

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Guest Preacher: Charlie Carswell

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Reader: Carolyn Hendry

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

ORGAN PRELUDE/WELCOME AND CALL TO THE GATHERED

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN MEDLEY: VU#339 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all of humankind in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

VU#663 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou, Lamb of Calvary; Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly thine.
2. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
3. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Carolyn Hendry

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: Barb Carswell

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 150

HYMN: VU#506 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.
3. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

4. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
5. Take my love: and I will pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

SERMON: "Faith, Praise and Change"

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS and OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Come to Us" 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 Carolyn Hendry

CLOSING HYMN: VU#274 "Your Hand, O God, Has Guided"

1. Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness, and we their deeds record;
and both to this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.
2. Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise and hasten to share the heavenly feast.
And this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming one church, one faith, one Lord.
3. Through many days of darkness, through many scenes of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely to guard your people's life.
Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded: one church, one faith, one Lord.
4. And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored,
we will maintain, unflinching, one church, one faith, one Lord.
5. Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us, the victory shall be won;
and then, by earth and heaven, your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.

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.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"