

Sunday September 22, 2019

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: Gail Brown, Valrie Ewan & Jo McDuffe

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

Sound Team: Theo Wolder **Scripture Reader:** Marilyn Pickett

Count Team: Jim Hawkins, Theo & Betty Ann Wolder

Fellowship Time: Cassie Smith, Jean Morby & Alice Fetter

Bakers Dozen: Betty Ann Wolder & Joanne Dundass

**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 Haudenosauonee 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

We Gather As God's People

Prelude

*VU 296 "This Is God's Wondrous World"

Welcome and Announcements

*VU 375 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" verses, 1,3,4

Call To Worship

Beyond the boundaries of the days and the years;

There is a God that knows no bounds.

Beyond the limits of life and death;

There is a Spirit that endures.

Beyond the confines of race, religion, gender and class;

There is a Christ who, crucified and risen, lives for all people.

Come into this time and this space to ponder again the God-shared Life.

We come with hearts and minds open to this Life in our midst.

This Life calls us to love and serve others, to be givers and receivers.

**Come let us worship the God who is with us and who is beyond us
as we worship in Spirit and in Truth.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle mindful that Christ is among us.

Jesus is the Light of the World,

bringing a light that shines in us and for us,

illuminating the way of abundant Life.

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 1928 Book Of Common Prayer. You are welcome to pray the version and language of your choosing.

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.**

We Listen For God's Word

Choir Anthem

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 *Marilyn Pickett*

Word For Today

"Good Times, Bad Times, End Times II: Beyond Survival"

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

VU227 verse 1

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

Minute For Mission

Pastoral Prayers

We Go In God's Name

*VU 421 "Lead On, O Cloud Of Presence"

*Words of Sending Forth

We are God's handiwork-
woven together in love, shaped with compassion,
painted with beauty.
We are the church of Jesus Christ-
diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbour.
We are the Body of Christ-
living his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope,
embodying his love throughout the world he loves so much.
God sends us into this world-
uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are,
to love and serve others by the Spirit working in and among us.
We go with God, who makes all things new.

*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.**

