

St. Paul's United Church

May 10th, 2020 Fifth 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.

'But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:34-35

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude **Jesus Loves Even Me** **Bliss**

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 are divided in so many ways,
**by physical location, by thought and opinion, by
experience and status, by preferences and habits.**

We often argue.
**About who is right, the way to do things, what is most
important.**

Yet here we are called together by God,
**asked to leave the divisions behind and focus on
something bigger.**

To learn and pray and serve the kingdom.
**Come let us put our divisions aside as we become one in
Christ.**

Come for now is the time to worship our God of such great love.

Hymn: **Come O Fount of Every Blessing** **VU 559**

**Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.**

**Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.**

**O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.**

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.**

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, give praise to God's Name.**

Today's Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn: **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**
Your hand, O God, had guided

VU 274

Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both to this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the heavenly feast.
And this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many days of darkness,
through many scenes of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely
to guard your people's life.
Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by earth and heaven,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Moment for Community
Invitation to the Offering
Offertory

The Light of The World is Jesus

Bliss

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):

O God, you have uniquely gifted us. As we bring what we have to offer in your name, continue to surprise us through your spirit. For in your name and by your grace our small offerings are united for your purposes and amazing things done. Bless all that is offered this day, we pray, in the strong and powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: I feel the winds of God

VU 625

I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above;
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift.

Commissioning (Responsive):

We are Christ's body in the world.

May everything we do and say reflect the love of God.

A love that binds us as one,

that casts out our fear and pride,

that opens us to see and hear each others story,

that causes division to melt away as we live life rooted in the Cross.

Go from this holy space created between us to serve the Lord, to proclaim the good news that in Him we are freed and called into sacred and purposeful living.

Benediction

Choral Closing:

We shall go out with hope it 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.

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