

Sunday March 31, 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.

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: Pam Henry & Wayne Heath

Offering: Wendy Hodgkins & Wayne Heath

Scripture Reader: Nancy Whitnell **Sound Team:** Bill Woodcock

Count Team: Wayne Heath, Graham & Anne Troake

Fellowship Time: Mary McDuffe, Mary Ellen Lee & Hélène Ellison

Bakers Dozen: Mary Ellen Lee & Karen Davidson

**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 222** Come, Let Us Sing

Welcome

The Life and Work of Our Community

***VU 267** Like A Mighty River Flowing

Call To Worship (based on Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

**Happy are those to whom God attributes no wrong,
Those in whose heart there is no deceit.**

When we keep silent about our wrongdoings,
our lives disintegrate with worry and guilt;

**when we struggle to hide from God,
the heaviness in our hearts consumes our strength.**

But when we seek your truth, O God,
And do not lie about ourselves, we experience your forgiveness.

**Let all people reach out to you in prayer, O God,
and know your protection and strength.**

Surrounded by your grace-filled presence
and filled with your undeserved forgiveness,
we sing your praise; we shout for joy.

**Stubbornness melts away and instead of hiding from you
we find protection and shelter in you.**

Rejoice and shout for joy all those who are upright in heart.

The time has come to give God thanks and praise!

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

What Does The Lord Require of You? VU701

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading Joshua 5:9-12

Word For Today The Way of Justice: Rolling Away Disgrace

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 716 My Life Flows On

*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 "let justice roll on like a river." (Amos5:24)

*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.**