



Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Singers: St. Paul's Choir

Reader: Judy McConnell

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

WELCOME /CALL TO THE GATHERED/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: VU# 686 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power,
now fulfill your church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail your ways,
fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.
3. Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control,
shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee.
That we fail not them nor thee.

OPENING PRAYER:

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: Revelation 7:9-17, Matthew 5:1-12 read by Judy McConnell

ANTHEM: "Blest Are They"

SERMON:

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

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

CLOSING HYMN: VU# 706 "Give Thanks for Life"

1. Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays.
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame; bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
3. And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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.