



Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Singers: St. Paul's Choir

Readers: Neal Foot, Colin Whiteside

Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Gabriella and Rick, Bruce Wilcox

WELCOME /CALL TO THE GATHERED/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: MV161 "I Have Called You By Your Name"

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
4. I have give you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Neal Foot



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

HYMN: MV#48 "Jump for Joy!"

1. I can feel you near me, God, I can feel you near.
Yes, I know you're with me God. I feel you here.
I can feel you near me, God, I can feel you near.
Yes, I know you're with me God. Heaven is here.

Refrain:

And I'll jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia. Jump for joy for you. (2x)



2. I can feel you loving me. Yes, I know you care.
God I know you're loving me always everywhere.
I can feel you loving me. Yes, I know you care.
God I know you're loving me. I know you're there.

Refrain:

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 33: 11-23; 1Thessalonians 1:1-10 read by Colin Whiteside

SERMON:

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

ANTHEM: "O Lord, How Majestic is Your Name"

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 Neal Foot

CLOSING HYMN: VU# 333 "Love Divine"

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive.
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: MV# 154 Deep in Our Hearts (vs. 1, 2)

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

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