

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

July 28, 2024

MUSIC SUNDAY

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Guest Musician: Shayla Brown

Reader: John McCullough

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN MEDLEY: VU#87 "I Am the Light of the World"

Refrain: I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

2. To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below, the sky above!

Refrain:

3. To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will, to see God's children everywhere!

Refrain:

4. To bring hope to every task you do, to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart, and sing to the colours of the earth!

Refrain:

VU#684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

1. Make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

**Refrain: O Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

2. Make me a channel of your peace; where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain:

3. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

OPENING PRAYER: read by John McCullough

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#577 "Peace Like a River"

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

3. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 15:13

reading and reflection by John McCullough

HYMN: VU#424 "May the God of Hope"

1. May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

2. May the God of healing free the earth from fear, freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued. May the God of love keep our commitment clear to a world restored, to human life renewed.

Refrain:

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Only Hope" sung by Shayla Brown

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:27

reading and reflection by John McCullough

HYMN: VU#682 "O Day of Peace"

1. O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small,
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord,
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & SPECIAL MUSIC: "A Better Place" sung by Shayla Brown

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 John McCullough

HYMN: VU#227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

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: