

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

July 14, 2024

Guest Preacher: Shaun McIntosh

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Guest Musicians: Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir of St Paul's

Reader: Louise Leck

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN MEDLEY: VU#341 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the troubled heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and fair the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. All fairest beauty heavenly and earthly, wondrously, Jesus is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

VU#703 "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing: in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Louise Leck

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:

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir "Praise for the Morning"

SCRIPTURE READING: (Psalm 24: 1 – 6 and Amos 7: 7 – 15)

read by Shaun McIntosh

HYMN: MV#135 "Called by Earth and Sky"

Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified, called by earth and sky.

1. Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again.

Refrain:

2. Precious this gift, the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.

Refrain:

3. Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.

Refrain:

4. Precious the fire that lights our way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Refrain:

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC: Bell A'Peal Handbell Choir "This Day of Gladness"

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 Louise Leck

HYMN: MV#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 new creation, yearning for an end to want and need...
like a gentle rain.
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 & BENEDICTION: read by Shaun McIntosh

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: