

**Sunday September 29, 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:** Peter Anderson & Marlene Grimwood

**Offering:** Wendy Hodgkins, Peter Anderson & Marlene Grimwood

**Sound Team:** Elijah Calara **Scripture Reader:** Marlene Grimwood

**Count Team:** Jennifer Viveros, Glen & Sandra Shore

**Fellowship Time:** Betty Tonelli & Jo McDuffe

**Bakers Dozen:** Marlene Grimwood & Judy Rye

**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 625 "I Feel The Winds Of God"

**Welcome and Announcements**

\*MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

***Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.***

*God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **Refrain***

*Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **Refrain***

*May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another." **Refrain***

**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.**

## 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

**We Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism** *(see blue insert)*

### **We Listen For God's Word**

#### Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Reading**    Ezekiel 36:22-26;33-36                      *Marlene Grimwood*

#### Word For Today

“Good Times, Bad Times, End Times III: Dreaming of Another World”

### **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*

#### Choir Anthem

*Train Up a Child*

#### \*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.**

#### Pastoral Prayers

## 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 Go In God's Name**

\*VU 713

“I See A New Heaven”

#### \*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.**