

Sunday February 2, 2020

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: Joanne Dundass, Wally Whitnell, Marlene Grimwood

Offering: Joanne Dundass, Wally Whitnell, Marlene Grimwood & Wendy Hodgkins

Sound Team: Glen Shore **Scripture Reader:** John Challinor II

Count Team: Diane Dickie, Brent & Karen Tyrer

Fellowship Time: Vicki Thomson & Janice Linke

Bakers Dozen: Judy Hiscott & Betty Ann Wolder

**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 Haudenosaunee 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
Congregational responses in **bold**

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

***VU 333** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Choir Introit "Come All You People"

Come all you people. Come and praise your Maker.

Come now and worship the Lord.

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari. Uyai mose zvino.

Words and Music Alexander Gondo, Zimbabwe

Call To Worship (based on Isaiah 41 and 42)

You whom I have taken from the end of the earth,
and called from its furthest regions,
and to whom I have said you are my children,
I have chosen you and have not forgotten you.

**Behold my people whom I uphold,
my chosen ones in whom my soul delights.**

I have put my spirit upon you.

You will bring justice to the world.

You will bring forth justice for truth.

You will not fail or be discouraged

till you have brought justice in the earth.

**I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness
and will hold your hand; I will keep you
and give you as a covenant to the people,
as a light to the world, to open blind eyes,
to bring out prisoners from prison.**

I am the Lord, that is my name,
and my glory I will not give to another.

**Behold the former things have come to pass,
and new things I declare.**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

*Following the Lord's prayer, young people (ages K-8) are invited
to exit the Sanctuary to attend church school on the lower level.*

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Joshua 3:7-16

John Challinor II

Choir Anthem "You Are Holy"

South African Traditional

Zulu: Hamba nathi, Mkhuli wethu.

English: You are holy/freedom/justice, you show us the way.

Word For Today: Thank God For Wet Feet

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 575

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime!

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Minute For Mission

Pastoral Prayers

Each day is a gift from God,
each moment is that opportunity to reach out
in service to all creation.

**Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:
not written on stone tablets easily broken,
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Each day we draw closer to God:

**who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge...**

*VU 670

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

*Words of Sending Forth

Christ walks a path to bring justice upon the earth,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
to bring rest to ones bearing a heavy load,
to bring freedom to ones who are enslaved,
to bring newness of vision when there is no way in sight.
May the Spirit that dwelled in Jesus live in us.
May the path Jesus walks intersect with our lives.
May we and the ones we meet on this path
know they are beloved by God.

*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.**