

# *St. Paul's United Church*

April 18th – The Season of Easter

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*Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.*

## **GATHERING TOGETHER**

### **Prelude**

#### **Greeting (Responsive):**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **Lighting Christ Candle:**

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship (Responsive):**

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

**Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.**

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

**Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

#### **Prayer of the Day**

#### **Hymn:**

Today we are Called  
Today we all are called to be  
disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free,  
make ploughshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first,  
our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth  
ordained our human race  
to live as stewards of the earth,  
responding to God's grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud,  
we sow not peace but strife,

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our discord spreads a deadly cloud  
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down  
as in a mighty stream,  
with righteousness in field and town  
to cleanse us and redeem.

For God is longing to restore  
an earth where conflicts cease,  
a world that was created for  
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God  
act out the living Word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod  
till all have seen and heard.

As stewards of the earth may we  
give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be  
disciples of the Lord.

#### **Prayer of Illumination (Unison)**

**Oh Lord, Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands. May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word. I know, Lord, that your laws are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. Amen**

#### **Today's Scripture:** Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

This is the Word of our God.

**Praise be to you, O Creator.**

#### **Message**

"...But filled with the Holy Spirit"

#### **Anthem**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

#### **Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Today Lord I once again give myself to you! I would ask you to continue to fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I might join You in strengthening those who are weak, healing those who are sick, binding up those who are broken, bringing back those who were driven away, seek those who have become lost. Amen**

#### **Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:**

We Have this Ministry  
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.

**SENDING FORTH**

**Commissioning (Responsive)**

Jesus came and spoke to them saying;

**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and I am with you always even to the end of the age.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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