



St. Paul's United Church

Sunday Nov. 13, 2022

Minister: The Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Robitaille

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Gabriela Dell, Colin Whiteside

**Singers: St. Paul's Choir, Chet Valley Churches,
Rebecca Amadei**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Victoria Warwick

CALL TO THE GATHERED: Victoria Warwick

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: VU#713 "I See a New Heaven"

Refrain:

I see a new heaven. I see a new earth as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

1. There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root, the Tree of Life will be.

Refrain:

2. There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole,
like flowers after the rain.

Refrain:

3. There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
there where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love.

Refrain:

4. There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
labour we must, true to our trust,
to build a promised new land.

Refrain:

OPENING PRAYER: Read by Colin Whiteside, written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE: Rebecca Amadei

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #82 "A Light is Gleaming" refrain, sung by Rebecca Amadei.
A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

THEME CONVERSATION: Rebecca Amadei
(following the Theme Conversation, the children will head up to the Room of Requirement for Discovery Kids)

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 65: 17-25; Matt. 7:9-12; Luke 14:28-30, Read by Gabriela Dell

SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Robitaille

ANTHEM: "Psalm 139"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER: Read by Colin Whiteside, written by Karen Ptolemy-Stam

CLOSING HYMN: VU#144 "Like a Healing Stream"

1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert, Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...like a healing stream.
2. Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need... like a healing stream.
3. Like a river strong with a restless current, Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war... like a river strong.
4. Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons, Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow,
God will always challenge and provide!
like a mighty sea, like a river strong, like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION: The Rev. Dr. Glenn Robitaille

POSTLUDE

