

**St. Paul's United Church, Dundas,
February 4 , 2024
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Welcome & Life of the Congregation

Land Acknowledgement:

**We acknowledge that St. Paul's United Church
is situated upon the traditional territories of the
Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and
Mississauga People.**

**We recognize that we must learn more about the
rich history of this land
so we can better understand our roles
as residents, neighbours, partners, and caretakers.**

Lighting the Christ Candle & the Peace Candle:

The Light of Christ!

Amen!

The Light of Peace!

Amen!

Prelude: This Little Light of Mine - arr. John Carter

Call to Worship:

One: Do you really not know...

**All: that he is God of all in the heavens and on the
earth?**

One: Have you really not heard...

**All: how she has brought princes to naught and
oppressors to their knees?**

One: Haven't you already been told...

**All: that you're counted among the stars, and that
you matter?**

One: Do you not know, have you not heard?

**All: We come to learn, we come for our strength to be
renewed, we come in hope.**

Hymn: VU 220 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

One: Holy God, we know how easy it is for us to forget who you are. It is easy for us to claim ignorance of your power and your love. It is so easy for us to point fingers at others and forget our own roles in contributing to an unfair and unjust world. It is easy for us to block the images of oppression on television and on social media.

**All: Forgive our disregard, O God. Touch all the closed
corners of our minds that they may be opened to the
reality of injustice all around us. Re-sensitize us unto our
human selves so that we can be appropriately appalled
and pained at violence and oppression. Reconcile us to
each other as one. Amen.**

Assurance

Hymn: VU 570 Jesus' Hands were Kind Hands

Children's Time

Hymn: VU 570 v 2 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Charlotte Graham

Musical Offering: Sing to the Lord with a Jubilant Voice

- David Music Chancel Choir

Second Reading: Mark 1:29-39

The Message: "Go and tell my precious people they are mine"

Hymn: VU 702 When a Poor One

Invitation to Our Offering

Dedication: VU #541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication:

The Fellowship of Prayer

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hymn: MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

The Blessing and Sending out:

Choral Benediction: May You Run And Not Be Weary

**May you run and not be weary,
May your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope – and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary,
May your life be filled with joy!
And may the road you travel always lead you home!**

Postlude: A Mighty Fortress is our God - Johann Pachelbell

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