

Sunday May 19, 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: Carol Hyde, LLWL **Music Director:** Don Cassano
Piano: Dawn Brodie **Greeting:** Wally Whitnell, Pam Henry & Peter Anderson **Offering:** Wally Whitnell, Peter Anderson & Wendy Hodgkins
Scripture Reader: Marilyn Pickett **Sound Team:** Elijah Calara
Count Team: Jim Hawkins & Hannah Freiberg
Fellowship Time: Cassie Smith, Jean Morby & Alice Fetter
Bakers Dozen: Marilyn Elsley & Anne Troake

**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

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

***Opening Hymn:** This is the Day VU 412

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *Congregational response in BOLD*

Gather us in, O God.

the lost and the lonely

the broken and breaking

the tired and the aching

who long for the nourishment found in you.

Gather us in

The done and the doubting,

The wishing and wondering,

The puzzled and pondering

who long for the company found in this place.

Gather us in,

to meet, to be fed,

be given a seat,

be joined to the vine,

be offered new wine,

become like the least,

be found at the feast.

Gather us in.

Gathering Prayer

***Hymn:** Let us Build a House

MV 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions;
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as a witness
and as symbol of God's grace.
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

A Time for All Ages: Which is your favourite?

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Marilyn Pickett

New Testament Reading:

Acts 11:1-18

Gospel Reading:

John 13:31-35

Choir Anthem

Word for Today:

Invisible Fences

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 537 vs 2

**Because we love You and Your work, our offering now we make,
Be pleased to use it as Your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.**

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn:**

Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love VU 574

***Words of Sending Forth:**

**O God, since there is no distinction of race and origin,
in you we are all one.
Empower us to break down the barriers that divide us,
so that we may work in harmony with each other and with you.**

***Words of Blessing**

***Choral Response**

VU 431

**Amen, We praise your name, O God
Amen, We Praise you name, O God
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, We Praise your name, O God.**