Sunday June 16, 2019

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: Judy Hunter Piano: Dawn Brodie
Greeting: Wally Whitnell, Jo McDuffe & Pam Henry
Offering: Wally Whitnell, Jo McDuffe & Wendy Hodgkins
Sound Team: Bill Woodcock Scripture Reader: Wayne Heath
Count Team: Wayne Heath, Graham & Anne Troake
Fellowship Time: Carol Kerr & Diane Dickie
Bakers Dozen: Mary McDuffe & Jo McDuffe

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.

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 415 "God, We Praise You For The Morning"

Welcome and Announcements

*VU 322 "O God, Whose First Creative Word"

Call To Worship

Beyond the boundaries of the days and the years;

There is a God that knows no bounds.

Beyond the limits of life and death;

There is a Spirit that endures.

Beyond the confines of race, religion, gender and class;

There is a Christ who, crucified and risen, lives for all peoples.

Come into this time and this space to ponder again the God-shared Life.

We come with hearts and minds open to this Life in our midst.

This Life calls us to love and serve others, to be givers and receivers.

Come let us worship the God who is with us and who is beyond us as we worship in Spirit and in Truth.

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

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 Listen For God's Word

For The Child In All of Us

Choir Anthem "I Hear Gods Music"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40 Wayne Heath

Word For Today "The Beauty of Belonging"

We Respond In Faith

Invitation to the Offering

We of St. Paul's are committed to the work of the Church. Weekly offerings, preauthorized 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

Minute For Mission

We Go In God's Name

*MV 138 "My Love Colours Outside The Lines"

- 1 My love colours outside the lines, exploring paths that few could ever find; and takes me into places where I've never been before, and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.
- 2 My Lord colours outside the lines, turns wounds to blessings, water into wine; and takes me into places where I've never been before and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Chorus: We'll never walk on water
if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking
from time to time.
And we'll never move the grave-stones
if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

3 My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine; I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before, throw open the doors to the worlds outside the lines.

Chorus

4 My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine; I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before, throw open the doors to the worlds outside the lines.

*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

*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.

Pastoral Prayers