



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
April 9, 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

SCRIPTURE READING
 Luke 19:29-40

CALL TO WORSHIP

If you listen carefully you can almost hear it,
Drifting through the air, singing and dancing.
 It gets closer and closer, louder and louder,
Songs of joy and hope.
 The Kingdom is coming! Can you see it?
The Kingdom is coming! Will we join in the parade?

PALM PARADE: Come Into The Streets With Me

See insert

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION
 WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GIFT OF MUSIC: Prepare the Way for Jesus

Jr. Choir

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

We sing and dance with the crowds as we enter the city, joyfully we share the light of God that is among us.

May its light continue to glow as the week draws on and the darkness gathers.

OPENING PRAYER

God we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

From hope to despair to hope again.

As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd

help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake.

As the story unfolds,

open us to both the hope and the pain,

open us to the light shining in the shadows,

open us to the challenge of following the parade leader, sharing his story and

his hope.

In this time of worship,

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

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.

prepare us to celebrate, to shine with your light, to add salty zestiness to the world as we walk in the parade of hope, of life, of faith.

We pray in the name of the one who leads the parade as we share the words he shared with his closest friends...

LORD'S PRAYER

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: Joyful Hosanna

Sr. Choir

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God, you call us to a life that is rich and flavourful,

so why does it sometimes seem so bland and humdrum?

God, you call us to sing praises, to join the parade, to share the hope and promise,

so why do we sometimes silence our tongues, standing by while the parade sweeps past us?

God, you tell us that we are lights, meant to shine brightly,

so why do we sometimes feel like we are always in the dark?

God, you call us to share our light with the world,

so why are we sometimes afraid that there is not enough light, that we might go dim if we shine too brightly?

God, for all those times when we have chosen not to season the world, for the times when we have kept our light hidden, for the time when our praises are muted and we stand by the roadside instead of joining the parade,

forgive us we pray.

...time of silent prayer...

God is the salt in our lives, the light in our darkness. When we start to run out, God graciously fills up our shaker and refills our lamp. We are a forgiven and rejuvenated people!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

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 Shine, Called to Season, Called to Praise*

Hymn: All Glory Laud and Honour

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute:

The Invitation:

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.

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: Hosanna Loud Hosanna

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COMMISSIONING:

We have marched and sung with the crowds.

We share their hope for better things to come.

The week ahead will throw cold water on that hope.

But we still try to sing our hope. For even if our voices are stilled the very stones will take up the song.

As we go into the world of hope and challenge, remember that in the hope and in the challenge we are not alone. God walks with us as we journey towards the Kingdom.

Thanks be to God! Hosanna and Hallelujah!

Sung Benediction: Sanna Sannanina

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POSTLUDE



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



Thank you! Mike and I would like to send our heartfelt thank you for your generous gift and all your well wishes for our upcoming wedding on April 17th. ~ Carla

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:

Candle lighter: Flora Steinke

Scripture Reader: Lorena Ramsankar

Coffee: Margaret Bowes

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.

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 9 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$675.00 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~~ **CANCELED THIS WEEK!**
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

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.