

Sunday, April 14, 2024
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH



Baptism and Welcoming New Members

Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Assisting Priest: Rev. Peter Derrick

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Guest Organist: Paul Sloan

Readers: Fran Hill, Murray Lockhart

Singers: St. Paul's Choir, Paul Sloan (organ)

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

WELCOME/CALL TO THE GATHERED/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: VU#444 "Come in and Sit Down"

Refrain: Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

1. You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain; so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

2. God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace. We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

3. There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family.

Refrain:

4. There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family.

Refrain:



OPENING PRAYER: read by Fran Hill

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

BAPTISM AND WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

New Members: Aaron and Jana Van Domelen

Baptism:

Henry Frederick Clarke – Son of Amanda and Adam Clarke

Lana Marie Van Domelen - Daughter of Aaron and Jana Van Domelen

A NEW CREED: VU#918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(Children leave for Discovery Kids)

HYMN: VU#444 "Child of Blessing"

1. Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign; with this water God has sealed
you

unto love and grace divine.

2. Child of love, our love's expression,

love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.

3. Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you;
live as one who bears Christ's name.
4. Child of God your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trusting in God's love and care.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20 read by Murray Lockhart

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "In the Hands of the Lord"

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 Fran Hill

CLOSING HYMN: VU#644 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well, in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
4. If you find someone to share your time and you joi your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young. I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoice the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Performed by Paul Sloan