



## COMMUNITY INVITED TO U2CHARIST TO HELP FIGHT WORLD WIDE POVERTY

In order to raise awareness of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and raise funds for global poverty aid, St. Stephen's celebrated this special multi media service featuring music from the band U2, including such favorites as *Where the Streets Have No Name*, *Pride (In the Name of Love)*, *Mysterious Ways* and *One*.

The United Nation's Millennium Development Goals have as their aim to eradicate extreme poverty and global AIDS. These goals are endorsed by many churches including the Episcopal Church. ([www.millenniumcampaign.org](http://www.millenniumcampaign.org)).

The band U2 supports the Millennium Development Goals. Bono, U2's lead singer, has always been outspoken on issues of social justice, and since the Live Aid concert in 1985 has been involved in efforts to eradicate hunger. Bono was a recent recipient of Person of the Year award for his tireless work on behalf of the poor and people living with HIV/AIDS. He has been such a strong proponent of the Millennium Development Goals that he has been named a global MDG ambassador. The band U2 supports U2charist services requesting that any offering collected at the service be given to a charity that is fighting extreme poverty or AIDS.

During the U2charist at St. Stephen's a free-will offering was collected to benefit PlayPumps International, an organization which is helping to realize the Millennium Development Goals. PlayPumps International's mission is to provide access to clean drinking water in Africa by constructing play ground mechanisms that pump clean drinking water while being powered by the play of children.