

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

June 9, 2024

Guest Preacher: Pat File

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Singers: St Paul's Choir

Readers: Dan Donaldson,

Judy McConnell

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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OPENING HYMN: "Put Your Hand in the Hand"

Refrain: Put your hand in the hand of the man who_ stilled the water. Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea. Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently by putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

1. Every time I look into the Holy book I want to tremble when I read about the part where a carpenter cleared the temple, for the buyers and the sellers were no different fellas than what I profess to be, and it causes me pain to know we're not the people we should be.

Refrain:

OPENING PRAYER: read by Judy McConnell

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.

THEME CONVERSATION:

HYMN: MV#136 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"

1. When hands reach out and fingers trace the beauty of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
2. When fingers spell and signs express our prayer and praise and thankfulness, we thank you, God, that hands can sing; you bless the silent songs we bring.
3. When broken bodies will not mend, we thank you, God, for Christ our Friend. In him, our healing can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.
4. And when the ways we learn and grow are not the ways that others know, we thank you, God, that we have learned your love's a gift, and never earned.

5. Your Spirit gives us differing ways to serve you well and offer praise. When all are joined as one, we'll be your able, strong community.

SCRIPTURE READING: read by Dan Donaldson

SERMON:

HYMN: VU#567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name:
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never
be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?
5. Christ, your summons echoes true when you
but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS & CHOIR ANTHEM: "Hymn of Promise"

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 Judy McConnell

CLOSING HYMN: MV#209 "Go Make a Difference"

Refrain: Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God for you and me. We are
the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world. **Refrain:**

2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world. **Refrain:**
3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see. Go make a difference in the world. And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world. **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?