



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
April 30, 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: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks (verses 2, 4) #179 Voices United
LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the Day That God has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

In this season of Resurrection,

we gather to worship, to sing hallelujah, to celebrate the victory of Life.

In this season of new life and hope,

We gather to meet the Risen Christ at the table of faith.

As our time of worship begins, we greet our neighbours in the name of the Risen Christ

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

In this Season of new growth, new life, new hope,

We light a candle to remind us of the Light which could not be put out, the light that shines from the Empty Tomb.

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

OPENING PRAYER

God of life, in this Easter season we come to celebrate new life and new hopes.

In this time together may our hearts be opened to see the Resurrection around us.

May we, like the travellers on the Emmaus Road, become aware of how Christ is with us, even in new and unrecognizable forms.

As we sing and pray together, fill us with hope so that we too may be people full of the Easter promise.

We pray this in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen

185 Voices United

WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

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.

***** \$107.05 has been brought in since January 1, 2017*****

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.

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Celebration of Communion

GIFT OF MUSIC: Hymn Medley

Kenzie and Elaine

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
Luke 24:13-35

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 *Known in Bread*

Hymn: As We Walked Home at Close of Day #184 Voices United
(Tune of "On Jordan's Bank")

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute:

The Invitation:

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

AN EASTER PRAYER

God of life, when the world falls apart,

we sometimes seek to run away, to go back to a safe place.

God of hope, when we make these journeys of despair,

we turn and find a stranger walking beside us.

God of peace, you ask us to share our fears and hopes, our dreams and anxieties.

And then you push us to see the world in a new way.

God of Easter, you move within us, opening our hearts,

so that they would burn as we talk about questions of meaning.

God of Resurrection, you invite us to the table,

where our eyes are opened,

where understanding dawns,

where we see you present

and we understand the reality that Life Wins.

In the name of the Risen Christ,

we pray, as we strive to live in his Way. Amen

Hymn: The Risen Christ

168 Voices United
(Tune of "Abide with Me")

COMMISSIONING:

As our worship ends, we continue our journey along the road of life

there is where we serve, there is where we share the love of God.

As we journey along that road, may we see the face of Christ is those we meet.

And may those we meet see the face of Christ in us.

Go with God, ever present, ever loving, ever challenging

Amen.

Sung Benediction: God Says

(verses 1, 3, 4) #172 More Voices

POSTLUDE: Chopin Polonaise

NTOTP

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: Susan Mckenzie

Candle lighter: Miriam Waldie

Scripture Reader: Amanda Norton

Coffee: Judy Barber and Sherida Rossol

Communion Servers: Alice Lorenz, Dean Lorenz and Susan Mckenzie

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.

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

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).

Mayors interfaith Breakfast

When: May 12, 2017 with doors opening at 7:30 am

Where: Teresa Sargent Hall

Cost: \$25 per ticket and can be purchased at Revolution Place or online

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ingrid Mattson

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

Please join us for the Sunday School Celebration Potluck. May 28th following the church service. There will be the traditional hot dogs and cake!

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER - write your suggestion(s) below and put them in the ballot box in the narthex, next to the Newsletter basket (or in it :))

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from April 1-28 we gave out 8 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$525.00 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!

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.



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

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.