

Sunday March 17, 2019

11:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church

and to our services today - we are happy that you have come!



Sunday Morning Nursery

Toys and other nursery items are available during the service

Sunday School children start with their parents and leave part-way through the Annex or combined services for Sunday School

Washrooms are located off the atrium

Pew Cushions are available to the left of the front platform in the sanctuary

Two accessible entrances to St Paul's. One is on Main Street via the atrium, with the elevator located just inside the entrance. Best parking to use for this entrance is the town lot west of the church, with two handicapped parking spots. The second accessible entrance is via the ramp off our parking lot, with two handicapped parking spots in the parking lot.

We invite you to pick up informational brochures in the atrium. Please introduce yourself to one of the hosts; we would be most happy to help you. **Visitors and guests are encouraged to sign the Guest Book located in the atrium.** We hope you will come to fellowship time following our services for conversation and refreshments!

Participating this morning

Worship Leadership: Reverend Dr. Dale Skinner

Music Director: Don Cassano **Piano:** Dawn Brodie

Greeting: Joanne Dundass, Jennifer Cummings & Sue Paul

Offering: Karen Tyrer, Wally Whitnell, Joanne Dundass & Jennifer Cummings **Scripture Reader:** Karen Tyrer

Sound Team: Sandra Shore **Count Team:** Brian Swainson, Amy Hayden & Jennifer Cummings **Fellowship Time:** Betty Tonelli & Jo McDuffe

Bakers Dozen: Karen Tyrer & Hélène Ellison

**Large print bulletins available -
please ask one of our ushers**

* Please stand if able
Congregational responses in **bold**

A warm welcome is extended to all this morning. Your presence both enriches us and this time of worship together. In the midst of the busy-ness of life, we have been gifted with this time and place to reconnect with God and with one another. We seek to discern a life beyond life and behold the larger reality Jesus revealed in his own life, death and resurrection. Our aim is spiritual growth, a deeper faith and a loving community.

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

***VU 410** This Day God Gives Me

Welcome

The Life and Work of Our Community

***VU 149** When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Call To Worship (based on Psalm 27)

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble,
and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!**

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!

Be our guide and our light instead!

One thing we ask of God:

**That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life,
and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.**

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,
for God is among and within us!

Thanks be to God!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle mindful that Christ is among us.

Jesus is the Light of the World,

bringing a light that shines in us and for us,

illuminating the way of abundant Life.

Lenten Prayer of Gathering

O God, as your people we gather in this place.
We come alone, but gather as brothers and sisters.
We come from our separate lives and are gathered by your grace.
Each of us comes as ones who have received
and acknowledge the need for this grace in our lives.

**O Creator who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life;
take my heart, every hardened edge and measured beat,
and create something new in me.**

**I need your newness, God, the rough parts of me made smooth;
the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven.**

And then, by the power of your Spirit,

**I need to be turned toward the way of the one
who taught his followers to pray saying...**

Lord's Prayer

All are invited to pray in the tradition Jesus taught his disciples (Matt.6-9-13 & Luke 11:2-4). There are different versions and languages printed in the Voices United hymn book from pages 921-926. The ecumenical version below was agreed upon by the English Language Liturgical Consultation of 1988. You are welcome to pray the version of your choosing.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We Listen For God's Word

For The Child In All of Us

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading Romans 3:19-30

Karen Tyrer

Word For Today The Way of Justice: Our Righteousness and God's

We Respond In Faith

Invitation to the Offering

We of St. Paul's are committed to the work of the Church. Weekly offerings, pre-authorized remittance (PAR), sharing of our time and talents and reaching out to friend and stranger are but some of the ways that we give.

"God loves it when the giver delights in the giving." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Presentation Of Our Offerings

*Offertory Response

VU 218

verse 1

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Minute For Mission

Pastoral Prayers

We Go In God's Name

*VU 642

Be Thou My Vision

*Words of Sending Forth

May the faith within us get out onto our lips, into our feet and hands, and through our hearts. May what we sing and pray here get past our reticence and into our actions this week. May the Spirit help us tell our stories that reveal the the Living God in our lives. May a passion for the Gospel burn within our hearts. Let us not be silent in the face of deception or injustice, God has called his people to follow "justice and justice alone so that you may live." (Deut. 16:20)

*Words of Blessing

*Choral Response

*Exchange of the Peace

Before we depart, we are invited to exchange "the Peace of Christ" with the ones around us.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**