

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

June 16, 2024

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Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Singers: St Paul's Choir

Reader: Debbie Just

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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

OPENING HYMN: MV#1 "Let Us Build a House"

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **Refrain:**

3. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain:**

4. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain:

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain:

OPENING PRAYER: read by Debbie Just

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

As we light this Christ candle, may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#82 (v.1) "Bathe Me In Your Light"

Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.

SCRIPTURE READING: read by Debbie Just

HYMN: VU#579 "The Church is Wherever God's People"

1. The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus remember
his story and walk in his way.
2. The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

SERMON: "A History of St Paul's"

HYMN: VU#325 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever, and its confidence alone.
2. To this temple where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with your faithful loving kindness hear your servants as they pray.
And your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.
3. Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
4. Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit, ever three and ever one,
one in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & CHOIR ANTHEM: "Be Still And Know"

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 Debbie Just

CLOSING HYMN: VU#331 "The Church's One Foundation"

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
From heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
His living servant people, by his own death set free.
2. Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

COMMISSIONING AND 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