

ORDER OF SERVICE

July 19, 2020

Shared Worship Service of
St. Paul's United Church and Trinity United Church, Bowmanville

Hosted by St. Paul's United Church
Rev. Michelle Brotherton and Doug Dewell

Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement

Celebrations

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship/ Opening Prayer/ Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" VU232

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2 All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

3 Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,

Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Theme Conversation: "Jacob is Changed"

READ, WONDER, LISTEN (Bible)

Hymn: "Will You Come and Follow Me" **VU567**

1 Will You Come And Follow Me
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Go Where You Don't Know
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Let My Love Be Shown,
Will You Let My Name Be Known,
Will You Let My Life Be Grown
In You And You In Me?

2 Will You Leave Yourself Behind
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Care For Cruel And Kind
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Risk The Hostile Stare
Should Your Life Attract Or Scare?
Will You Let Me Answer Prayer
In You And You In Me?

3 Will You Let The Blinded See
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Set The Prisoners Free
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Kiss The Leper Clean,
And Do Such As This Unseen,
And Admit To What I Mean
In You And You In Me?

4 Will You Love The 'You' You Hide
If I But Call Your Name?
Will You Quell The Fear Inside
And Never Be The Same?
Will You Use The Faith You've Found
To Reshape The World Around,
Through My Sight And Touch And Sound
In You And You In Me?

5 Christ, Your Summons Echoes True
When You But Call My Name.
Let Me Turn And Follow You
And Never Be The Same.
In Your Company I'll Go
Where Your Love And Footsteps Show.
Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow
In You And You In Me.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

24-26 Jesus told another story. "God's kingdom is like a farmer who planted good seed in their field. That night, while their farm hands were asleep, the enemy sowed thistles all through the wheat and slipped away before dawn. When the first green shoots appeared and the grain began to form, the thistles showed up, too.

27 "The farmhands came to the farmer and said, 'That was clean seed you planted, wasn't it? Where did these thistles come from?'

28 “The farmer answered, ‘Some enemy did this.’

“The farmhands asked, ‘Should we weed out the thistles?’

29-30 “The farmer said, ‘No, if you weed the thistles, you’ll pull up the wheat, too. Let them grow together until harvest time. Then I’ll instruct the harvesters to pull up the thistles and tie them in bundles for the fire, then gather the wheat and put it in the barn.’”

36 Jesus dismissed the congregation and went into the house. His disciples came in and said, “Explain to us that story of the thistles in the field.”

37-39 So he explained. “The farmer who sows the pure seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the pure seeds are subjects of the kingdom, the thistles are subjects of the Devil, and the enemy who sows them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, the curtain of history. The harvest hands are angels.

40-43 “The picture of thistles pulled up and burned is a scene from the final act. The Son of Man will send his angels, weed out the thistles from his kingdom, pitch them in the trash, and be done with them. They are going to complain to high heaven, but nobody is going to listen. At the same time, ripe, holy lives will mature and adorn the kingdom of Abba God.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

Music/Solo: Doug

Reflection: “Gardening 101”

Hymn: “We Plough the Fields”

VU520

1 We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by your almighty hand.
You send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,

the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
we thank you God, O holy God
for all your love.

2 You only are the Maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the wind and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give us daily bread. [Refrain]

3 We thank you, then, O Maker,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and what from us you long for
our humble, thankful hearts! [Refrain]

Invitation to Offering/ Offering Prayer

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Shalom

Shalom to you my friend

Shalom until we meet again

The word "shalom" means peace, hello and good-bye
so sing shalom, shalom

Shalom to you my friend

Shalom until we meet again

The word "shalom" means peace, hello and good-bye
so sing shalom, shalom

When we join our hands across the lands

we'll hear neighbours and brothers, old friends and other
singing shalom to you my friend,
shalom until we meet again.

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