# Sunday March 24, 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 partway 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.

#### **Participating this morning**

Worship Leadership: Reverend Dr. Dale Skinner

Music Director: Don Cassano Piano: Dawn Brodie

**Greeting:** Peter Anderson, Jo McDuffe, Sue Butson & Sherry Cameron

Offering: Peter Anderson, Jo McDuffe & Wendy Hodgkins
Scripture Reader: Carol Hyde
Sound Team: Hélène Ellison

Count Team: Sue Paul, Sherry Cameron & Marg Cameron

Fellowship Time: Carol Kerr & Diane Dickie Bakers Dozen: Mary McDuffe & Jo McDuffe

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 312** Praise With Joy The World's Creator

Welcome

The Life and Work of Our Community

**\*VU 288** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call To Worship (based on Psalm 63)

As we gather remember the words of the Psalmist Who while alone in the wilderness sang these words:

"You are my God, I long for you from early morning. My whole being desires you like a dry, worn, waterless land. My soul thirsts for you.

In the sanctuary let me see how mighty are your works; your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you.

I will give thanks as long as I live; I raise my hands in prayer.

My soul will feast and be filled, and I will sing and praise you.

As I lie in bed, I remember you, O God;

I think of you all night long, for you are my constant help.

In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. I cling to you; your hand keeps me safe."

### **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 version below appears in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. You are welcome to pray the version of your choosing.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

## We Listen For God's Word

For The Child In All of Us

**Choir Anthem** 

**Scripture Reading** Luke 13:1-9

Carol Hyde

Word For Today The Way of Justice: Justice, Mercy & Grace

### We Respond In Faith

#### Invitation to the Offering

We of St. Paul's are committed to the work of the Church. Weekly offerings, preauthorized 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 626** I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

#### \*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 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, for we are a people called to "seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God." (Micah6:7-8)

#### \*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.