

St Paul United Church of Christ

Annual Picnic

June 27, 2021

Hymn

"Morning has Broken"

#35

*Morning has broken, like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!*

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have
established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for
them?*

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

*You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under
their feet,*

*All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#40

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,*

Refrain: Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, R*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild, R*

***For the church that ever more lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love, R***

***For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven, R***

Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Yet their voice goes out through all the world.

Hymn

"This is My Father's World"

#21

***This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.***

***This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – God's hand the wonders wrought.***

***This is our Father's world: O let us not forget
That though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet.
God trusts us with the world, to keep it clean and fair –
All earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.***

***This is my Father's world; God shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear God pass. God speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!***

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 6:25-34

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of

little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Meditation

Song by Trio

“Long Black Train”

Diana, Paula, Tina

Morning Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

#123

***Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown!***

***Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.***

***Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.***

***Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine!***

Benediction