

St. Paul's United Church
February 1st, 2015
Second Sunday in Advent
* = please stand as you are able

Prelude:

***Greeting**

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.

Introit VU 25(vs 1)

*Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
see the lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah,
God appears on earth to reign.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come, let us praise the Lord!

We praise God with our whole heart!

God's works are great!

Open our hearts and spirits to see your works, O Lord!

Come, let us worship the Lord who has saved us!

May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God that all may see and know of God's greatness. AMEN

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

***Opening Hymn** Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)

You, God, are known for your wonderful deeds— your mercy, forgiveness, and love. You have shown us the power of your works time and time again. And yet, we are slow to comprehend; we refuse to acknowledge your gifts; we act self-sufficient, as if we provide

ourselves everything we need, when we know in our hearts that you are the author of life. Forgive us, we pray. As we confess our brokenness in thought, word or deed, may your redemptive presence flood our lives that we may praise your name forevermore. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love

The Lord's Prayer VU 959

Time For All Ages

Hymn Dance With The Spirit (x2) VU 156
*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way!*

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community

***Hymn** I Can Feel You Near Me God MV 48

Offertory

***Dedication Verse** For The Gift of Creation VU 536
*For the gift of creation the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.*

***Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

Loving and present God, we offer these our gifts to you in the surety and hope that they will be used to further your message of love and salvation in this our broken world. AMEN

Psalm: Psalm 111 (VU 833)

Rev. Richard Bowley

Anthem

Message

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision VU 642

*Commissioning (*Responsive*)

God's prophet, God's Son, calls us to teach others of God's power and might.

From this worshipping fellowship, we go into the community, seeking to tell others our stories.

Share how God has transformed you. Invite others to become disciples of this new teacher.

We will invite others to share our journey, even if it scares us to death.

Share how God has brought you to knowledge and wisdom of new ways, new opportunities, new ways of being.

We go with joy. We leave in peace.

*Benediction

*Choral Closing Peace Be With You MV 215

*Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you my friends.*

Till we meet again, may God be with you.

Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude