

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**September 29, 2024**  
**Guest Preacher: Peggy Wallace**  
**Music Director: Victoria Warwick**  
**Reader: Sheila Thompson**  
**Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Rick & Gabriela Dell, Bruce Wilcox**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**OPENING HYMN MEDLEY: MV#12 "Come Touch Our Hearts"**

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,  
from failing embers build a blazing fire;  
love strong enough to overturn injustice,  
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.
2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
create a space for spirit to grow in us,  
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.
3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,  
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;  
help us to open doors of understanding,  
to steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.
4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;  
that we may rise to follow and to serve,  
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.
5. Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,  
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;  
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,  
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

**VIDEO: "All God's Creatures"**

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Sheila Thompson

**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 READING:** Genesis 1:20-25 Psalm 121

**VU#296 "This is God's Wondrous World"**

1. This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is God's wondrous world: the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks everywhere.
3. This is God's wondrous world. O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?  
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!

## **SERMON:**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND SPECIAL MUSIC:** "God Be In My Head" sung by St Paul's Choir

**SUNG RESPONSE: MV#136 "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" (verses 1 and 5)**

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.
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.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER** read by Sheila Thompson

**HYMN 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 strivings all shall cease.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## **COMMISSIONING & 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:**