

Sunday June 9, 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: Rev. Dale Skinner

Music Director: Don Cassano **Piano:** Dawn Brodie

Greeting: Marlene Grimwood, Jennifer Cummings & Caroline Brodie

Offering: Jennifer Cummings, Marlene Grimwood & Wendy Hodgkins

Sound Team: H el ene Ellison **Scripture Reader:** Marlene Grimwood

Count Team: Brian Swainson, Amy Hayden & Jennifer Cummings

Fellowship Time: Mary McDuffe, Mary Ellen Lee & H el ene Ellison

Bakers Dozen: Karen Tyrer & H el ene Ellison

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.

The land upon which we live and work is a gift from the Creator. We acknowledge the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosauonee peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the lands of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement.

* Please stand if able

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

*VU 625 "I Feel The Winds Of God"

Welcome and Announcements

*MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

*All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **Refrain***

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

*In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **Refrain***

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.

*In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another." **Refrain***

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

Call To Worship

God of wind and fire,

When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,

When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of bread and wine,

When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

So pour out your Spirit

Let sacred waters flow

Fill us with holy food.

**May our hearts and our hands be open wide
to receive your gifts of life. Amen.**

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 Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

*VU 376 "Spirit Of The Living God"

Presentation

Wendy Hodgkins

On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's United Church, I present the following persons for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Charlotte Grace Martineau
daughter of Emma Richard and Kyle Martineau*

Iriene Rashida Ngoh

I also announce the reception of the following members through transfer of membership:

*Bernie Wassenich
Elizabeth Wassenich*

Parental/Candidate's Vows for Baptism

Question: Do you desire to be/have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Response: **I do.**

Question: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, crucified and risen, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

Response: **I do.**

Question: Desiring the freedom of life in Christ, do you choose to seek justice, resist evil, and to live by the Holy Spirit?

Response: **I do, by the grace of God.**

Question: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow (with your child) in the Christian faith?

Response: **I do, by the grace of God.**

Congregational Commitment

Minister: Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations, and to offer God's gift of grace in baptism.

Question: Do you, with God's help, pledge to love and support these persons as together we seek to faithfully live out the mission and ministry of Christ's Church?

Response: **We do, by the grace of God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

Baptism - Marking with the Sign of the Cross - Laying On of Hands

Presentation of Gift

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-18

Marlene Grimwood

Word For Today

"A Spirit of Awe and Wonder"

We Respond In Faith

Invitation to the Offering I Can See Jesus in You *Shelley Doucet*

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**

**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.**

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 Jesus, crucified and risen – a Spirit filled life that moves us to awe and wonder. In Christ, God desires all find a welcome here. Yet we are reminded that as we gather, 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, an Eternal Spirit and a God who loves and seeks after us.

One: When we are fearful, consumed by our own needs, when we forsake 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 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 Spirit and in Truth.

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 your 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.

We Go In God's Name

*VU 633 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

*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.**



In Judaism Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. Known as the Festival of Weeks, it celebrated the many gifts of God. Pentecost celebrates the arrival of another gift. That of the Holy Spirit. Just as Passover marks the liberation of God's people from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrates the liberation of Jesus' disciples to begin the mission of the Church.

The followers of Jesus move from being "disciples" (students) to becoming "apostles" (sent ones). The apostles received "the power from on high," and they began to preach and bear witness to the power of Jesus as the risen Christ, the Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.