

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023

Communion Sunday

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Julianna Shaw and Paul van der Wel

Singers: St. Paul's Choir,

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Catherine Ladouceur, Bruce Wilcox

WELCOME AND CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt way;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
2. All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays.
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.
3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring 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 Paul van der Wel

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: MV#82 "Bathe Me in Your Light O God"

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

THEME CONVERSATION

COMMUNION HYMN: VU# 479 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

1. Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Touch we now your garment's hem.

2. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Giver break the bread and bless the cup.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! So now bind our friendship up.
3. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In our service faith renew.

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 READINGS: Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20 read by Julianna Shaw

SERMON:

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

ANTHEM: "Be Still and Know"

SUNG RESPONSE: MV# 150 (v 3) "Loving God"

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer. Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.

Loving God, be our prayer.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Paul van der Wel

CLOSING HYMN: VU#325 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one, holy Zion's help forever, and its confidence alone.
2. To this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with your faithful loving kindness hear your servants as they pray, and your fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.
3. Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain, what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain, and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
4. Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: VU# 974 "Amen"
Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen. (3x)

POSTLUDE: Please wait for the choir to recess before leaving the sanctuary.