vows, our prayers, we now present before your throne of grace.
God of past ages, be the God of each succeeding race.
3. Through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread, and shelter fit provide.
4. O spread your covering wings around, till all our wanderings cease,
and at our God's beloved abode our souls arrive in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 118:1-4, 19-26, John 17:1,2,6,17-23
read by Mary Jane Deacon

ANTHEM: MV# 191 "What Can I Do" sung by the St Paul's Men's Chorus



SERMON: Part of a long tradition of Faith

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

SUNG RESPONSE: "Grateful"

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 Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Terry MacPherson

HYMN: VU#331 "The Church's One Foundation"

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
4. Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE