Sunday January 20, 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: Reverend Dr. Dale Skinner
Music Director: Don Cassano Piano: Dawn Brodie
Greeting: Wally Whitnell, Peter Anderson and Jo McDuffe
Scripture Reader: Nancy Whitnell Sound Team: Elijah Calara
Offering: Wally Whitnell, Peter Anderson, Jo McDuffe & Wendy Hodgkins

Count Team: Rick and Judy Rye

Fellowship Time: Mary McDuffe, Mary Ellen Lee and Helene Ellison Bakers Dozen: Karen Tyrer and Karen Davidson

Large print bulletins available - please ask one of our ushers

* Please stand if able Congregational responses in **bold**

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.

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

*VU 256

O God, Beyond All Praising

Welcome

The Life and Work of Our Community

Lighting the Christ Candle

*VU 437

The Day You Gave Us, God, Is Ended

Call To Worship

God whispers to each of us:

you are my beloved, created in love for love.

My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.

God breathes on us the Holy Spirit,

knitting many members into the one body of Christ.

Together we answer, Here we are Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.

God has yet more vision for the people.

Who will work for God to bring mercy into our hurting world?

Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.

God calls the small, and helps them do great things. God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts.

God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God's dreams, receive God's power, and do God's deeds.

Here we are Lord. Shine the light of your love on us. Kindle your Spirit within us. Work your redeeming will in us. That all the world may be one through the power of your love.

Gathering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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 appears in the Anglican Prayer Book of 1662. You are welcome to pray the version of your choosing.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

We Listen For God's Word

For The Child In All Of Us

Choir Anthem God is Great

Scripture: John 2:1-11 Nancy Whitnell

Word For Today: The Love God Speaks To Us: Acts Of Service

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 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Minute For Mission

Pastoral Prayers

We Go In God's Name

*VU 595

We Are Pilgrims

*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 nowness of vision when there is no way i

to bring newness of vision when there is no way in sight.

May the Spirit in Jesus live in us.

May the Way of Jesus intersect with our lives.

May we and the ones we meet on this Way

know they are the beloved of God.

*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.