

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
June 30, 2024
Guest Preacher: Paul Sloan
Music Director: Victoria Warwick
Readers: Sharon & Don Penrose
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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 love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Refrain:

4. 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:

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 (responsive): read by Sharon Penrose

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: 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.

THEME CONVERSATION:

HYMN: VU#679 "Let There Be Light"

1. Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;
2. open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord opening into grace;
3. perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;
4. hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be your name;
5. your kingdom come, your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together, your spirit never fade;
6. let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

SCRIPTURE READING: read by Don Penrose

SERMON:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & CHOIR ANTHEM: "Prayer of 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 Paul Sloan

HYMN: VU#120 "O Jesus I Have Promised"

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
2. O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are
ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have
promised to serve you to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

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