

St. Paul's United Church
April 26th, 2015 – Fourth Sunday in Easter
* = please stand as you are able

Prelude:

Welcoming the Light

***Greeting**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,
and also with you.

Introit This is the Day MV 122
*This is the day that God has made, we will rejoice and be glad.
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Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu,
We will rejoice and be glad!
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The God of all shepherds has called us here.

We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God. AMEN.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 (VU 749 with refrain)

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** Are you a Shepherd? MV 126

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

Good Shepherd, we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough for our selves, let alone enough to help our neighbour. In the presence of danger,

*we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn aside from you. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth.
AMEN*

Assurance of God's Love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time for All Ages

What makes a Shepherd?

Hymn Jesus Loves Me (vs 1) VU 365

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Prayers of the People

Minute for Mission

***Hymn** Christ is made the sure foundation VU 325

Offertory

***Dedication Verse**

MV 191

*What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!
I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!*

***Dedication Prayer (Unison)**

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. AMEN

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Anthem

Message *Shepherds amid Stewards*

***Hymn** All the way my Saviour leads me VU 635

***Commissioning (Responsive)**

Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love,

We go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness.

Love one another in truth and action.

*With God's abundant blessings we go into the world sent by
the great Shepherd.*

***Benediction**

***Choral Closing** You Shall Go Out With Joy VU 884

Postlude