

# *Downtown United*

July 26th, 2020 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

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## THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Greeting:

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Lord, Prepare Me MV 18 X3  
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,  
Sanctuary for you.

Opening Prayer

Time for the Young and the Young at Heart

Hymn: Spirit, Open my Heart MV 79  
**Spirit, open my heart**  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

God replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's pure and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.

**Spirit, open my heart**  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.

**Spirit, open my heart**  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister brother.

**In the welcome of Christ,**  
may we welcome one another.

**Spirit, open my heart**  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Ever Present God, who watches over us at all times, be with us in the midst of these days. We confess that we have allowed a host of worries and frustrations to crowd out your word for us. As you give us peace and your transforming love, also forgive all those times when we have been less than faithful disciples. Visit us again with your teachings and your wisdom. Restore our hope, courage, and joy for all the times ahead. We ask this in the name of our constant companion, Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

Assurance of God's Love

Illumination Verse: Teach Me God To Wonder VU 299 (vs 4)  
Teach me God to know you,  
hear you when you speak,  
See you in my neighbour  
when we meet.

Praise to you be given,  
love for you be lived,  
Life be celebrated, joy you give.

Today's Scripture: Romans 8:26-39

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Blest be the Ties that Bind VU 602  
**Blest be the tie that binds**  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

The glorious hope revives  
our courage on the way;  
that we shall live in perfect love  
in God's eternal day.

#### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offertory

Dedication Verse:      What Can I Do?      MV 191  
What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy! I'll say a prayer!  
I'll bring my love! I'll do my share!

#### Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Generous Lord, you give us life and love, receive our gifts  
and our very lives. Bless them and us for the work of  
sharing your love, your light, and your gospel. Encourage  
us to continue to share what you have given us with the  
world around us. We ask this and all things in the strong  
name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

#### Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

#### SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn:      May the God of Hope go With us      VU 424  
May the God of hope  
go with us every day,  
filling all our lives  
with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice  
speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope  
to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

May the God of healing  
free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace,  
both treasured and pursued.

May the God of love  
keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored,  
to human life renewed.

Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

#### Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Closing:      Go to the World      VU 420 (vs 4)  
Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
For I am with you till the age shall end,  
When all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

#### Postlude

### *St. Paul's United Contact Information*

**Church Office** phone number is 458-1183  
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**Throughout the summer, Rev. Richard** will be leading a weekly  
prayer service. These services are pre-recorded and available on  
Youtube Wednesdays at noon (July 8th to August 26th). Video and  
audio for the services are also available on the website. There is a pdf  
version of the service available for download on the website as well.  
This should allow for individual or group prayer in your own  
Circles, you can also access older Morning and Evening Prayer  
services from earlier in the year by following the links on the website.