

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**L.I.F.E. Sermon with our Student Minister,**  
**Shaun McIntosh**  
**Celebrating Earth Day**



Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Student Minister: Shaun McIntosh

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Music: St. Paul's Choir, St Paul's Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir

Readers: Bob MacKinnon, Judy McConnell

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

**WELCOME/CALL TO THE GATHERED/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**HYMN: VU#229 "God of the Sparrow"**

1. God of the sparrow, God of the whale. God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?
2. God of the earthquake. God of the storm. God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe How does the creature cry Save?
3. God of the rainbow. God of the cross. God of the empty grave.  
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry. God of the sick. God of the prodigal.  
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Lif?
5. God of the neighbour. God of the foe. God of the pruning hook.  
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?
6. God of the ages. God near at hand. God of the loving heart.  
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Bob MacKinnon

**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:** "Halle Halle Hallelujah"

**THEME CONVERSATION:**

**SUNG LORD'S PRAYER:** VU#959

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Excursion for Bells"

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 104:1-24 read by Judy McConnell

**L.I.F.E. SERMON WITH SHAUN MCINTOSH**

(Today marks the conclusion of Shaun's work with St. Paul's as our student minister. He continues his journey as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry with the United Church of Canada but has fulfilled his university course requirement for a year of practical experience here at a church.)

## **GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** "I Come with Joy"

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

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** read by Bob MacKinnon

## **CLOSING HYMN: VU#509 "I the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### **Refrain:**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain:**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain:**

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

### **SUNG BENEDICTION: VU#884 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you,  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the  
field will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, While you go out with joy.



## **POSTLUDE**

Come join us at the coffee hour and have a chance to talk to Shaun. He is not leaving us but has just successfully completed his university course requirement.