

St. Paul's United Church

May 17th, 2020 Sixth 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.

'One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." - Mark 28-31

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

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 this day, escape the noise that seeks to drown out the holy,
we come to hear of a great love.

Come this day, laying aside the knowledge and power that drive so much of the world.

We come to know the power of love.

Come this day, with your fears, your flaws, and the parts of yourself this world tells you are not good enough.

We come to be enfolded in God's unconditional love.

Come this day in faith, hope and love as we worship our God.

hymn: Love Divine, All Love Excelling

VU 333

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: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

VU382

Moment for Community

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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):

Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance. They have belonged to you since our very beginning. We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them we praise you. With them we celebrate the great power that is love— a love that abides always, a love that radically transforms, a love that makes us whole. Amen

Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: Take up his Song of Love

MV 213

Commissioning (Responsive):

Fed by God's unending love,

we are called to go into the world, rooted in that love.

For from the love that first loved us all faith, hope and joy are sprung.

From the love that first love us, all our gifts are born.

Go now to use the gifts you have been given to sew love into the world.

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.**

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