

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**Guest Preacher:** Peggy Wallace

**Music Director:** Victoria Warwick

**Reader:** Carol MacDonald

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## **WELCOME AND CALL TO THE GATHERED**

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND**

### **HYMN MEDLEY: VU#652 "Be Still My Soul"**

1. Be still, my soul, for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.
2. Be still, my soul, your God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey the voice that once the waves wild fury stayed.
3. Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever in God's peace;  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, love's joys restored, our striving all shall cease.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### **MV#109 "My Soul is Thirsting for You"**

**Refrain: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.**

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you, my God.**

1. O God you are my God, and I will always praise you.  
In the shadow of your wings I cling to you and you hold me high. **Refrain:**
2. Through the day you walk with me, all the night your love surrounds me.  
To the glory of your name I lift my hands, I sing your praise. **Refrain:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Carol MacDonald

**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#21 "Open Our Hearts"**

Open our hearts. Open our minds. Open our lives to you O loving God. Open our hearts.

## **THEME CONVERSATION:**

**SCRIPTURE:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

### **HYMN: VU#595 "We Are Pilgrims"**

1. We are pilgrims on a journey; fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
2. Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

### **SERMON: The Times They Are a-Changin'**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS and OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Song Doth Bless"**  
sung by St Paul's Choir

### **SUNG RESPONSE: MV#182 "Grateful"**

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,  
O God of Love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER** read by Carol MacDonald

### **CLOSING HYMN: VU#1 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Song of God appear.

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go: **Refrain:**
3. O come, O come, great God of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. **Refrain:**
5. O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. **Refrain:**
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease, and be for us the Prince of Peace. **Refrain:**

### **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

#### **SUNG BENEDICTION: "Go In Love"**

Go in love; have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near. Go in love; take God's hand.  
God will hear you, God will understand. May God's light forever shine upon you; may God's peace be  
always in your heart. Go in love; face each day. God will lead you, God will show the way.  
Go in love and live in faith. Amen.

### **POSTLUDE:**