Sunday June 23, 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: Don Cassano Piano: Dawn Brodie
Greeting: Sue Paul & Pam Henry
Offering: Jo McDuffe & Wendy Hodgkins

Sound Team: Theo Wolder Scripture Reader: Jim Hawkins Count Team: Jim Hawkins, Theo & Betty Ann Wolder Fellowship Time: Cassie Smith, Jean Morby & Alice Fetter Bakers Dozen: Karen Davidson & Mary Ellen Lee

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

Welcome and Announcements

*VU 345 "Come, Children, Join To Sing"

Call To Worship (adapted from Dancing Sun Vol.VIII)

One: Let us give thanks to our Creator, for the Creator is always with us.

All: Creator and creating God, you have given life to all around us.

One: You call us to be with you whether we are inside in the shelter of these walls or outside in the shelter of your trees.

All: God is with us when we gather together and when we are alone.

One: We are here to answer that call.

All: We will sing joyfully and we will listen attentively for your whispering voice

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 (sung)

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 was established by the English Language Ecumenical Consultation in 1988.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 126 Jim Hawkins

Word For Today "A Season For Joy"

Music: "Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"

Your love is amazing; steady and unchanging. Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet. Your love is a mystery. How you gently lift me. When I am surrounded, Your love carries me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Your love makes me sing Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Your love makes me sing.

Your love is surprising. I can feel it rising.
Oh the joy that's glowing deep inside of me.
Everytime I see you all your goodness shines through.
I can feel this God song rising up in me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Your love makes me sing Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Your love makes me sing.

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

Prayer Litany and Prayer of Thanksgiving (authoured by Murray Pruden.)

Murray is Cree from the Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake First Nations in central Alberta.)

One: We call upon the light, God's light. The light shall shine upon and within us.

All: The light is God and it is great.

One: It shall encourage us, strengthen us, guide us, protect us, shield us, love us, empower us, ground us, give us wisdom and the actions of God's Holy Spirit.

All: The light is calm. The light is never rushed.

The light knows no time. The light is the Holy Spirit.

One: We sense the light; we know, feel, and smell the light. It is like pure joy.

Jesus was created by the light, truly God's light.

All: It shall never leave us.

One: With all you have given and taught us, forgive us, loving God, for the times when we have rejected your light (pause for a time for silent reflection). Allow us to accept the light and creation of the lives we each lead.

All: We love you, God. We love you, Holy Spirit. We love you, Jesus. With peace and forgiveness, in Jesus' name.

(Leader continue to pray...)

We Go In God's Name

*VU 266 "Amazing Grace"

*Words of Sending Forth (By Lee Claus, Francis Sandy Theological Centre, adapted)

All: We return now to the circle of Life, knowing, that the love of Creator God is with us, the compassion of Jesus inspires us, the hope of the Holy Spirit comforts us. May everyone we meet know of our praise of God's name, by the singing and dancing of our hands, heart, and feet!

*Words of Blessing

*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.