

**ORDER OF SERVICE  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2020  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, BOWMANVILLE, ON**

**Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement**

**Celebrations**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:**

**Hymn: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**VU664**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us?

Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus strength will shield our weakness;,  
and we'll find new courage there.

## **Opening Prayer/ Lord's Prayer**

**Theme Conversation:** Laura McClelland

**Hymn:** "When I Needed a Neighbour" **VU600**

1. When I needed a neighbour,  
Were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter,  
Were you there?
2. I was hungry and thirsty,  
Were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter,  
Were you there?
3. I was cold, I was naked,  
Were you there, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter,  
Were you there?
4. When I needed a healer,  
Were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a healer, were you there?  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter,  
Were you there?

5. Wherever you travel,  
I'll be there, I'll be there.  
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.  
And the creed and the colour  
And the name won't matter,  
I'll be there.

**Scripture Reading:** Exodus 17:1-7 (The Message)

<sup>1-2</sup> Directed by God, the whole company of Israel moved on by stages from the Wilderness of Sin. They set camp at Rephidim. And there wasn't a drop of water for the people to drink. The people took Moses to task: "Give us water to drink." But Moses said, "Why pester me? Why are you testing God?"

<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there. They complained to Moses, "Why did you take us from Egypt and drag us out here with our children and animals to die of thirst?"

<sup>4</sup> Moses cried out in prayer to God, "What can I do with these people? Any minute now they'll kill me!"

<sup>5-6</sup> God said to Moses, "Go on out ahead of the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel. Take the staff you used to strike the Nile. And go. I'm going to be present before you there on the rock at Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will gush out of it and the people will drink."

<sup>6-7</sup> Moses did what he said, with the elders of Israel right there watching. He named the place Massah (Testing-Place) and Meribah (Quarreling) because of the quarreling of the Israelites and because of their testing of God when they said, "Is God here with us, or not?"

For the Word of God in Scripture, among us and within us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Music/Solo:** Doug

**Reflection:** "At the point of breaking"

**Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This” VU147**

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

**Gratitude for Offering**

**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.

Shalom to you my friend

Shalom until we meet again

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