



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
April 2, 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

PRELUDE

WELCOME: Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights vs.1&2 #108 Voices United
LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

In this Lenten season of reflection and preparation,

we gather for worship

In this Lenten time of reflection and preparation,

we ask each other who God is calling us to be,

we ask what God is calling us to do,

we ask how we can best bring light and flavour to the world we meet.

As we gather as a community of faith and love, we greet our neighbours with signs of love and peace...

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this Candle to light our way as we journey to Jerusalem, the cross, and the tomb.

May it's light strengthen us where the road is hard, embolden us when our hearts lose courage, and bring hope as the road grows dark.

As God's light fills our souls we center ourselves for worship

OPENING PRAYER

God of vision and promise, your prophets speak words of comfort to those who despair.

May we hear your hope for our time.

Your prophets speak with love about your promise.

May your compassion open us to see each other and the world as you do.

Your prophets challenge all people to work for your vision.

May we be the salt that enables all to taste your godliness. May we be the light that draws out the God-colours of this world for all to see. May all creation rejoice together in your light.

AMEN

Gathering Hymn: Just Like Salt

See insert

Here is the list of Easter worship here at St. Paul's:

April 9, Palm Sunday -- worship at 10:00 which will include the Palm Parade.
 The Beginner Bells may be playing.

April 13, Maundy Thursday -- a potluck and worship service starting at 6:00 in the West Basement. The service will include Communion.

April 14, Good Friday -- we gather at 10:00 am to revisit the story of trial and crucifixion.

April 16, Easter Sunday -- Join in our Celebration of the Resurrection at 10:00 am .
 The Handbell Choir is scheduled to play



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.

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: Let us Break Bread Together

Bell Choir

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Celebration of Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 11:33-36

Luke 14:34-35

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 *Called to be True*

Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute:

The Invitation:

Gift of Music: Gift of finest Wheat

Bell Choir

Dedication: Give what you can, Take what you need *Words&Music-Bryan Cook*

Give what you can,

Take what you need.

For the body of Christ, is enough to feed.

The hungry for Spirit and the thirsty for love.

Give thanks when you can to our God up above.

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God you call us to shine brightly,

but too often we are tempted to hide the light.

You challenge us to add zest and flavour to the world,

but sometimes the bland feels safer, so we put the salt aside.

God of salt and light,

move within us, empower us, free us to be who you would have us be.

God of Grace, as we move through life,

help us add salt, seasoning the world with your presence,

shine through us, allowing us to bring light to the dark places.

Gift-giver, as we are filled with your gifts,

move us to share what we have for the building of the Kingdom.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, who reminds us of your grace and forgiveness,

and who leads us into the place where we can live as people of the Kingdom.

Amen.

Hymn: Go Make a Difference

#209 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

Go with hearts that are glad and generous;

go with lives that have been touched and are full.

**Go and be salt-flavouring and light-bearing,
and allow the God-colours and the God-flavours
to be seen and tasted.**

Go in love—God's love.

Go in love—known in Jesus.

Go in love—empowered by Love's Power, the Holy Spirit,

now and always. Amen.

Sung Benediction: As the Sun with Longer Journey vs.: 1&2

#111 Voices United

POSTLUDE

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: Marg and Norm Dyck

Candle lighter: Hadley Gillis

Scripture Reader: Lisa Gillis

Coffee: Betty Grunau

Communion Servers: Marge and Ken Riley, Lorena Ramsankar,
Wilma Friesen

Church Office Hours!

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

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

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.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from March 1-23 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

Here's your chance to purchase a potted hydrangea to help decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Orders will be taken on **April 2nd and 9th**. You would be able to pick up your plant after worship on Sunday, April 16th. This would be a good way to give Easter greetings to friends, family, shut-ins, local lodges etc. We are charging \$20.00 and are willing to deliver the plants if you are unable to do so. The order list is on the table in the foyer and a UCW representative will be on hand to collect the money.

This little light of mine!

Arrangement: Pamela Bye
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This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine.

Won't let anyone (Whff) it out,
I'm gonna let it shine.
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Take this light around the world
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