

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**

**August 4, 2024**

**Guest Preacher: Pastor Trevor Tristram**

**Music Director: Victoria Warwick**

**Reader: Murray Lockhart**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

**OPENING HYMN MEDLEY: VU#402 "We Are One"**

1. We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one, as we sing, as we seek, we are found,  
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.
2. We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed,  
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.
3. We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed,  
and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.
4. We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved,  
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

**VU#238 "How Great Thou Art"**

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! (2x)

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! (2x)

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin.

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! (2x)

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my  
heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art! (2x)

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Murray Lockhart

**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: Pastor Trevor**

**SCRIPTURE READING: (Psalm 23)**

read by Pastor Trevor

**HYMN: VU#398 "Great Shepherd of Your People"**

1. Great shepherd of your people, hear! Your presence now display;  
as you have given a place for prayer, so give us hearts to pray.
2. Within these walls let holy peace and love and friendship dwell;  
here give the troubled conscience ease, the wounded spirit heal.
3. May we in faith receive your word, in faith present our prayers;  
and in the presence of our God unburden all our cares.
4. The hearing ear, the seeing eye, the contrite heart bestow,  
and shine upon us from on high, that we in grace may grow.

**SERMON: "The Work of the Good Shepherd"**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC: "Gentle Shepherd" sung by The Heritage Singers**

**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/LORD'S PRAYER** read by Murray Lockhart

**HYMN: VU#560 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"**

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
teach me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee, in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sure and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,
4. in hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:** read by Pastor Trevor

**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:**