

Sunday April 14, 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: Marlene Grimwood, Jo McDuffe & Caroline Brodie

Offering: Marlene Grimwood, Jo McDuffe & Wendy Hodgkins

Scripture Reader: Wayne Heath **Sound Team:** Elijah Calara

Count Team: Sandra Shore, Rick & Judy Rye

Fellowship Time: Cassie Smith, Jean Morby & Alice Fetter

Bakers Dozen: Carol Wilson & Marilyn Pickett

**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

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Scripture: Matthew 21:8-11

Choir: Hosanna in the Highest *by Allan Petker*

***Call To Worship**

One: Who comes this way?

All: I wonder who is he? A prophet?

Choir: They say he is the Christ.

One: That means God's Anointed One, the Messiah,

All: the Savior, the true leader of God's people.

CHILDREN: HOSANNA!

Choir: Who comes this way?

All: Is it really him? I want him to beat the Romans and save us from oppression, poverty and hunger.

One: Is he victorious? Is he powerful? Is he scary?

Christ: Where is he from Greece? Rome? Jerusalem? Toronto?

All: They say he was born in Bethlehem and grew up in Nazareth and Galilee.

One: "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

CHILDREN: HOSANNA!

All: Who comes this way?

Choir: Who is he? Why are we cheering him on? Is he good or bad?

He must be rich to get such praise.

One: Stop waving that branch in my face! Move away! Let me see around this parade. I just want to see his face and then I will know who he is, let me see...

All: Wait!

Choir: Wait!

All: It is only a man.

Choir: And he is just on a colt, he's no big deal.

One: It is only a man, what is so great about him?

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

CHILDREN: HOSANNA!

Choir: Hosanna means "save us we pray!"

One: But who is this man that will save us? And save us from what?

All: Who comes this way? Where is going?

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.**

Show us the way of Life, the way of Jesus. Amen.

***Palm Parade** Distribution of Palms VU 128

Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,
Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,
Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna,
Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna.

We Listen For God's Word

For The Child In All Of Us — From Palms to the Cross

Choir: Hosanna In The Streets *Pepper Choplin*

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 *Wayne Heath*

Word For Today: Glory Days

We Respond In Faith

Song: Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful.
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness -blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's 'all as it should be -blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering -blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.
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Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away, You give and take away,
my heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

The Offering

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

***Offertory Response** VU122

All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannas ring.

Their praises you accepted; accept the gifts we bring,
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king,
All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet Hosannas ring.

We Celebrate At The Table of Christ

Welcome to the Table

One: Here we participate in a sacred story. Here we celebrate the feast of the resurrection. Here we remember the gift of a sacrifice made for others. In Christ, God desires all find a welcome here. Yet, we are reminded that as we gather to share this meal we also prepare ourselves for the giving. With humble hearts, let us turn again to the forgiveness that comes from God.

Litany Of Discernment

One: Loving and caring God, may our hearts and minds be open to you. Look not upon our brokenness but upon our faith. Remove the barriers between us and your love.

All: Make us hungry for justice with mercy and for peace with compassion.

One: When life's abrasive pressures numb us, and we find it hard to care for anything or anyone -even ourselves...

All: Tell us again about lengthening days, a renewed Creation, a Bethlehem cradle, a Calvary cross, and a God who loves and seeks after us.

One: When we are fearful, consumed by our own needs, when we forsake our neighbours in need...

All: Lure us on to be faithful. If one suffers, we all suffer; if one flourishes, we all rejoice.

One: O God, bring new life where we are worn and tired;
new love, where we have grown cynical;
a renewed purpose when we are indifferent;
forgiveness, where we have wounded.

All: God of hope, may we be reminded of the passion of Jesus Christ who lived to serve you for the good of all -the one who was celebrated; rejected; crucified and risen; the one who has promised to come again in glory.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God;

All: Hosanna in the highest.

Choir Sings VU 951

Holy, Holy, Holy x2

Leader continues to pray...

Lord's Prayer (all)

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.

Breaking of the Bread/Lifting of the Cup

One: The body of Christ broken for you.

All: Amen.

One: The blood of Christ, his life poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion will be served by the method of 'intinction.' After the choir is served, beginning with the back rows, you are invited to come forward and take a piece of bread. You may then either dip the bread in the cup, or take one of the small cups from the tray. There is also a gluten free option. Please come forward down the middle aisles and return to you seat along the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and the servers will come to you.

Statement of Faith A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***Closing Hymn: Were You There?**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (x2)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross? (x2)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (x2)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? (x2)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

***Sending Forth & Blessing**

As we journey through this Holy Week may God keep our feet firmly in the way of the Cross; may God help our lips speak the truth that the Holy Spirit teaches us; may God fill our bodies with the life that is the Spirit of Christ within us; and may we be greeted with the presence of Christ in those around us.

***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.**



EASTER SERVICES

Friday, April 19: Good Friday @ 11:00AM

Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving For the
Life of Jesus of Nazareth

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday @ 9:00AM

Easter Sunday Sunshine Service on the front lawn.

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday @ 11:00AM

Easter Sunday Celebration with Brass in the Sanctuary.

Please note there will be no coffee served after the 11:00am Easter Service. Everyone is invited to come for coffee, tea and hot cross buns served in the Community Hall following the Sunshine service and before the 11:00am service.

Bring a friend!

