

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

July 21, 2024

Guest Preacher: Pastor Trevor Tristram

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Guest Musicians: Sharon Foster

Reader: Sheila Thompson

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN MEDLEY: MV#122 "This Is the Day That God Has Made"

This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad!

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VU#477 "I Come With Joy" (verses 1, 4, 5)

1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Sheila Thompson

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:

SCRIPTURE READING: (Jeremiah 23:1-4, John 10:1-18)

read by Pastor Trevor

HYMN: VU#747 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
in pastures green, he leadeth me, the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes,
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

SERMON: "Christ the Good Shepherd"

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC: Sharon Foster "Blessings"

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 Sheila Thompson

HYMN: MV#126 "Are You a Shepherd?"

1. Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us safely through danger, while calming our fears?
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us, shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

Refrain: Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher, but you are greater than all that we know. Holy and living, loving and giving, God you are with us wherever we go.

2. Are you a mother, good mother who bears us, comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us, challenging students to offer their best?

Refrain:

3. Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us, lead all your children in paths that are right.
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us. We want to love you and bring you delight.

Refrain:

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: