



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
April 16, 2017

*Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.
The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Listen... Love... Lead.*

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

Bell Choir

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mere days after their world was torn apart,

two women go to visit and tend the grave of one they love.

And when they get there they find that the grave is open and empty.

What new horror is this?

Not horror but gift. Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah

We come together to worship.

We come to share praise and joy!

PROCESSIONAL: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

179 Voices United

GIFT OF MUSIC: Jesus Is Risen! Sing for Joy!

Jr. Choir

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

As the first rays of dawn spread across the sky, shining in the empty tomb, revealing the wonder of resurrection,

so may the glory of resurrection shine in our hearts, souls and faces, revealing hope and promise to the world around us.

As God's Light shines in our midst we center ourselves for worship.

OPENING PRAYER

This is the day that God has made!

We will rejoice and be glad!

God of new life and new hope, today you do a new thing!

With the dawning of the new day you have brought a new creation into being!

As we celebrate the resurrection today,

empty the tombs and dead spaces in our lives,

renew our hope for the future,

remind us that the coming Reign of Love, Peace and Justice may be slowed but can never be stopped.

As we walk to the tomb with the disciples,



JUST A REMINDER...

For those parents with small children, please be reminded there is a nursery available when your children need more room to run around, or are upset and inconsolable. The nursery is conveniently just down the hall across from the Friendship Room.

Parents – If your children are using the nursery, please tidy it up before leaving.

Moved?? New to the Church??

If you have moved, or you are new to the Church, please stop by the church office or send Carla a quick email (secretary@stpaulsuc.ca) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

New to the church? Want a photo directory? See Carla in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

ATTENTION ALL HOUSEHOLDS

Have you joined St. Paul's Recyclable program yet?

St. Paul's has an easy fund raiser to help with the Church renovations. All you need to do is bag up all your empty bottles, cans and milk jugs and put our **church id # 1468-2415** visible on each bag and drop them off at the bottle depot on Resources Road and before you leave, check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags/boxes on bottles/can you dropped off.



© See John 20:1-10 09-16-2012
I'M SORRY MAAM, THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS WAS A MIRACLE, NOT A SERVICE OF THIS CEMETERY

open our eyes to the power of resurrection.

As we see the wonder of new life,

empower us to live as a resurrection people. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen

Gathering Hymn: Who Is There on This Easter Morning #176 Voices United

WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:
A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

GIFT OF MUSIC: Easter Carol *Sr. Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 24:1-12

SILENCE

(trusting that God is at work in our midst we allow the words we have heard to settle and stir in our souls)

SERMON *Risen!*

Hymn: Because You Live, O Christ #178 Voices United

WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND PREPARE FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation: Fantasia on Joyful, Joyful *Bell Choir*

Dedication Offering Hymn: Christ Has No Body Now But Yours #171 More Voices
(refrain, verse 4, refrain)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today #155 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

This is the day that God has made!

We will rejoice and be glad!

We have heard the wonderful news!

Christ is Risen!

We go to live resurrection hope!

Bringing words of life in place of fears of death, sharing the promise the God's Reign wins out, that God has the final word.

In the name of the God who makes us,
in the name of the Christ who makes us free,
in the name of the Spirit who makes us one.

We go in God's love and promise always.

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Sung Benediction: God Says (verses 1, 3, 4) #172 More Voices
POSTLUDE

Thank you to all the musicians for enhancing our Easter worship today!

Announcements

Ministry by: The Congregation

Enabling Minister: Rev. Gord Waldie Church Office: Carla Johnson

Telephone: (780-532-2415) Email: secretary@stpaulsuc.ca

Sunday School: Holly Loughead

Youth Ministry: Janis Schau-Steinke

Music Director: Alison White.

If you have a prayer request, please write it down in our prayer book on the table at the entrance into worship. Your needs will be added to our community prayer.

Thank you

If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel"

**We are grateful to our many volunteers that assist us with worship
Sunday mornings.**

This week we thank:

Greeters/Ushers: Trish Larter

Candle lighter: Miriam Waldie

Scripture Reader: Lisa Gillis

Coffee:

Church Office Hours!

Our Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

Please note the office will be closed April 14 – 24th.

Would you like to put an announcement in the Sunday bulletin? Please have them to Carla in the Church office by **Wednesday at noon** in order to have them in for the current week's bulletin.

April

This month we would like to make sure we recognize and celebrate the following people having birthdays this month.....

7th - Nora Hassall, 7th - Jacob Middleton, 8th - Dennis MacIntosh

8th - Melissa Evans, 16th- Margaret Bowes

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Line Dancing in the Basement Each Friday**
Parking lot door open 6:30 - dancing 7-9 pm - cost \$5.00
- **Property & Maintenance** breakfast / work meeting Saturday, May 6th at 8:00 a.m.
- **Vacation Bible School**
July 10-14
9am-12pm (more info to follow)
To volunteer, please contact Holly at 780-933-9937

Did know that 2017 is the 55th Anniversary of the United Church Women?

To acknowledge and celebrate, our St. Paul's UCW is planning a quilt show, historical display and tea on Saturday, April 29th from 2-4 PM.

We invite you to enter quilts for display along with a brief 'story' to accompany your treasures.

Please bring your quilts to the church on **Sunday, April 23rd** or during **office hours April 24th or April 25st** with their information attached.

In addition, you may deliver your quilts to the church on **Tuesday evening (April 25th)** between 6 and 8 PM.

If you need further information, please contact Alice Lorenz at 780-532-4004 or Linda Wagner at 780-532-9759

The University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and Faculty of Education Handbell choir is coming to Hythe, May 2nd, 7:00 p.m. at the Hythe Regional School. Admission is by donation at the door.

The Hythe Community Choir's Annual Supper and Concert is May 5th and 6th, at the Hythe Community Centre. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$35.00 each, purchased in advance, from Jeannette (780) 356-2866, or from Around the Block in Beaverlodge. *An Evening at the Ritz*. Audience is invited to dress up in your favourite fancy clothes (any era).

Trinity Lutheran Church ladies have invited the ladies of the United Church to a "Garden Party" for food, fun and fellowship for their annual spring tea on May 13 @ 10:00 am RSVP to Dorothy (9:00 – 1:00 pm) 780-532-4978

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from March 1-31 we gave out 6 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$425.00 from** our local outreach fund. The food bank is experiencing a shortage; consider bringing a non-perishable food donation. Thank you for your continued support!

We are in need of Scripture Readers and Door Greeters every Sunday. Please sign the lists in the foyer if you would like to volunteer to help during the worship services.

Labyrinth Walks

Please join us for meditation

an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm

April 30 and May 28.

Would anyone be interested in a Sunday morning Walk before Sunday worship services? Please contact Marge Riley or the Church office.

At St. Paul's We Are So Fortunate To Have A Church That Is Busy And Full Of Life PLEASE Be Sure To Check with Carla In The Church Office Before You Expect A Room Will Be Free For Your Use. Rooms Booked With Carla In The Office Will Have First Priority.

Offering Envelopes - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your givings. If you don't have a set of offering envelopes, and would like some, please contact Carla in the church office. Also please make sure you have envelope # on your givings so it can be record to the correct person.