



St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

February 04th, 2024

Worship Leader: The Rev. Piotr Strzelecki VDM

Musician: Clayton Braybrook

The Leader will read the parts in regular type.

*Please join in the parts in **bold type**.*

We gather as people of the story

to reflect on

PRIORITIES

WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH:

GREETING:

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

And also with you

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Come with me."

We receive the Jesus words in times of great joy.

"Come with me."

We receive the Jesus words in times of stress and difficulty.

"Come with me."

We receive the Jesus words when they are the last words we want to welcome.

"Come with me."

We receive the Jesus words addressed to our church.

"Come with me."

We receive the Jesus words.

We take them to heart, and we faithfully go to work.

*David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.
Gathering, A/C/E, 2023-24, p.42
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WE ARE NOT ALONE:

The lighting of the Christ Candle ((Matthew 18:20/John 8:12)

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving God, we come to you today knowing we will experience your presence in this place.

You are in the light coming through windows.

You are in the Bible we hold dearly.

You are in the songs we sing.

You are in the prayers we pray.

You are in the stories of your Son, you in the flesh come to teach us to spread your word.

You are in the cross that hangs on the wall.

You are in the people we are gathered with today.

You are in the feast we share at your table.

You are in the water in the font.

You live in us and you work through us.

We are here to experience your presence and to be guided by your wisdom, that we may go out into the world and love our neighbours as you love us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Eileen Masse, Stittsville U.C., Stittsville, Ont.
Gathering, A/C/E, 2023-24, p. 44
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CHOIR ANTHEM:

WE SING: "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" (VU# 374)

WE LEARN TOGETHER

(time for our younger brothers and sisters)

WE SING: "Like a Rock" (MV# 92)

WE LISTEN TO OUR STORY

I Corinthians 9:16-23

*(I have become all things to all people
for the gospel sake)*

Mark 1:29-39

(Simon's mother-in-law and many others healed)

This is the story of our faith.

***Faith of our ancestors,
faith that sustains us.***

REFLECTION:

WE RESPOND TO WHAT WE HEARD

WE SING: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(VU# 400)

DEDICATION OF OFFERING:

For the gifts you have given,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the gifts that we have the opportunity to give,
we give you thanks, O God.

May you bless these gifts for the work of your church,
here and in the world, where all may know your love.
Amen.

*Darrell Reine, Westminster U.C., Regina, Sask.
Gathering, A/C/E, 2023-24, p.47
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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**WE LEAVE INSPIRED,
CHANGED, CHALLENGED OR PUZZLED
BUT CONTINUING ON OUR STORY**

WE SING: "God of the Bible" (MV# 28)

PASTORAL BLESSING:

... and may the blessing of God,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and always
Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE:

As you go from here, to share the Good News
with all those you will encounter, as you go from here ...
may the Peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.