

St. Paul's United Church

May 24th, 2020 Seventh 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.

And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; *-Mark 12:26-27a*

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):

Alive in Christ, we come to worship this day!

We come to sing, to pray, to encounter Jesus on the way.

No matter what divides us,

we are united by the one who walked and walks among us.

The Church is alive because Christ is risen.

The Church is alive, because life is stronger than death!

Hallelujah!

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hymn:

In the Bulb there is the Flower
In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

VU703

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Prayer of the Day

Illumination Verse: Hallelujah, Hallelujah **VU179 (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 15:1-5, 8-12, 20-26, 51-55
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV138

My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Chorus: We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to
drown, body and soul need a soaking from time to time. And
we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where
I've never been before, throw open doors to worlds outside the
lines.
Chorus

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):

We offer all that we are to you, O Christ, because you gave
yourself so freely to the world. On the cross you gave up
your life, and in the empty tomb was found new life for all.
Bless what we give each and every day of our lives as we
strive to build up your kingdom, and reflect your love in
this world. May we be as dedicated to living the gospel, as
you were. This we pray in your strong name, O Christ.
Amen

Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: We Have This Ministry VU510

We have this ministry, and we are not discouraged,
It is by God's own power that we may live and serve
Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe
Praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God receive our living.

O Christ the tree of life, our end and our beginning
We grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace
Different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God receive our giving.

The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish
We daily take the cross, the burden and the joy. Bearing hurts of
those we serve, wounded, bruised and bowed with pain
Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God receive our loving.

Commissioning (Responsive):

The Church is alive, because Christ is alive in us.

From what was, we are born into what can be the power of
the Holy Spirit.

We move from a time of worship to lives of service.

From hearing the Word, to living the Gospel.

Divided by time and space,

we go from wherever we have encountered Christ this day,
united in the Holy Spirit, to be the church in 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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