

St. Paul's United Church

April 26th, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter

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.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

-Mark 6:53-56

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude **Nearer, Still Nearer** **Payne**

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):

Come today before God!

We come to proclaim and renew our faith!

We come bringing all that we are

longing to know that we are seen and heard by our creator.

Together we enter into God's presence

to hear again the God' promises and let the Holy Spirit work within us.

The time is right,

Let us worship God together!

Hymn: **I heard the voice of Jesus say** **VU 626**

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 3:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message **What Jesus Disciples Can Do**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: **Take my life** **VU 506**

Moment for Community:

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory **Hyfrydol** **Payne**

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):

Loving God, we can't solve all the problems of the world, but what we can do is give of ourselves in ways that allow for you to be seen and experienced. We ask that you take what we have pledged to your church this day, the gifts of our talent, time and treasure. Bless these intentions - that as they are lived out your glory will be proclaimed and your kingdom of love and justice built in ways beyond our imagining. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen

Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: We are Pilgrims

VU 595

Commissioning (Responsive):

Inspired by sacred story and joyful praise

we are affirmed in our walk with God.

Our worries and concerns brought to Christ, our needs expressed in prayer, with the assurance God hears it all

we go into the rest of our day, strengthened and empowered.

Challenged to see ourselves as part of God's gift to the world

we go calling on the Holy Spirit to show us what we can offer in this time of need.

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

Trumpet Tune

Payne