

Sunday February 16, 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: Valrie Ewan, Pam Henry, Peter Anderson

Offering: Peter Anderson, Valrie Ewan, Shelley Doucet & Wendy Hodgkins

Sound Team: Elijah Calara **Scripture Reader:** Don Cassano

Count Team: Marg Cameron, Sherry Cameron & Sue Paul

Fellowship Time: Betty Tonelli & Jo McDuffe

Bakers Dozen: Diane Patterson & Marilyn Pickett

**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 231** "I Sing the Mighty Power"

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 and Opening Prayer

(written by Rev. Leticia Rouser)

O God, you are righteous

Transform us by your Word!

Your judgments are upright

Transform us by your Word!

Your precepts are unforgettable

Transform us by your Word!

Give us understanding and we will live

Re-form us, reconcile us, transform us by your Word!

O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way.

Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts. Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other. Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds; Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph. We desire to be your children uniting our voices with our brother Jesus to say his prayer...

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

Choir Anthem I Love To Tell the Story

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

Don Cassano

Word For Today: The Rules Apply To (You) Who?

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

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 326** "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" (tune 29)

*Words of Sending Forth (by Howard Thurman)

I will lift up mine eyes to life,
lest I miss the turning in the road.
I will lift up mine eyes to love,
that I may not close the door of my heart.
I will lift up mine eyes to God,
that I may meet the divine in all things.

*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.**

"God gives nothing to those who keep their arms crossed." - African Proverb

