

Sunday February 23, 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: Marlene Grimwood, Carol & Murray Wilson

Offering: Shelley Doucet, Jo McDuffe, Marlene Grimwood & Wendy Hodgkins

Sound Team: Theo Wolder **Scripture Reader:** Wayne Heath

Count Team: Jim Hawkins, Theo & Betty Ann Wolder

Fellowship Time: Carol Kerr & Diane Dickie

Bakers Dozen: Marlene Grimwood & Carol Wilson

**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

Elijah Calara

***VU 577** "I've Got Peace Like A River"

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

The Lord rules with kindness over all the earth.

On mountain tops and the lowly plains,

We praise God's transforming Spirit.

In classrooms and hospital beds,

in homes and in churches, on city streets

and by flowing streams.

We praise God's awesome name.

The Spirit of Christ frees us from fear;

casts away our doubts and speaks what is true,

so come before the Holy One in this time of worship.

With the Spirit's power, we lift our voices in prayer and praise!

Opening Prayer

We Respond In Faith

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.*

*MV 26 "Your Love Is Amazing"

1. 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.

2. 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.

Chorus then repeat verse 1.

Yes you make me sing.
How you make me sing, sing, sing.
The love you make me sing.

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Wayne Heath

Choir Anthem Hymn to Freedom

by Oscar Peterson

Word For Today: A Time Travelling 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 "By Our Love" -Scott Marsh, guitar

*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 639 "One More Step Along The World I Go"

*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.**

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." -African Proverb