

Sunday May 5, 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: Judy Hunter **Piano:** Dawn Brodie

Greeting: Joanne Dundass, Sue Butson & Sherry Cameron

Offering: Joanne Dundass & Wendy Hodgkins

Scripture Reader: Carol Hyde **Sound Team:** Theo Wolder

Count Team: Sue Paul, Sherry Cameron & Marg Cameron

Fellowship Time: Mary McDuffe, Mary Ellen Lee & H  l  ne Ellison

Bakers Dozen: Betty Ann Wolder & Joanne Dundass

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

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.

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

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

*VU 296 "This Is God's Wondrous World"

Welcome and Announcements

*VU 703 "In The Bulb, There Is A Flower"

Call To Worship (based on Psalm 31)

We gather to praise and honour to a God
who saves, restores and redeems.

Today, we sing our reverent thanks to the loving, living God.

**As individuals and as a community, we praise and thank
our God for giving us a sense of healing and wholeness.**

When we cried out to you in our sorrow and despair,
you turned our night-time grief into morning's joy.

**Listening God, we rejoice in the security you give us,
because of your past mercy and goodness towards us.**

O Lord our God, we will thank you always and forever.

We will not be silent! Your love for us is a wonder and a mystery.

**Holy God, you have turned our sorrows into gladness,
and our despair into joy. O God, how great is your love!**

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.

Gathering Prayer

We Listen For God's Word

For The Child In All of Us

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46 *Carol Hyde*

Word For Today Faith & Harm Reduction

Choir Anthem Come Follow Me

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 538

**For the gift of Creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Pastoral Prayers

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 Anglican Prayer Book of 1662. You are welcome to pray the version of your choosing.

**Our Father, which 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.**

We Go In God's Name

*VU 567 "Will You Come And Follow Me?"

*Words of Sending Forth (*Celtic traditional*)

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with us on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out our hands to serve.
May Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open our hearts to love.
May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet
And may everyone we meet
see the face of Christ in us.

*Words of Blessing

*Choral Response