

Sunday February 9, 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: Caroline Brodie, Judy Swainson, Jennifer Cummings

Offering: Peter Anderson, Brian Swainson, Jennifer Cummings & Wendy Hodgkins

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

Count Team: Jennifer Cummings, Brian & Judy Swainson

Fellowship Time: Cassie Smith, Jean Morby, Alice Fetter

Bakers Dozen: Joanne Dundass & 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 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 331** "The Church's One Foundation"

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 Gathering Meditation

(Safiyah Fosua)

Come, let us worship and give thanks unto the Living God who is with us.

Receive our worship, Holy One, and revive us once again.

Where were you, and what were you doing the last time you were certain that you were in the presence of God?

In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah had a vision of God's majesty *(Is.6:1)*.

Remembering the year was not as important as remembering the event.

This man, who had been in the house of the Lord all his life,

finally caught a glimpse of God finally saw what worship was all about!

We are Isaiah. Isaiah is like us.

**So many of us come to the place of worship week after week,
year after year rarely catching a glimpse of the God we worship.**

At times, we even forget why we come.

Isaiah's vision of God was neither orchestrated nor planned.

It was a gift of God's grace.

May we also be graced by visions of God today.

Opening Prayer and 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.*

We Listen For God's Word

Choir Anthem: Help Us Be Like Them Lord

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-20

Jim Hawkins

Word For Today: Jesus' Sermon On Waste Management

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 575

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime!
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***Offertory Prayer (all)**

Lord, we offer our talents, our hearts, our love — our everything.
You continue to make a way when there doesn't seem to be one.
You ask that we lay everything before you and be made whole.
Here we are. Bless, keep, mold, shape, heal us in every way. Amen.

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 144** "Were You There"

***Words of Sending Forth**

"I Dream a World" *(Langston Hughes)*

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all humankind-
Of such I dream, my world!
The world God loves.

***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.**

"God gives nothing to those who keep their arms crossed." - African Proverb