

**St. Paul's United Church**  
**Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023**

**World Communion Sunday**



**Minister: The Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam**

**Music Director: Victoria Warwick**

**Readers: Dan Donaldson, Sandra Flint**

**Singers: St. Paul's Choir**

**Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Rick and Gabriela Dell, Bruce Wilcox**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO THE GATHERED**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**OPENING HYMN: VU# 468 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain:** Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

**Refrain:** Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!

**Refrain:** Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Dan Donaldson

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**SUNG RESPONSE: "Bathe Me in Your Light" v. 1, MV 82**

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# 402 "We Are One"**

1. We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found,  
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet together in this place.
2. We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed,  
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.
3. We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign,  
in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.

We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed,  
and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

4. We are one as we hear, as we hear heart and hand unite,  
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved,  
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

## **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 (2x MV#207)

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

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**With bread and wine, you reminded us that we are always yours, O God.  
Fill all who are hungry with the bread that gives new life.  
Fill all who are thirsty with the wine of Christ's love.  
Fill your church around the world with your love and compassion. Amen**  
(Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C. Gathering Pentecost 2 2022 pg. 42)

(The children will head up to the Room of Requirement for Discovery Kids)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Philippians 2:1-13 read by Sandra Flint

**SERMON**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING / ANTHEM:** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

**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 Dan Donaldson

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Amazing Grace" video with singing in different languages and people around the world. Please remain seated

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION/SUNG BENEDICTION:**  
**Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen. (2x) POSTLUDE**