

Sunday March 15, 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, Jo McDuffe & Pam Henry

Offering: Jo McDuffe, Peter Anderson, Valrie Ewan & Wendy Hodgkins

Sound Team: Bill Woodcock **Scripture Reader:** Jim Hawkins

Count Team: Jennifer Cummings, Brian and Judy Swainson

Fellowship Time: Cassie Smith, Jean Morby & Alice Fetter

Bakers Dozen: Carol Kerr & Maria Postma

**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 240** "Praise My Soul The God of Heaven"

Welcome

The Life and Work of Our Community

***VU 415** "God, We Praise You For The Morning" *omit verse 6*

Call To Worship *(based on Ps.121)*

O come let us worship and lift our hearts...

**Not because the world is good and last week was awesome,
but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
the God of the whole Earth.**

O come let us worship and open our minds...

**Not because our lives are all sweetness and light,
But because even those who walk in darkness
can see a great light, a light that shines in the darkness.**

O come let us worship and share our faith...

**Not because God gives us what we want,
But because God gives us what we need –
the one called Jesus of Nazareth, crucified and risen.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Second Sunday of Lent

God has proven trustworthy throughout history, but at times we question and doubt, and even deny, God's presence in our lives. We forget the larger picture at times and focus only on that moment, that period of time, when we experience God's absence. We worry and fret about what is happening and what will happen next, rather than trusting in our Saviour.

**We light this candle as a symbol our faith in Jesus Christ.
We are not alone, his presence is with us, illuminating the
way of Life.**

Gathering 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.

(Young people (ages K-8) are now welcome to exit the Sanctuary to attend church school on the lower level.)

We Listen For God's Word

Choir Anthem Christ Beside Me
(adapted from *St Patrick's Breastplate*) - T. Fetke

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1-7 *Jim Hawkins*

Word For Today "The Places Of Faith and Doubt and God"

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 218 verse 1**

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Minute For Mission

Pastoral Prayers

Statement of Faith "A New Creed"

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made
flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

We Go In God's Name

***VU 420** "Go To The World"

***Words of Sending Forth**

Just as God's Word was sent into the world
to heal and redeem, to inspire and free,
so God sends us into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.
We say to each other, "Go now to be light for the world!"
And may the grace and peace of Christ go with 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.**

