

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

August 11, 2024

Guest Preacher: Fran Hill

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Guest Musicians: Janet & Michael Pedro

Reader: Gerry Payne

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN MEDLEY: VU#291 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.**

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.
2. The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky;
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.
4. The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall;
5. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker, who has made all things well.

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.**

VU#340 "Jesus, Friend of Little Children"

1. Jesus, friend of little children, let me be one too;
take my hand, and ever keep me close to you.
2. Teach me how to grow in goodness, daily as I grow.
You have been a child, and surely you must know.
3. Never leave me, nor forsake me; ever be my friend;
for I need you, from life's dawning to its end.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Gerry Payne

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that God is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU#588 v. 1 "Many Are the Lightbeams"

Many are the lightbeams from the one light. Our one light is Jesus.
Many are the lightbeams from the one light; we are one in Christ.

THEME CONVERSATION:

HYMN: VU#376 "Spirit of the Living God"

1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in
love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

SCRIPTURE READING: read by Fran Hill

SPECIAL MUSIC: Janet & Michael Pedro

SERMON: "God is With Us in Good Times and Bad"

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC: Janet & Michael Pedro

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#136 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" (verses 1 and 5)

1. When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face,
we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
5. Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise.
When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Gerry Payne

HYMN: VU#235 "O Worship the King"

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and broad is God's path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
had stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail,
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION: read by Fran Hill

SUNG BENEDICTION: "May I Share God's Peace With You?" (Words & Music: Steve Pitkanen)

May I share God's peace with you? That His love may see us through all the joys and trials of a life in his care. May I share what I know to be true? May I share God's peace with you?

POSTLUDE: