

St. Paul's United Church
January 18th, 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

God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,
"Here I am!"
Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,
"Here I am!"
Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day,
and we answer,
"Here I am!"

Gospel: John 1:43-51 Rev. Richard Bowley

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** Jesus Christ is Waiting VU 117

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

Awesome God, you have made all of creation and each cell of our bodies. You know our thoughts and you know our sins. We desperately try to hide our mistakes, our weaknesses, our

embarrassments. But you know it all, and so we come before you now asking for your forgiveness. Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities, we know the unlimited power of your love. Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole.
(Silence)

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** Here I am Lord VU 509

Offertory

***Dedication Verse** For The Gift of Creation VU 536
*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)**

As Christ called on Philip and Nathanael to follow Him, so God calls on us through the Holy Spirit. We follow in the way of Christ by giving of ourselves daily. Bless the offerings we bring, whether they are money, time, or of our very selves, that the good news might be spread to all. AMEN

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

Anthem

Message

***Hymn** I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

***Commissioning (Unison)**

We go into the world, listening for God's call in our lives.

We go into the world, ready to follow Jesus Christ.

We go into the world, sustained by the love and power of the Holy Spirit. 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