

Band Aids versus a Cure



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land and Commitment to Reconciliation:

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

As we gather, we give thanks for the life and witness of First Nations people. We give thanks for the land, the creatures, and the plants who share this place with all of us.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch

Call to Worship

Before we got up this morning and decided to come to church,

God was waiting for us, to welcome us with grace.

When we are unsure of what to do; when we falter before the next step,

We come to listen to God's voice, to learn from the One who teaches us all we ever need to know.

When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice; when our fears cripple our souls,

God delivers us with steadfast love; we are set free to be God's children.

So, let us worship here together in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer

Reader: Sheila Thompson

Into your presence we come, God of Grace and Peace,
who was, and is and ever shall be the eternal One.

Into beloved community we come, bound together in the love
that died and rose again for us, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Lighting of Christ Candle

- **Prayer: As we light this Christ Candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.**
- **Sung Response: MV#62 There is Room for All**
There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing
There is room for all sheltered in God's love
And I rejoice and sing, "my refuge and my rock, in whom I trust
There is room for all, there is room for all."

Peace of Christ

Song of Praise: VU#240 Praise My Soul

Theme Conversation: Band Aids versus a Cure

The Story: **Revelation 5:1-13** **Reader: Sheila Thompson**

Reflection Chorus: MV172 v1 God Says
God says, "Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen you will know
I'm with you always where you go."

Sermon: Not a Tame Lamb

Life and Work of the Church

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Selection by Amanda Clarke

Offertory Response: VU#537 Your Work O God Needs Many Hands

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People **Reader: Sheila Thompson**

Song for the Journey: VU#242 Let All Things Now Living

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: She Walked in the Summer v4

Postlude