

St. Paul's United Church

February 8th, 2015

Second Sunday in Advent

* = please stand as you are able

Prelude:

***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

VU 25(vs 1)

*Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
see the lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah,
God appears on earth to reign.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, rejoice and sing! God's love is showered over you this day.
We gather to praise God and celebrate God's presence with us.
God shows compassion to all who are weak and downtrodden.
Jesus Christ offers healing mercies to our troubled souls.
Praise be to God who has called us here.
Thanks be to God for God's eternal love. AMEN.

Words of the Prophet: Isaiah 40:21-31

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** Praise to the Lord VU 220

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

*How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God?
It's beauty and majesty is overpowering! Yet we often take all that
you have given us for granted. We treat the world with indifference,
using its resources carelessly, with little regard to the future. We*

*insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving.
We turn our backs on the weak, believing that someone else will care
for those in need. You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus
Christ who came so that we might learn how you would have us live:
in honor and peace. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make
us fully aware of both our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us
again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and
hope to others. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.*

Assurance of God's Love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages

Hymn Dance With The Spirit (x2) VU 156
*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way!*

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community

***Hymn** Let My Spirit Always Sing MV 83

Offertory

***Dedication Verse** For The Gift of Creation VU 538
*For the gift of creation the gift of your love,
and the give of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.*

***Dedication Prayer (Unison)**

*We bring these offerings to you, O Lord, not because you need them,
but because you are holy. Through these resources we ask that he
who is without a cloak be clothed, and she who is hungry be fed. We*

bring these offerings before you and ask that they be used to fulfill your holy purposes. AMEN

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 Rev. Richard Bowley

Anthem

Message

***Hymn** Great is thy Faithfulness VU 288

***Commissioning** (*Responsive*)

We are being sent into a world in need of healing.

We have been given all that we need to be God's messengers of peace.

Go now into the world, rejoicing in God's presence with you.

We bring the news of peace and hope to all you meet. AMEN.

***Benediction**

***Choral Closing** Peace Be With You MV 215

Peace be with you, peace forever,

peace be with you my friends.

Till we meet again, may God be with you.

Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude