

St. Paul's United Church
January 25th, 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)

Christ is calling you as disciples
Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.
You will be led into fields of mission and service.
Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.
Listen for Christ's call to you.
We are ready to serve the Lord. AMEN.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Rev. Richard Bowley

***Opening Hymn** I am the Light of the World VU 87

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their brokenness and open their eyes to your healing presence. Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our

hearts. We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world—those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love. 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** Jesus You have Come to the Lakeshore VU 563
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):**
Holy God, Steadfast Rock of all Salvation, we marvel at the strength of your compassion and your ability to offer forgiveness. We come to you, hungry to be part of the good news you are bringing forth, for we would be part of the realm you are revealing. AMEN.

Hebrew Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Anthem
Message

***Hymn** Go Make a Difference VU 209

***Commissioning (Responsive)**

As the disciples walked with Christ so long ago,
so we walk with Christ in our hearts and spirits.
Feel the power of the Holy Spirit guiding your path.
We go in peace, offering God's peace to all! 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