

St. Paul's United Church

April 19th, 2020

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

-Mark 6:7-9

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude **Rhosymedre** **Williams**

Greeting (Responsive):

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

And also with you.

* Lighting of the Christ Candle

* **Introit:** **We are One** **VU 402**

**We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.**

**We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

We heard the news, and so we have gathered

to meet the risen Christ;

to hear his promise;

to follow in his Way.

But Christ does not stay, reminding us that his strength is our strength, that his light shines from within us.

**And so we come to this time, in our various spaces, to
give praise to God for the gift of this life, the Gift of the
risen Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Hallelujah! He is risen!

He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn: **Are you a Shepherd** **MV 126**

Prayer of the Day

Illumination Verse: Hallelujah, Hallelujah **VU 179 (vs. 2)**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen.**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give thanks to the risen Christ.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.**

Today's Scripture: Acts 1:1-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: **Crown Him With Many Crowns** **VU 211**

Moment for Community:

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory **Be Thou My Vision** **Hopson**

Dedication Verse:

**I'm gonna give, give, give of myself for Jesus, for Jesus.
I'm gonna give, give, give of myself to serve the risen one!
For whatever life might throw my way
I'll serve you each and everyday!
With all I am and all I'll ever be!**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**What we give, we give out of the abundant blessings that
you pour into our lives, O God. And yet you give us so
much more from the teachings of the Christ, his model for
a life of love, and the mystery - the miracle - of the empty
tomb. But there is more in your promise of the Holy Spirit.
We cannot match the boundless love you have shown us,
but may we spend our lives in the effort. Bless what we
give and who we are as we follow in Christ's Way. AMEN**

Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah

VU 651

Commissioning (Responsive):

How long do we stay here?

How long do we look up? How long do we wait?

He is risen,

but he is not gone.

May his teachings continue to show us how to love.

May his light guide our feet on the Way.

Benediction

Choral Closing:

We shall go out with hope in resurrection VU 586 (vs 1)

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.**

**We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life who sets us free.**

Postlude

Festival Alleluia

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