

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

June 23, 2024

Last Sunday with our volunteer coordinator: Kathy Stewart

Guest Preacher: Carolyn Hendry

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Bob McKinnon, Heather McDonald

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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OPENING HYMN: VU#371 "Open My Eyes"

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
**Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God,
thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
**Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God,
thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

3. Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
**Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God,
thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

OPENING PRAYER: read by Heather McDonald

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: Halle halle hallelujah!

THEME CONVERSATION:

CHILDREN'S HYMN: MV#122 "This is the Day"

This is the day that God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad! (2x)

Singing hallelu, singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
We will rejoice and be glad! (2x)

SCRIPTURE READING: read by Bob Mackinnon

L.I.F.E. SERMON:

Carolyn Hendry & Kathy Stewart



HYMN: VU#509 "Here I Am, Lord"

1. I the Lord of sea and sky.
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them;
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them;
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & CHOIR ANTHEM: "Hands United in Peace"

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 Heather McDonald

CLOSING HYMN: MV#145 "Draw the Circle Wide"

Refrain: Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

**Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

1. God the stillpoint of the circle,
 `round whom all creation turns;
 Nothing lost, but held forever,
 in God's gracious arms.

Refrain:

2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
 so encompass great and small;
 let our loving know no borders
 faithful to God's call.

Refrain:

3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
 than we've ever dreamed before;
 let the dream of Christ be in us,
 open every door.

Refrain:

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?