

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Paul's Pastoral Charge
Order of Worship – January 23, 2022

Prelude

Announcements: Dave Collis

Gathering Song: “Grateful” chorus only MV 182

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word.
Joyful in your mercy flowing. We will praise you.

Greeting & Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship:

One: God's spirit calls to our spirit,

All: Inviting us to worship.

One: God's spirit calls to our souls,

All: Inviting us to love.

One: God's spirit calls to our sense of purpose,

All: Calling us by name, to grow in faith and be His disciples.

One: Come, let us worship our God in the unity of our Christian community built on the truth and joy of Jesus' love.

Hymn VU 507: “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

1. Today we all are called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free,
Make plowshare 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.

2. 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,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.

3. 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.
4. 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 Approach:

We come before you, O God, seeking the strength to follow your path of love. As we bow our hearts in worship and praise, give us the courage to proclaim your healing, the wisdom to understand your challenges and the faith to share the good news of your holy word. May your spirit surround us now to open our ears, our eyes and our hearts. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

Time with the Young at Heart: “Going Fishing”

Song: “I Will Make You Fishers of Men”

I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men

I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me.

If you follow Me, if you follow Me

I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me.

Praying with all God’s children and The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Message: “Fishermen Feeding Sheep”

Hymn: VU 585 “Jesus Bids Us Shine”

1. Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
like a little candle burning in the night.
In the world is darkness, so let us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim.
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.
3. Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around;
many kinds of darkness in the world are found:
sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

Offering Dedication and Prayers of God's People

Including... Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore VU 563 (*spoken with music*)

1. Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore,
Looking neither for wealthy or wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly

Refrain:

- O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me
And while smiling, have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By your side, I will seek other seas.
2. You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there my nets and labour.
 3. You need my hands full of caring
Through my labours to give others rest
My constant love that keeps on loving
 4. You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting
My loving friend, as thus you call me.

Closing Hymn VU 82: "A Light is Gleaming"

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

1. When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. R

2. When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.' R
3. And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: R
4. So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
- warming all our days. R

Commissioning & Benediction

Departing Song: "Go Make a Difference" MV 209 – Vs. 1 & Refrain

1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.
- R Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.

One: Together, let all the people of God joyfully proclaim
All: Amen

Postlude & Sending Forth

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We welcome all who join us in worship today online.
Live-streaming will continue for your viewing on our YouTube channel.

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We welcome and thank Cheryl Buchner for leading our worship service today
while Rev. Karlene is on study week.

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 In our thoughts and prayers this week: The Fitzpatrick family,
 Ann Foster, Fern Gowman, Kaytlyn McKibbon and Bill Welsh.

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 Our sympathies and prayers are with Douglas Terry, son of Maureen Laplante
 and family, Maureen died in her sleep Jan. 14.

Our condolences and prayers to Brian Graydon and family on the death of his mom, Madge Graydon-Ayres. She passed away Jan. 11 the funeral service is at Verhoeve's Funeral home on Saturday Jan. 22.

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A donation has been made in loving memory of Louis Acs who passed away 10 years ago on January 25th. He is lovingly remembered and greatly missed by Mary Hessler.

The flowers this morning are in memory of loved ones and are donated by Ruth and Maurice Francis.

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We have multiple **birthdays** this week:



Happy Birthday and Best Wishes on January 24 to **Dave Morris** and also to **Val Simmons** who will be 93. Happy Birthday wishes to **Karen Helsdon** on January 25th and to **Amelia Jackson** on January 28. Birthday wishes to both **Dag Morris** on January 29th and **Florence Mannell** who will be 88.

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A HUGE THANK YOU from **Sam Lamb** for ALL the birthday cards, emails and phone calls for his special day. St. Paul's is such a wonderful caring family – I feel very blessed.

Today the Sunday school message will be uploaded to YOUTUBE after worship.

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In 2022 the UCW will be celebrating its' 60th Anniversary. As part of the celebration, we are creating a quilt to hang in the Friendship Room. We need help! If you can sew, iron, cut fabric or donate fabric or funds to the cost of creating this quilt, or help in any way, please contact Mary Johnson at 519-688-3132 or mcjtburg68@gmail.com. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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From the Minister's Desk Bible Study with the Moderator



This is the fourth week of our journey through the New Testament with Moderator Richard Bott. How is it going? Any thoughts or reflections you want to share you may email me.

1. Was there anything here that surprised me, or jumped out at me?
2. What did I learn (if anything!) about being a disciple of Jesus when the text was written?
3. What might this text be saying to my life, today?
4. What might God be inviting me to do or be through my understandings?

Week 4

24th Jan - Ephesians

25th Jan – Matthew 1-3

26th Jan – Matthew 4-7

27th Jan – Matthew 8-10

28th Jan – Matthew 11-12

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